

Douglas Community Spaces Group
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
SC043807
Trustees Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2025

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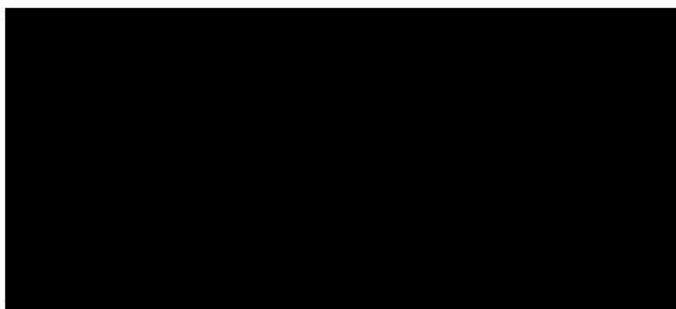
Report of the Trustees

Current Trustees

The trustees who served during 2024 – 2025 are as follows: -

Chair		Appointed	17/05/2019
Secretary		Appointed	17/05/2019
Treasurer		Appointed	17/05/2018
Trustee		Appointed	17/05/2018
Trustee		Appointed	14/09/2023
Trustee		Appointed	17/09/2024
Trustee		Appointed	17/09/2024

Changes agreed at AGM held on 09/09/2025



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Independent Examiner:



Douglas Community Spaces Group

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Association (SC043807)

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of DOUGLAS COMMUNITY SPACES GROUP hereby submit their report and accounts for the legal year ended 31st March 2025

Legal and Administrative Information

Douglas Community Spaces Group is a registered charity (number SC043807) in Scotland. The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is governed by its constitution.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of the organisation consists of the charity trustees who are also the organisations only members and comprise the organisation board.

A written application must be submitted to the board for any individual or body wishing to become a trustee and the application will be considered by the board. The minimum number of trustees is three with the maximum number of trustees being twelve. Trustees must retire from office at the AGM and are eligible to re-election. There is currently no formal induction and training programme for new trustees

Charitable Purposes

The objects of the charity's constitution are:

To advance environmental protection or improvement

To advance public participation in sport

To advance community development

Identify opportunities for improvement and development of green and open spaces

Acquiring and /or manage the development of green and open spaces

Promoting access to and responsible use / development of green and open spaces

Providing opportunities to learn about the environment and its conservation through the provision of wildlife-friendly spaces

Providing opportunities to gain skills in gardening and the production of healthy food by establishing community garden(s)

Promoting mental and physical well-being by providing space to allow residents to have contact with nature in green space near their homes

With the support of sports development workers and local sports clubs, encouraging participation in outdoor sport and activities by all ages by providing 'come and try' opportunities

Promoting participants and community spirit by providing and maintaining venues for open-air community events and celebrations, and by organising programmes of such events

Offering opportunities for local people to volunteer in working towards development of green and open spaces for the benefit of the community

Promoting the regeneration of the East End Ward by working with local agencies to improve the physical environment in the area

Activities and Achievements

Governance: -

DCSG continues to hold monthly meetings where finance and business matters are discussed, and any issues addressed.

Physical projects / Activities: -

Douglas Community Park is now an established space which local people and visitors use daily. Children, young people and adults use the space for recreation, play, sport and meeting up.

Over the last 3 years DCSG, often in partnership with other partners, have hosted many activities. Weekly programmes and maintenance are organised. DCSG work with the local management group to deliver free activities helping local people who are struggling with the cost of living.

Nationally, Douglas Community Park, in partnership with Scottish Water, has been recognised at Scottish Government level and has been included as a case study of partnership working to deliver multiple benefits in the Scottish Government's new Flood resilience Strategy

Challenges

- Board members recognise that they need to attract more volunteers to take their ambitious programme forward. Work has started to establish links and partnerships.
- Due to the cost-of-living crisis and challenging public sector budgets, Trustee volunteers (who all belong to a number of other groups) find their capacity to undertake training and wider activity development is becoming more restricted as attention is focussed on delivering free and low cost activities.
- DCSG have received their final years funding from the National Lottery. Future funding will be required to allow for a sustainable transition.

Trustee remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees are not remunerated nor were they reimbursed for any personal outlays

Financial Review

The results for the year are set out on the attached accounts. There is no formal reserves policy in place yet.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th September 2025

And signed on their behalf by

Chair

Date: -

9-9-25

2025

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees Douglas Community Spaces Group SCIO
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC043807**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Account Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

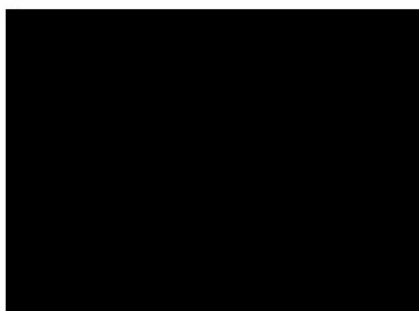
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



24/4/2025

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2025

				Total Funds
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025
				2024
				£
				£
Receipts				
Grants	2		50,177	50,177
Donations				-
Bank Interest		205		205
Total Receipts		205	50,177	50,382
Payments				
Charitable Activities	2		3,732	3,732
Heat & Light			832	832
Staff Costs		-	28,456	28,456
Overheads			3,253	3,253
Misc				-
Total Payments		-	36,273	36,273
Excess of receipts/(payments) over (payments/receipts in the year)		205	13,904	14,108 -
				27,001

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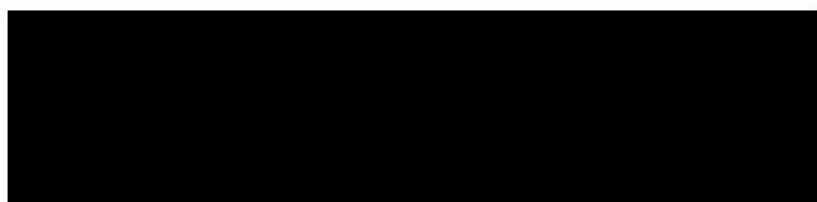
Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

			Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Bank and Deposit balances brought forward	464	15,640	16,104	43,105
Movement in year				
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	205	13,904	14,108	27,001
 Bank and Deposit balances carried forward	 669	 29,544	 30,212	 16,104
 Represented By:	 Bank		25,182	9,513
	Petty Cash		6	2
	Findlay & Co		5,024	6,589
			<u>30,212</u>	<u>16,104</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

9th September 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.



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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Grants and Donations Received	Balance Brought Forward at 1/4/24	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31/3/25
DCC:		-		-
National Lottery Fund	15,640	50,177	36,273	29,544
	15,640	50,177	36,273	29,544