

# Lyle Gateway (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC044468

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2013-12-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Lyle Kirk 31 Union Street Greenock PA16 8DD
Website	<a href="http://www.lylegateway.com">www.lylegateway.com</a>

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

**What the charity does:** Lyle Gateway is set up to provide a place of meeting and fellowship primarily but not restricted to those living in the West End of Greenock. A range of recreational facilities for the local community and users of the organisation with those attending being able to take part in recreational games and activities in group or individual situations. Lyle Gateway makes available suitable practical information on a variety of subjects to the users of the facilities together with support and assistance in accessing more specialised information and advice providers at the facilities of the organisation (e.g wellbeing sessions, financial advice, energy advice). Generally, through the regular and stable provision of these specialised facilities and services, Lyle Gateway helps to enhance the quality of life and the sense of community within the West End of Greenock and beyond.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** 4.1 the advancement of community development through the provision of a place of meeting and fellowship primarily for but not restricted to those living in the west end of Greenock. 4.2 the provision of recreational facilities for the local community and users of the facilities of the organisation. 4.3 the relief of those of need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage through making available practical information, support, assistance and advice. 4.4 generally through the regular and stable provision of the specified facilities and services to enhance the quality of life and the sense of community

within the west end of Greenock.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Inverclyde
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£139,107	£124,393	-	4
2024-12-31	£79,010	£116,617	-	5
2023-12-31	£93,192	£117,382	-	4
2022-12-31	£122,271	£102,965	-	5
2021-12-31	£115,096	£91,571	-	4

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# Accounts

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**Scottish Charity Reference No.SC044468**

**LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2025**

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Accounts for Lyle Gateway SCIO for the Year Ended 31 December 2025.

#### **Reference and Administration Information**

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Lyle Kirk is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (Charity No. SC010818)

### **TRUSTEES**

The trustees of Lyle Gateway are –

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## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont'd) For the year ending 31 December 2025**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Gateway Drop in Café is staffed by 24 volunteers and 4 paid employees, on a weekly rota who provide an attractive range of food and refreshments at reasonable prices. The volunteers work on a six-weekly rota with the employed staff working every week. All do a great deal to create a welcoming atmosphere, and this helps stimulate growing in what takes place. The footfall is now averaging 180 on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year

The facilities are open to all and there is no obligation to be a member or not.

#### **Regular Events**

Memories Café (dementia friendly) takes place on the second Monday of every month and welcomes residents from four local nursing homes alongside members of the wider community. Attendees are provided with a complimentary light lunch and the opportunity to socialise in a friendly, supportive setting. The session concludes with the Gateway choir leading a sing-along of well-known songs, helping to evoke positive memories and create a joyful, shared experience for everyone involved.

Alzheimer's groups are meeting every Tuesday and a group of circa 24 are enjoying the benefits of the activities delivered at these sessions

The Drop-in Café held on Tuesdays and Thursdays are well attended. We have recently had the Bereaved Carer's and Veterans Network attend which has also increased the number of people using the facilities. Table tennis and Tai-chi sessions are well attended and play an important role in supporting community wellbeing. Tai Chi promotes balance, flexibility and relaxation, helping participants improve their physical and mental health. Table tennis encourages coordination, fitness and social interaction in a fun and engaging environment. Together, these activities create inclusive opportunities for people to stay active.

On Wednesdays a Toddlers Group meet in conjunction our Sing Breathe and Move class which is led by Gateway choir master.

On Fridays Singing for Wellbeing sessions were popular and are well supported throughout the year with a fundraising concert held with proceeds split between Gateway and other local charities.

On Fridays we continue to deliver our International Café which is well attended and New Scots as well as Ukrainian Refugees all sharing their recipes and engaging with everyone in the community.

Cook and eat classes delivered by Inverclyde Community Food Network and funded by HSCP have been well attended. This offers free small adult classes to learn how to cook healthy family meals on a budget.

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont'd) For the year ending 31 December 2025**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (Cont'd)**

##### **Regular Events (Cont'd)**

The Inverclyde Ukrainian club has been delivering their Breaking Bread initiative at Lyle Gateway, funded by Inverclyde Community Fund and Inverclyde Windfarm Funding. Everyone who has been attending has enjoyed the baking from these classes.

Gateway Walks deliver 7 walks across the week across Inverclyde. Each Monday we have our Walking Steady Group. Those attending have been referred after attending Physiotherapy with the NHS and are continuing their road to recovery. They also enjoy Chi Me sessions with our Walk Co Ordinator.

Buggy walks have seen more mums/carers attending with their babies on Wednesday's and the café is filled with children's laughter.

Inverclyde Shed continue to help in our garden and some amazing produce was used in our drop in café during the year,

##### **Inverclyde Walks**

Lyle Gateway has been delivering Gateway Walks since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. This is currently funded by NHSGGC and our local HSCP Health Improvement Teams. The agreement is that Gateway walks deliver 4000 instances of people walking from April 25 to March 26. To deliver 340 walks for the same period and we have delivered 294 to date. There are currently 16 walk volunteers with another 3 about to join us who are leading walks with over 100 people attending over the week. The volunteers deliver seven walks a week plus an additional 1 or 2 themed walk per month (sometimes more in the summer). The walks provide clear physical and mental health benefits, helping participants to stay active, improve mobility, and support overall wellbeing. They also reduce social isolation by creating regular opportunities for people to meet others, build friendships and feel part of a wider community. The walks are inclusive, welcoming and accessible, encouraging people of different ages and abilities to take part, while also helping participants to enjoy and connect with their local environment.

##### **One Off Events**

A Gateways Walk launch event was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Our partnership organisations, Inverclyde HSCP, NHS Scotland, Paths for All, came along to share their support. We are thankful for their support and to all the volunteers who give their time to be there for other people, week in, week out.

In November, 36 members had afternoon tea at Dobbie's, and afterwards enjoyed time for Christmas shopping.

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont'd) For the year ending 31 December 2025**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (Cont'd)**

##### **One Off Events (Cont'd)**

The Gateway Walks enjoyed an Elf walk followed by their Christmas party on 16<sup>th</sup> December, enjoying sandwiches, cakes and a good blether.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December we held our Christmas party which was attended by approximately 120 people. We started with the usual carol singing. After the carols the attendees enjoyed sandwiches and cake which by all accounts went down well.

On Christmas Day we hosted dinner for 38 people who would otherwise have been sitting alone for Christmas. The dinner consisted of soup, turkey with all the trimmings, trifle, dumpling and cream, mince pies and cream, tea, coffee and mints. donations from others. Our thanks go to the helpers who gave up part of their Christmas Day to serve the food.

A special thanks goes to our "Butcher" friend Drew McKenzie and Angela. Thanks also to Rev Jonathan Fleming who stayed on after the church Christmas Day service to welcome our guests, wish them all a Merry Christmas, followed by grace.

Working in partnership with others is an integral part of the ethos of Lyle Gateway.

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The charity funding for paid staff is within the last year of funding. We will actively be pursuing funding for 2027 to enable us to continue delivering the fantastic work we already do. We would also like to recruit a couple of part time paid staff to assist us with setting up activities and the amount of increased administration we need to do as the numbers continue to increase.

Age Scotland has funded a further £10,000 which will enable us from April to deliver the memories cafe twice a month, and our users are delighted with this.

We will be hosting the Veterans Network fortnightly – they will be able to meet at the cafe as well as have use of a room to conduct private conversations

Line dancing classes are due to start in February – which will increase numbers and again provides social activity for those in the community,

We are being supported, free of charge by a consultancy company that is helping us modernise the way we operate digitally. They are guiding our transition to Microsoft 365 and implementing org.uk email accounts which will strengthen communication and improve document sharing across the charity. This invaluable support is enabling us to work more efficiently and present a more professional image as a charity.

**LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont'd)  
For the year ending 31 December 2025**

**FINANCE**

The Accounts will be presented for approval and from these it will be seen that there has been an improvement in Unrestricted Funds with a surplus recorded after two consecutive years of deficits. Throughout the year the Committee has put in place measures to address past deficits including reducing the number of paid staff. Thanks to our volunteers, catering continues to contribute providing not just an excellent a service to our users, but also a source of necessary funding to meet our expenses.

**Unrestricted Funds**

Lyle Gateway was initially funded by Lyle Kirk in 2012 with a donation of £500 and a further £1,500 from the Edward Kerr Trust, an Endowment Fund under control of the Lyle Kirk.

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 Unrestricted Funds are £3,794 (2024 - £589 deficit). The return of Unrestricted Funds to a positive balance has been achieved by improving efficiencies and controlling costs. The Trustees plan to build Unrestricted Funds further in future years.

**Restricted Funds**

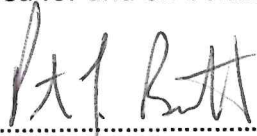
An analysis of Restricted Funds is shown as a note to the accounts. This sets out the source of each grant received, how it has been spent, and the balance, if any, which is available to be spent in 2026. The total of Restricted Funds are £19,696 (2024 - £9,365). Funding from some of our major grants are received in the early months of the year.

**Reserves Policy**

Lyle Gateway (SCIO) endeavours to maintain Reserves of at least one half of the annual running costs.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees.

  
..... Peter Bennett

Date 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

### **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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts 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 our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiners' report**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 disclosure 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 examiners' statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounts records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Craig Lindsay  
Chartered Accountant  
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Date: 22 May 2026

**LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025			2024		
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Grants	113,706	2,442	116,148	58,546	-	58,546
Income from Lets	-	1,155	1,155	-	450	450
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	233	233
Gifts and Donations	1,931	1,710	3,641	-	1,100	1,100
Surplus on Activities	-	18,163	18,163	- 1,035	19,716	18,681
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>115,637</b>	<b>23,470</b>	<b>139,107</b>	<b>57,511</b>	<b>21,499</b>	<b>79,010</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Payments for Charitable Activities</b>						
Wages, National Insurance & Pension	99,386	3,903	103,289	79,566	13,899	93,465
Community Garden Costs	-	650	650	-	255	255
Equipment	-	849	849	3,000	1,417	4,417
Licence - Lyle Kirk	-	6,395	6,395	-	6,000	6,000
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Singing Class Tuition Fees	669	-	669	880	1,525	2,405
Repairs	-	1,488	1,488	-	1,151	1,151
Insurance	-	395	395	-	263	263
Room rental costs	-	-	-	1,200	-	1,200
Training	774	-	774	-	86	86
Chair exercises	-	400	400	-	517	517
Christmas Donations	-	-	-	-	638	638
Dementia Classes	2,080	-	2,080	-	-	-
Inverclyde walks	2,297	-	2,297	-	-	-
Activity Costs and Outings	-	1,010	1,010	-	870	870
Wellbeing Café	-	1,995	1,995	-	-	-
Independent Examiners Fee	-	696	696	-	528	528
Legal Fees	-	940	940	-	2,790	2,790
Warm Space - Lyle Kirk	100	-	100	1,050	-	1,050
Sundries	-	366	366	-	982	982
<b>Total Payments for Charitable Activities</b>	<b>105,306</b>	<b>19,087</b>	<b>124,393</b>	<b>85,696</b>	<b>30,921</b>	<b>116,617</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>10,331</b>	<b>4,383</b>	<b>14,714</b>	<b>(28,185)</b>	<b>(9,422)</b>	<b>(37,607)</b>

**NOTES**

1. The charity did not incur any fund raising costs or support costs during the year.
2. The Gateway Project was setup as a pilot Project under the auspices of Lyle Kirk : Greenock (Church of Scotland) a charity registered in Scotland, number 10818. Since 1 January 2014, The Gateway has operated as a SCIO, having been incorporated as such at the end of 2013.

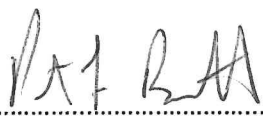
**LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

**STATEMENT OF BALANCES  
As at 31 December 2025**

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>BANK AND CASH IN HAND</b>						
Cash in Hand			200			200
Bank Balance			<u>23,290</u>			<u>8,576</u>
			<u>23,490</u>			<u>8,776</u>
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>						
December PAYE/NIC Liability			1,107			829
December Pension Contributions			482			394
Professional fees			750			744
Other			-			230
			<u>2,339</u>			<u>2,197</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>						
	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
Unrestricted Funds	(589)	4,383	3,794	8,833	(9,422)	(589)
Restricted Funds	9,365	10,331	19,696	37,550	(28,185)	9,365
	<u>8,776</u>	<u>14,714</u>	<u>23,490</u>	<u>46,383</u>	<u>(37,607)</u>	<u>8,776</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

  
..... H. Gilliland

  
..... P.F. Bennett C.A.

Date: 22nd May 2026

## LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)

### Restricted Funds Analysis As at 31 December 2025

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Opening Fund</u>	<u>Received in year</u>	<u>Spent in year</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Closing fund</u>
National Lottery "Awards for All"	-	20,000	( 20,000)	-	-
Inverclyde Council - Warm Space	-	2,000	( 2,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Led Grant	3,083	39,000	( 38,833)	-	3,250
The Robertson Trust	-	8,000	( 8,000)	-	-
NHS GG Grant	-	35,000	( 22,329)	-	12,671
Lyle Gateway IC Salary Fund	-	7,706	( 7,706)	-	-
Inverclyde Communities MHW Fund	3,397	-	( 3,397)	-	-
Inverclyde Windfarm Fund	965	2,000	( 292)	-	2,673
Funds for Christmas Outing and Lunch	-	1,131	( 669)	-	462
Funds for Dementia Singing	1,920	800	( 2,080)	-	640
	<u>9,365</u>	<u>115,637</u>	<u>( 105,306)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,696</u>

National Lottery "Awards for All" - Towards the costs of an additional staff member.

Inverclyde Council Warm Space - Contribution towards costs of providing a Warm space for local residents.

National Lottery Community Led Grant - contribution towards Community Development Leader Salary Costs.

The Robertson Trust - contribution towards the Community Development Leader Salary Costs

NHS GG Grant Inverclyde Walks -Funding received from NHSGGC to cover salary costs for co-ordinator of Cycling UK health wage programme.

Lyle Gateway IC Salary Fund - grant from Inverclyde Council to support one worker as part of the Inverclyde Foot in the Door paid Work Experience Programme.

Inverclyde Communities Mental Health and Awareness Fund - contribution to salary costs

Inverclyde Windfarm Fund - Grant to cover volunteer expenses and clothing for the Inverclyde Walks programme by removing perceived and real financial barriers to potential volunteers.

Funds for Dementia Singing - contribution towards costs of Dementia friendly community awareness workshops.

Funds for Christmas Outing and Lunch - Fundraising and donations for Lyle Gateway Christmas Lunch. Funds unspent held over for next year.

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# Accounts

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ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

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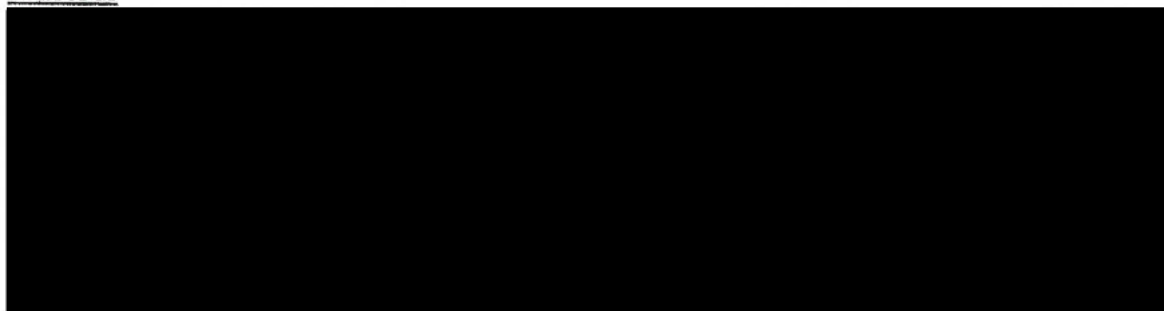
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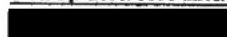
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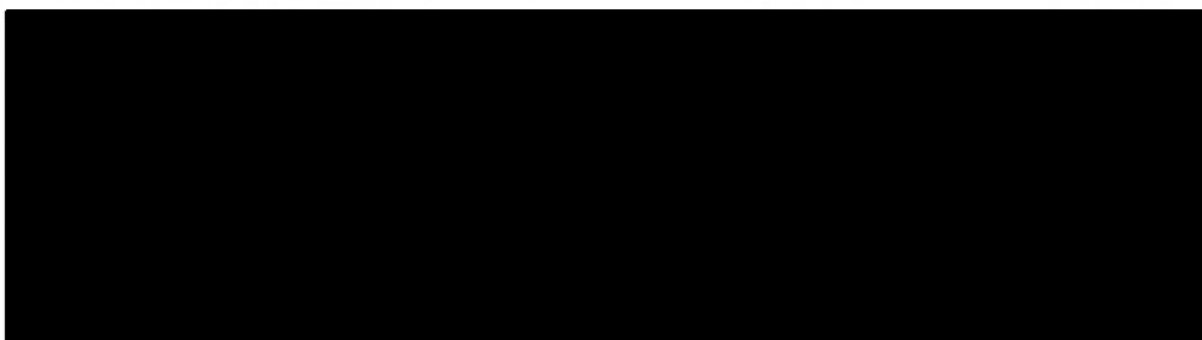
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**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

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The facilities are open to all and there is no obligation to be a member or not, however we are pleased that 164 have decided to become members.

2024 was a very busy year for Lyle Gateway.

#### **Regular Events**

Photography Walks took place on Mondays from January to August to various venues and were attended by an average of 16 participants.

The Drop-in Café held on Tuesdays and Thursdays was well attended and the investment in a Merrychef high speed oven allowed the range of food on offer to be extended with healthier options, cleaner cooking environment and a quicker turn round of orders. Table tennis and Tai-chi sessions were popular with Tai Chi sessions held outside when weather allowed.

On Wednesdays a Toddlers Group met in conjunction with Inverclyde Bothy. Health workers attend and are available to offer advice to parents on nutrition etc. Average attendance throughout the year was 20.

On Fridays Singing for Wellbeing sessions were popular and were well supported throughout the year with a fundraising concert held with proceeds split between Gateway and other local charities.

On Fridays from July to December, Lyle Gateway was running a new community drop in café with an international flavour. A team of New Scots will be taking over the café with the support of the Gateway team. Each week we have flavours from around the world on offer. The structure of the café will give an opportunity for those who have found refuge in Inverclyde to give back to their new community. There will be space for long term residents of Inverclyde to come alongside our newest member to build relationships in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere whilst breaking bread together. The café prices will match those we have on the other days of the week helping to alleviate financial barriers that some people may have to contend with. New Scots will be encouraged by Your Voice and our local Scottish Refugee Council worker to come along.

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (cont'd)**

##### **One Off Events**

During the summer we arranged a visit to Finlaystone when 38 members had an enjoyable day with afternoon tea and fortunately the weather was kind. In November, 36 members had afternoon tea at Dobbies, and for Christmas shopping.

Scottish Refugee Week Event Scottish Refugee Week – On Friday 21st June we were excited to host Inverclyde's first Scottish Refugee Week event alongside Your Voice. We also worked closely with the Scottish Refugee Council to help us deliver the event. We had food, art and music from the various cultural backgrounds of those who have made Inverclyde home. The day was a great success with approximately 400+ in attendance. The sanctuary was bustling all day. It was heartwarming to see our community coming together to support people as they make Inverclyde their new home. The feedback from our New Scots and the Scottish Refugee Council has been very positive. People are already looking forward to having another event next year. Special thanks have to go to [REDACTED] our volunteer Lesley and also our school work placement pupil [REDACTED] for the incredibly busy shift they put in all the whilst smiling and going out of their way to make people feel welcome.

On Tuesday 19th December we held our Christmas party which was attended by approximately 120 people. We started with the usual carol singing. After the carols we had the usual sandwiches and cake which by all accounts went down well.

On Christmas Day we again hosted dinner for 38 people who would otherwise have been sitting alone for Christmas. The dinner consisted of soup, turkey with all the trimmings, trifle, dumpling and cream, mince pies and cream, tea, coffee and mints. donations from others. Our thanks go to the helpers who gave up part of their Christmas Day to serve the food.

A special thanks goes to our "Butcher" friend [REDACTED]. Thanks also to [REDACTED] who stayed after the Christmas Day service, welcomed our guests and wished all a Merry Christmas, followed by grace.

Working in partnership with others is an integral part of the ethos of Lyle Gateway. Singing for Wellbeing and the Gardening Club is run in partnership with The Kidron Project. Our close working relationship with The Kidron Project continues to grow with Lyle Gateway sharing an office space with them at Lyle Kirk.

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The charity applied for grant funding from The National Lottery Community Fund towards the end of 2024 and was successful in securing an award of £20,000 additional to the previously secured 3 Year National Lottery Grant Award. Total Grant Funding of £69,300 has been received in 2025 up to the date of this report enable the charity to continue to offer their services. In April Lyle Gateway successfully bid for the Inverclyde Healthwalk Programme which was formerly delivered by Inverclyde Bothy supported by Cycling UK to be based from Lyle Gateway.

#### **FINANCE**

The Accounts will be presented for approval and from these it will be seen that a deficit is reported for the second year in succession. The Committee recognises the reasons for these deficits and has put actions in place to address this. Thanks to our volunteers, Catering continues to contribute providing not just an excellent service to users, but also a source of the necessary funding to meet our expenses.

##### **Unrestricted Funds**

Lyle Gateway was initially funded by Lyle Kirk in 2012 with a donation of £500 and a further £1,500 from the Edward Kerr Trust, an Endowment Fund under the control of the Lyle Kirk Session. In 2012, a grant of £2,000 was received from the Church of Scotland 'Go for it' project to assist with set-up costs relating to the provision of a Servedy.

Closing unrestricted funds stand at -£589 which is not a satisfactory situation and steps have been taken to return the balance to a sum which would ideally cover 4 months of unrestricted expenditure.

##### **Restricted Funds**

An analysis of Restricted funds is shown as a note to the accounts. This sets out the source of each Grant received, how it has been spent and the balance, if any, which is available to be spent in 2025. The total of this is £9,365. Some substantial restricted grant awards were received in January and February 2025.

##### **Reserves Policy**

Lyle Gateway (SCIO) endeavours to maintain Reserves of at least one half of the annual running costs.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



**Date 26 May 2025**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

### **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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts 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 our attention.

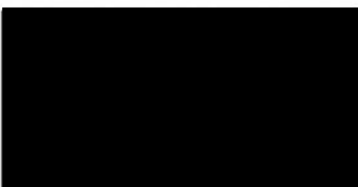
### **Basis of Independent examiners' report**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 disclosure 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 examiners' statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounts records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chartered Accountant  
Welsh Walker Limited  
179A Dalrymple Street  
Greenock  
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Date: 26 May 2025

## LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024			2023		
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Grants	58,546	-	58,546	71,250	-	71,250
Income from Lets	-	450	450	-	1,050	1,050
Fundraising	-	233	233	-	-	-
Gifts and Donations	-	1,100	1,100	-	3,389	3,389
Surplus on Activities	- 1,035	19,716	18,681	-	17,503	17,503
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>57,511</b>	<b>21,499</b>	<b>79,010</b>	<b>71,250</b>	<b>21,942</b>	<b>93,192</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Payments for Charitable Activities</b>						
Wages, National Insurance & Pension	79,566	13,899	93,465	69,210	21,534	90,744
Community Garden Costs	-	255	255	5,160	-	5,160
Equipment	3,000	1,417	4,417	3,029	1,645	4,674
Licence - Lyle Kirk	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Donations	-	-	-	-	474	474
Singing Class Tuition Fees	880	1,525	2,405	390	-	390
Repairs	-	1,151	1,151	304	-	304
Insurance	-	263	263	253	-	253
Room rental costs	1,200	-	1,200	403	-	403
Training	-	86	86	-	-	-
Chair exercises	-	517	517	1,920	-	1,920
Christmas Donations	-	638	638	1,200	41	1,241
Advertising	-	-	-	-	798	798
Cleaning	-	-	-	627	-	627
Bus Costs - Outing	-	870	870	690	-	690
Art Class Materials	-	-	-	-	122	122
Independent Examiners Fee	-	528	528	-	504	504
Legal Fees	-	2,790	2,790	-	-	-
Warm Space - Lyle Kirk	1,050	-	1,050	1,200	-	1,200
Sundries	-	982	982	13	1,865	1,878
<b>Total Payments for Charitable Activities</b>	<b>85,696</b>	<b>30,921</b>	<b>116,617</b>	<b>90,399</b>	<b>26,983</b>	<b>117,382</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>(28,185)</b>	<b>(9,422)</b>	<b>(37,607)</b>	<b>(19,149)</b>	<b>(5,041)</b>	<b>(24,190)</b>

#### NOTES

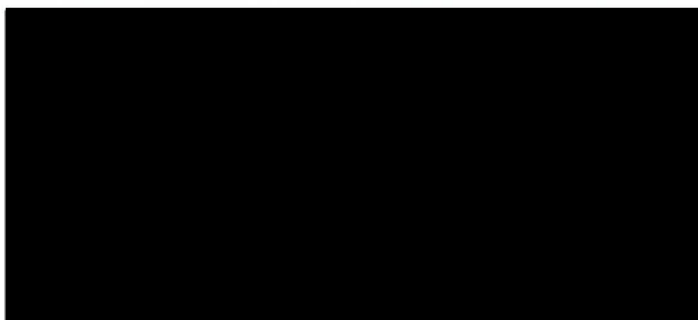
- The charity did not incur any fund raising costs or support costs during the year.
- The Gateway Project was setup as a pilot Project under the auspices of Lyle Kirk : Greenock (Church of Scotland) a charity registered in Scotland, number 10818. Since 1 January 2014, The Gateway has operated as a SCIO, having been incorporated as such at the end of 2013.

**LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**  
As at 31 December 2024

	2024			2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>BANK AND CASH IN HAND</b>						
Cash in Hand			200			200
Bank Balance			<u>8,576</u>			<u>46,183</u>
			<u>8,776</u>			<u>46,383</u>
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>						
December PAYE/NIC Liability			829			898
December Pension Contributions			394			426
Professional fees			744			723
Other			<u>230</u>			<u>-</u>
			<u>2,197</u>			<u>2,047</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>						
	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Surplus/</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Surplus/</u>	<u>Closing</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Unrestricted Funds	8,833	(9,422)	(589)	13,874	(5,041)	8,833
Restricted Funds	<u>37,550</u>	<u>(28,185)</u>	<u>9,365</u>	<u>56,699</u>	<u>(19,149)</u>	<u>37,550</u>
	<u>46,383</u>	<u>(37,607)</u>	<u>8,776</u>	<u>70,573</u>	<u>(24,190)</u>	<u>46,383</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



## LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)

### Restricted Funds Analysis As at 31 December 2024

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Opening Fund</u>	<u>Received in year</u>	<u>Spent in year</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Closing fund</u>
National Lottery "Awards for All"	7,500	-	( 7,500)	-	-
Inverclyde Council (£3k)	3,000	-	( 3,000)	-	-
Windfarms Fund (£2k)	800	-	( 800)	-	-
Inverclyde Council - Warm Space	2,250	-	( 2,250)	-	-
BOS Foundation	24,000	-	( 24,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Led Grant	-	37,000	( 33,917)	-	3,083
The Robertson Trust	-	8,000	( 8,000)	-	-
Inverclyde Communities MHW Fund	-	9,546	( 6,149)	-	3,397
Inverclyde Windfarm Fund	-	2,000	( 1,035)	-	965
Funds for Dementia Singing	-	2,000	( 80)	-	1,920
	<u>37,550</u>	<u>58,546</u>	<u>( 86,731)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,365</u>

National Lottery "Awards for All" - Towards the costs of an additional staff member.

Inverclyde Council (£3k) - Funds towards new kitchen equipment.

Windfarms Fund (£2k) - Funds towards Christmas Dinner and costs relating to singing group.

Inverclyde Council Warm Space - Contribution towards costs of providing a Warm space for local residents.

BOS Foundation - Contribution to wage costs.

National Lottery Community Led Grant - contribution towards Community Development Leader Salary Costs.

The Robertson Trust - contribution towards the Community Development Leader Salary Costs

Inverclyde Communities Mental Health and Awareness Fund - contribution to salary costs

Inverclyde Windfarm Fund - contribution towards costs of New Scots Café

Funds for Dementia Singing - contribution towards costs of Dementia friendly community awareness workshops.