



Springburn Winter Gardens Trust (SWGT)

Scottish Charity No – SC044954

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Springburn Winter Gardens Trust has an income below £250,000 and as such is eligible to prepare its accounts on a Receipts and Payments Basis.

The governing document does not require the charity to prepare fully accrued accounts and neither does it require an audit.

It was incorporated as a SCIO in July 2014.

Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Springburn Winter Gardens Trust

Charity no: SC044954

Address

Flat 22, 310 Springburn Road, G21 1RX

Current Trustees

	appointed October 2024
	resigned March 2025
	appointed December 2023
	resigned August 2024
	appointed December 2023
	appointed December 2024
	resigned March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form in July 2014.

Appointment of Trustees

SWGT's trustee recruitment and appointment process is governed by its constitution, which outlines the procedures for selecting, appointing, and removing trustees.

From time to time, the Trust receives expressions of interest to become a trustee. These are considered by the board at its regular programme of meetings with appointments dependent on vacancies and relevant skills.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The Trust has three key charitable purposes as defined in its constitution. These are:

- To preserve, conserve and promote, for the benefit of the general public, the historic social, architectural and constructional heritage of the Springburn Winter Gardens, a category A listed building.
- To support the maintenance, development and operation of the Springburn Winter Gardens as an amenity for the social, educational and cultural welfare of the general public.
- The advancement of education, citizenship and community development through the voluntary participation of the local community in activities relating to the Springburn Winter Garden.

Springburn Winter Gardens Trust (SWGT) supports its charitable aims by leading and managing the restoration and redevelopment of the Category A listed building in order that it can be returned to community use.

By undertaking fundraising activity for this purpose, the Trust engages both local residents, wider community and general public in the project through a range of events which promote the importance of this heritage asset.

Achievements and Performance

The past year has seen steady and encouraging progress in our long-term mission to save and restore the Category A-listed Springburn Winter Gardens, Scotland's largest single-span glasshouse, as a vibrant community-owned heritage asset and multi-purpose venue.

Despite challenges in securing major capital funding, the Trust has maintained strong momentum through enhanced community engagement, refined project planning, and strengthened partnerships. High levels of local support continue to

underpin our efforts, reinforced by cross-party political backing and alignment with broader regeneration initiatives in north Glasgow.

Over 2024/25, activities have centred on project development and community involvement whilst the structure of Springburn Winter Gardens awaits full restoration. Highlights are as follows:

Community Engagement and Consultation

- Collaborated with Community Enterprise to update the business plan and carry out additional community consultations, revealing consistently strong public support for restoration.



School's nature walk



Site clear up



Participant photos from 'reflections of Springburn' creatively capturing the structure of the glasshouse, its brickwork and plant life through mirrors.

- Delivered a comprehensive on-site engagement programme, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and ASDA Community Fund, including regular guided heritage walks, volunteer-led site clear-outs, and eco-therapy focused events including 'creative wanders'. These activities fostered greater awareness of the site's history and potential while demonstrating safe community use of the park surroundings.
- Participated in Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival (September 2024), continuing our annual tradition since 2013 of revitalising interest in Springburn's history and heritage. The event featured guided tours of the Winter Gardens site and surrounding park, highlighting the glasshouse's architectural significance and the community's vision for its restoration. This attracted significant visitor numbers, providing opportunities for direct feedback and further building local and city-wide awareness.
- Gathered refreshed letters of support from local community groups, Scottish Ministers, and cross-party representatives (Councillors and MSPs), emphasising the project's value to north Glasgow.
- Contributed to broader advocacy for north Glasgow regeneration, with the Winter Gardens highlighted as a priority in the Springburn Local Place Plan.



Doors Open Day Sep 2024

Asset Transfer Progress

- Continued to advance the community asset transfer application under Glasgow City Council's People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme, building on prior feasibility work and stakeholder agreements.

- SWGT hold a permission to use agreement with Glasgow City Council to access the Springburn Winter Gardens site, pending our formal asset transfer agreement being concluded.

Governance and Partnerships

- Maintained active volunteer-led governance with regular trustee meetings.
- Strengthened ties with partners including Friends of Springburn Park, Glasgow City Heritage Trust, and the local regeneration forum.
- Promoted the project through social media, public talks, and collaboration with heritage organisations.

Fundraising

- Secured invitation to apply for major funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, a key milestone reflecting the project's readiness and national significance.
- Obtained capital funding commitments from Glasgow City Heritage Trust and Glasgow City Council to underpin match-funding for future bids.
- Despite unsuccessful applications to the UK Government Community Ownership Fund and the last round of the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF), we promptly reapplied to RCGF to sustain progress and have an application submitted to Stage 2 via Glasgow City Council.

These efforts kept the project visible and viable, preventing further deterioration of the structure (stabilised by prior emergency repairs) and building a robust evidence base for future funding success.

The Trust operates as a small, volunteer-led charity with low overheads, relying primarily on restricted grants for project-specific activities. Income and expenditure remained modest, aligned with the pre-capital development phase.

Financial review

SWGT's main source of funding is from public grant funding with the Trust working towards crowdfunding and other types of individual giving. These include:

- National Lottery Community Fund grant for on-site community engagement programme (walks, clear-outs, and related activities).
- Asda Foundation grant supporting community outreach and site-based activities.
- Pledged capital commitments from Glasgow City Heritage Trust and Glasgow City Council for match-funding support.
- Donations from supporters.

Expenditure is mainly on the following:

- Professional freelance and consultancy fees (business plan updates, funding application writing, updated structural survey and consultations)
- Programme delivery costs (materials, facilitation, producing events).
- Governance and administrative essentials (insurance, promotion).

Funds were managed prudently, with grants fully applied in accordance with conditions. The Trust benefited significantly from volunteer time and in-kind contributions, maximising impact.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to aim to retain three months running costs as a contingency for unexpected events. At present, the Trust currently has two freelance part time workers and has no assets or fixed costs, so risks are low in this regard.

The Trust is dependent on revenue grant funding to support freelance workers who undertake fundraising, project management and engagement work.

Plans for future period

As we look ahead, SWGT will explore all opportunities to save and repurpose the Winter Gardens structure to bring it back into active community use.

Specifically, over the coming year 2025/26 plans will be progressed to:

- Pursue National Lottery Heritage Fund application and RCGF reapplication.
- Explore future UK Government capital funding opportunities after the closure of the Community Ownership Fund.
- Intensify community events and consultation to maintain public engagement.
- Grow individual giving and extend the Trust's Associate Membership base.
- Finalise asset transfer and advance towards phased stabilisation works, enabling interim "living ruin" uses (e.g., events, markets).

The Trust remains committed to transforming Springburn Winter Gardens into a sustainable community hub— with space for food and growing; nature, health and wellbeing; outdoor activity; community events; heritage exhibits; and educational programmes that will enable lasting social, cultural, and economic benefits to Springburn and Glasgow. We extend thanks to our volunteers, supporters, partners, and funders for their continued dedication.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	225				225	-
Legacies					-	
Grants	24 050				24 050	6 800
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	150
Other	754				754	
A1 Sub total	25 029	-	-	-	25 029	6 950
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25 029	-	-	-	25 029	6 950
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	25 172				25 172	13 447
Grants and donations	327				327	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	2 906				2 906	
A3 Sub total	28 405	-	-	-	28 405	13 447
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28 405	-	-	-	28 405	13 447
Net receipts / (payments)	(3 376)	-	-	-	(3 376)	(6 497)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3 376)	-	-	-	(3 376)	(6 497)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	15 602				15 602	22 098
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(3 376)				(3 376)	(6 497)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	12 226	-	-	-	12 226	15 601
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Print Name

Date of
approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	reference	-	-	-	reference	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-
	reference	-			reference	reference

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	reference error

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	reference error	-	-	-	reference error	reference error

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Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
cross ref error						
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
cross ref error						
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
cross ref error						
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
cross ref error						
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
cross ref error						
Nature and purpose of funds						

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Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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