

The Children's Wood

Scotland · Charity number SC045378

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2015-01-27

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 76 Fergus Drive
Glasgow
G20 6AP

Website <http://www.thechildrenswood.co.uk>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', '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'

What the charity does: The Children's Wood operates in the G20 area of Glasgow. The area includes a wild meadow and a wooded area. Our aim is to provide outdoor activities such as Forest School, Climate Education sessions, outdoor toddler groups, volunteer gardening sessions and community events for all, and to foster greater wellbeing and social connection among local residents. We encourage outdoor learning, healthy lifestyles and stronger, more connected communities through our work with local schools and nurseries and the community.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4 The purposes of the organisation are, 4.1 The advancement of education by 4.1.1 Providing outdoor learning for children, young people and their carers 4.1.2 Organising public and school events 4.1.3 Working with schools and other organisations to educate about the benefits of learning and playing outside in nature 4.2 The provision of recreational facility, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, by 4.2.1 Preserving a woodland experience in the city so maintaining and protecting our local environment 4.2.2 Creating opportunities for children and the community to play outside in nature and meet each other by organising playgroups and events 4.2.3 Developing space for participants to explore in a safe and secure outdoor environment for the benefit of the community and its cohesion 4.2.4 Providing activities or services

which aim to relieve the impact of poverty and income inequality on people living in the operating area. This could include food related activities. 4.3 The advancement of citizenship or community development by 4.3.1 Training teachers, young people and volunteers 4.3.2 Working with the local community around North Kelvin Meadow in the nearby wards within City of Glasgow (geographically this covers those living predominantly in the Maryhill/Kelvin, Canal, and Hillhead wards of the city) 4.3.3 Creating intergenerational opportunities and engaging with harder to reach groups through events and linking up with other groups within the community 4.4 The advancement of arts, heritage, culture or science 4.4.1 Through community projects and events

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£116,494	£82,661	-	3
2024-10-31	£78,049	£82,458	-	3
2023-10-31	£115,878	£151,843	-	3
2022-10-31	£219,470	£207,797	-	6
2021-10-31	£204,629	£219,910	-	6

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Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 October 2025



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Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name The Children's Wood

Charity Number SC045378

Principal Address [REDACTED]

Operating Address [REDACTED]

Trustees [REDACTED]

Chairperson - appointed 9 December 2025
Chairperson - resigned 28 October 2025
Treasurer - appointed 28 October 2025
Treasurer - resigned 28 October 2025
Secretary- appointed 11 March 2025
Safeguarding

Appointed 11 March 2025
Appointed 11 March 2025
Appointed 28 October 2025
Appointed 28 October 2025

Independent Examiner [REDACTED]

Brett Nicholls Associates
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Glasgow
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Bankers

TSB Bank
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Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 27th January 2015. It has a two tier structure and as such the charity's structure consists of members and the board of trustees.

The Charity Trustees hold regular meetings, communicate with each other regularly and generally control the activities of the SCIO. The Charity Trustees are referred to collectively as the "Board". Trustees can be elected at any point throughout the year.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The advancement of education:

- Providing outdoor learning for children, young people and their carers
- Organising public and school events
- Working with schools and other organisations to educate about the benefits of learning and playing outside in nature
- The provision of recreational facility, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, by
- Preserving a woodland experience in the city so maintaining and protecting our local environment
- Creating opportunities for children and the community to play outside in nature and meet each other by organising playgroups and events
- Developing space for participants to explore in a safe and secure outdoor environment for the benefit of the community and its cohesion

The advancement of citizenship or community development:

- Training teachers, young people and volunteers
- Working with the local community around North Kelvin Meadow in the nearby wards within City of Glasgow (geographically this covers those living predominantly in the Maryhill/Kelvin, Canal, and Hillhead wards of the city)
- Creating intergenerational opportunities and engaging with harder to reach groups through events and linking up with other groups within the community

The advancement of arts, heritage, culture or science

- Through community projects and events.

Achievements and Performance

Charitable Activities

- The number of beneficiaries is calculated to be well over a thousand per year. Of these are 30 – 40 volunteers who help at events, maintain the land and its perimeter, assist with security and provide a friendly greeting for the many people who simply walk through or take a breather in a busy day.

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Achievements and Performance

Charitable Activities

- We run a year-round programme of seasonal events – for example – Harvest Festival, Spring-time, Summer Fest and Halloween that welcome young and old to share music, storytelling & food. From 300-400 local residents attend these events.
- Our OVO Schools Programme continued to provide children with experiences that enable them to connect, value and understand their environment. They learn the real-life impact of climate change on their own eco systems and community. Schools which took part included St Charles, Dunard, North Kelvinside and Maryhill Primaries. Children enjoyed putting on “safari suits” to visit the Bee Dookit and learn how honey is made. The project concluded with an exhibition of the children’s work at the Children’s Wood. Reporting on the project was so regular and the content so impressive as evidence of children’s learning about the climate crisis, that OVO agreed to fund a third year.
- In June we celebrated 10 years since the charity was registered with OSCR with a treasure hunt, birthday cake, face painting and crafts. The day was a great success attracting families from the local area and beyond.
- Our popular transition days for Nursery to Primary and for Primary to Secondary were in great demand. Our Schools and Community Engagement Coordinator (SCEC) designs and leads a day of team challenges for the Primary 7s which includes preparing and eating “Meadow” soup and the deadly spider web experience. The day includes a chance to chat to secondary students about secondary school life.
- In August, as part of the preparation for return to school, we offered a Silent Disco which provides equipment to enable children and families to dance without disturbing the neighbours.
- Continuing our commitment to developing literacy skills, we have partnered with the Scottish Book Trust to provide a rich and diverse range of arts projects. Children have enjoyed meeting award winning authors, illustrators and story tellers. Many events are held out of doors under a canopy on the land while others take place as outreach visits. Teachers express appreciation for this support in developing literary skills which they are struggling to improve.
- Our twice weekly outdoor carer and toddler groups foster a sense of community connection and reduce social isolation. Pre-fives have the chance to participate in messy outdoor play in our mud kitchen, hammocks, rope swings and tree house.
- Our Community Garden welcomes volunteers three times a week for lessons in horticulture, growing vegetables and fruit. The art of scything has been fostered as this permits the meadow flowers to emerge.
- Our community composting facility was heavily used and appreciated.
- An appreciative member of the Toddler Group community, offered to set up a procedure for supporting new volunteers. People often offer help but are unsure where it is required. It may be possible to offer additional volunteering opportunities.
- A plan for managing and sustaining the land was drawn up which details the jobs over the seasons and states the number of volunteers required for each task.

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Charitable Activities

- Several groups used the land. Licketyspit ran sessions – picnic and play over the summer months culminating in a final large party when the land resonated to the sound of singing games and the laughter of children many from war-torn countries who are now New Scots.

Research

[Find a Solution – University of Glasgow](https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/glasgowsocialscienceshub/partners/) <https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/glasgowsocialscienceshub/partners/>

After selection from multiple applications, [REDACTED], Masters student in Social Science, was appointed as an intern for 8 weeks funded by the University of Glasgow. He produced a history of our charity and an excellent step by step guide to other communities wishing to develop a piece of derelict land into a community garden. Atreyo successfully nominated the Children's Wood as "Employer of the Year".

Collaborative Dissertation – University of Glasgow

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/social-urban-policy/>

We were approached by a Masters student, Poorvi Vijay Kulkarni, who wished to write her dissertation on the feasibility of the charity purchasing the land. She drew on examples of successful purchases through the asset transfer legislation in Scotland.

Plans for future periods

- The Local Area Partnership has again provided a grant for the water connection. This with a generous donation from an individual and a grant from Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers of Glasgow will enable the water to be connected in 2025-2026.
- A rain water collection system at the Beedookit has been funded by the Mushroom Trust. The equipment will be installed in 2025-2026.
- The refurbishment of the old shed remains an ambition including reinstating the windows.
- We continue to seek funding for a compostable toilet for use by staff and volunteers.
- We will share the research undertaken by our two research students over the summer.
- We have a new strategy for the BeeDookit which should ensure the health of the bees and the opportunity for children to have a unique experience safely clad in protective bee suits
- We shall take part in WestFest 2026 demonstrating our part in creating a cohesive community.
<https://westfest.uk/>

Financial Review

The charity generated a net surplus of £33,833 in the year ended 31 October 2025 (2024: deficit of £4,409). At 31 October 2025, total reserves stood at £80,169 (2024: £46,336), with £15,678 of these being unrestricted free reserves (2024: £8,844) and £64,491 being restricted reserves (2024: £37,492).

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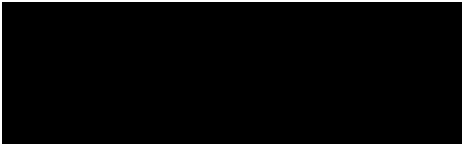
Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to meet the total estimated obligations required in the event of winding up, plus working capital to cover day to day expenses and potential gaps between funding. This is estimated to be approximately £10,000. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that they will be able to continue the charity's activities in the time taken to secure new projects.

At 31 October 2025, unrestricted free reserves equalled £15,678. The trustees are therefore satisfied that this policy is broadly being achieved, and are confident that unrestricted net income will be generated such that the target level of reserves will be maintained.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: **19/02/2026**

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of	The Children's Wood
Registered charity number	SC045378
Accounts of the charity for the period	1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025
Set out on pages	9 - 14

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 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 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:

1. 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
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Date: **20/02/2026**

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Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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Receipts and Payments Account

		<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>2024 Total</i>
Receipts	<i>Notes</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Grants	3	1,250	104,634	105,884	57,455
Donations	4	4,399	100	4,499	16,811
Charitable Activities	5	1,289	400	1,689	2,926
Other Income	6	4,422	-	4,422	857
		<u>11,360</u>	<u>105,134</u>	<u>116,494</u>	<u>78,049</u>
Payments					
Charitable Activities Costs	7	<u>4,526</u>	<u>78,135</u>	<u>82,661</u>	<u>82,458</u>
Net Receipts/-Payments		<u>6,834</u>	<u>26,999</u>	<u>33,833</u>	<u>(4,409)</u>
<i>Funds Brought Forward</i>		8,844	37,492	46,336	50,745
Funds Carried Forward	9	<u>£15,678</u>	<u>£64,491</u>	<u>£80,169</u>	<u>£46,336</u>

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Statement of Balances

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 Total £
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	8,844	37,492	46,336	50,745
<i>Surplus/-Deficit for the year</i>	6,834	26,999	33,833	(4,409)
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	15,678	64,491	80,169	46,336

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Date: 16/02/2026

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Notes to the Accounts

1. General Information

The Children's Wood ("the charity") is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC045378) on 27 January 2015. Its registered address is [REDACTED].

2. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3. Grants

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
850 Fund	-	710	710	-
Area Partnership	-	5,726	5,726	955
Bellahouston Bequest Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-
Commonweal 2023	-	2,700	2,700	-
Craft Prospect	-	6,000	6,000	-
Glasgow City Council	-	-	-	-
Glasgow Community Food Network	-	2,992	2,992	-
Glasgow Wellbeing Fund	-	1,990	1,990	-
Greggs Foundation	-	40,800	40,800	20,000
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers of Glasgow	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Incorporation of Gardeners	-	-	-	3,000
JTH Charitable Trust	-	-	-	500
MEB Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other Small Grants	250	-	250	-
Ovo Charitable Foundation	-	27,500	27,500	25,000
PF Charitable Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
The Mushroom Trust	-	1,200	1,200	-
Thistledown Trust	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
University of Glasgow	-	2,016	2,016	-
	1,250	104,634	105,884	57,455

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4. Donations	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
Individual Donations	4,399	100	4,499	16,811
5. Charitable Activities Income	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
Delivery of Events	1,289	400	1,689	2,926
6. Other Income	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
Employment Allowance	4,422	-	4,422	857
7. Charitable Activities Costs	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
Staff Costs				
Salaries	1,177	59,083	60,260	48,592
Staff expenses	499	3,560	4,059	1,625
	1,676	62,643	64,319	50,217
Running Costs				
Accounting Support	1,320	1,066	2,386	2,130
Bank Charges	5		5	-
Equipment			-	216
Facilities Hire			-	50
IT & Software	431	21	452	554
Insurance		683	683	594
Materials & events	156	4,842	4,998	3,643
Payroll Fees	779		779	212
Postage and stationery	69		69	-
Professional Fees	40	1,050	1,090	3,630
Rent/Lease of Buildings			-	750
Subcontractor		7,500	7,500	9,587
Subscriptions			-	62
Training	50	105	155	1,653
Transfers to G20 Works			-	9,160
Travel & subsistence		225	225	-
	4,526	78,135	82,661	82,458

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8. Related Party Transactions

During the year to 31 October 2025, no trustees received any remuneration (2024: nil). Expenses totalling £729 were reimbursed to two trustees in the year (2024: £549).

During the year to 31 October 2025, the charity received a grant from Craft Prospect of £6,000 which is a company owned by Stephen Greenland who is a trustee of the charity.

9. Funds Analysis

	<i>Opening Balance 1 Nov 24 £</i>	<i>Receipts £</i>	<i>Payments £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>Closing Balance 31 Oct 25 £</i>
Unrestricted					
General	8,844	11,360	4,526	-	15,678
Restricted					
850 Fund	-	710	710	-	-
Area Partnership 24-25	-	408	408	-	-
Area Partnership water 2025	-	5,318	-	-	5,318
Bee Legacy - Kathy Friend	11,723	-	1,226	-	10,497
Bellahouston Bequest Fund	-	5,000	123	-	4,877
Bushcraft Skills Course	1,726	-	2,121	395	-
Commonweal 2023	616	3,200	2,877	-	939
Craft Prospect	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Glasgow Community Food	-	2,992	2,992	-	-
Glasgow Wellbeing Fund	-	1,990	1,990	-	-
Greggs Foundation	2,000	40,800	21,020	-	21,780
Hugh Fraser - year 2 (24-25)	1,477	4,000	5,477	-	-
Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers of Glasgow	2,921	-	-	-	2,921
JustGiving	1,492	-	579	(395)	518
MEB Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust	4,000	-	4,000	-	-
Ovo Charitable Foundation	10,537	27,500	29,596	-	8,441
PF Charitable Trust	1,000	2,000	2,000	-	1,000
The Mushroom Trust	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
Thistledown Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
University of Glasgow	-	2,016	2,016	-	-
	37,492	105,134	78,135	-	64,491
Grand Total	46,336	116,494	82,661	-	80,169

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10. Purposes of Funds

General Funds - unrestricted free reserves of the charity
Area Partnership 24-25 - towards gardening equipment
Area Partnership Water 2025 - towards costs of the mains water connection
Bee Legacy - Kathy Friend - towards the upkeep of bees, events and general costs
Bellahouston Bequest Fund - towards the cost of a beekeeper, bee equipment, maintenance
Bushcraft Skills Course - towards core costs
Commonweal 23 - towards author events
Craft Prospect Ltd - towards mains water connection
Glasgow Community Food - towards a composting project (including new composting bins)
Glasgow Wellbeing Fund - towards delivering volunteer gardening sessions
Greggs Foundation - towards core costs
Hugh Fraser 2024 - towards core costs
Inc of Bonnetmakers & Dyers - towards mains water connection
JustGiving - towards core costs
MEB Charitable Trust - towards core costs
Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust - towards core costs
Ovo Charitable Foundation - for OVO Climate sessions
PF Charitable Trust - towards core costs
The Mushroom Trust - for a water project to catch rainwater
Thistledown Trust - towards core costs
University of Glasgow - funding towards an 8 week student intern programme