

Registered Charity No SC045398

The Carse of Stirling Partnership SCIO

Report and Accounts for the year ending 28th February 2025



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Reference and Administrative Information

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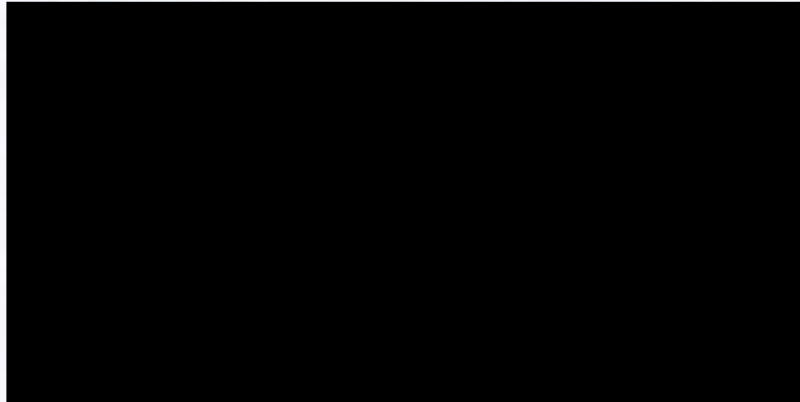
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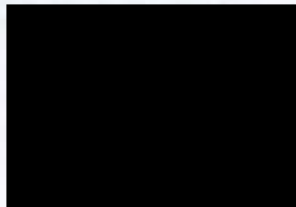
Charity Trustees



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The Carse of Stirling Partnership SCIO

Annual Report of the Trustees

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the annual report and accounts of The Carse of Stirling Partnership SCIO for the year ending 28th February 2025.

Review of Activities and Achievements

The Carse of Stirling Partnership (CoSP) was set up in 2012, with assistance from Scottish Natural Heritage and guidance from the Star Development Group, to encourage co-operative working between land owners, farmers, communities and businesses in and around the Carse of Stirling on land use and heritage issues that might have previously been tackled in isolation. The Partnership's main achievement has been to bring together people from many different backgrounds on a regular basis to look at everything from flooding on the Carse to farm wildlife surveys, footpath access between local villages, protecting the area's cultural heritage and promoting the area as a tourist destination for visitors. The charity's work is particularly focused on the communities in and around the Carse, including the villages of Gargunnock, Kippen, Buchlyvie, Thornhill, Arnprior and Port of Menteith. CoSP has been recognised for its innovative approach to local engagement and decision making with an Award for Planning Excellence from the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and a nomination for an RSPB Nature of Scotland Award.

During the year, Trustees continued to explore ways for local communities across the Carse of Stirling to engage with local farmers in raising awareness on taking steps to implement more environmentally sustainable agricultural land management. The need for this was highlighted by the Scottish Agricultural Bill in the Scottish Parliament in 2024. After the disappointments of 2023, we were very pleased to secure approval of a grant from Forth Environment Link (FEL) to run two Climate Action Hub community workshops and other activities during summer 2025. These will focus on the impact of climate change on the Carse landscape and land management to give local people a stronger voice in advocating future action in addressing this major challenge. Further grant support received from Thornhill Environment Fund (TEF) and Gargunnock Windfarm Fund and confirmed after the year end, has ensured that CoSP delivers a robust and meaningful programme of Climate Action Hub events in the summer of 2025.

We held our AGM on 4th November 2024 at West Moss-side, when the Report & Accounts for 2023-24 were formally approved and Trustees re-elected for the coming year. We were pleased to elect [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as new Trustees, both bringing very relevant professional experience and local knowledge of the area to the Board. We also take this opportunity to record our sincere thanks to Iain Semple, who indicated his retirement as a Trustee and Chair last January, for his valuable contribution to the charity's business for several years.

Accounts

The Accounts that follow have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which reflects the cash flow of CoSP in the period covered above.

Structure, Governance and Management

CoSP is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a constitution which was adopted in 2015. As a SCIO, the charity is subject to regulation by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR). The charity has a membership but no employees. A review of the current SCIO Constitution will be undertaken by the Board with a view to introducing a

subscription membership scheme in 2026.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees of CoSP are responsible for managing and safeguarding the assets of the charity and are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records and ensuring that the accounts are prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Trustees regularly consider the risks faced by CoSP and ensure that appropriate management procedures are in place to mitigate those risks. None of the Trustees is disqualified from service under Section 70A of the 2005 Act.

Conclusion

The Trustees would like to thank all the individuals who have contributed their time, knowledge and energy to the development of CoSP during its sixth year of operations as a SCIO.

31 October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Carse of Stirling Partnership SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ending 28 February 2025 which are set out on pages 6 and 7 below.

Respective responsibilities of trustee s 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. 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 view given by 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:

- (1) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- (2) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations,

have not been met, or

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

2.2. October 2025

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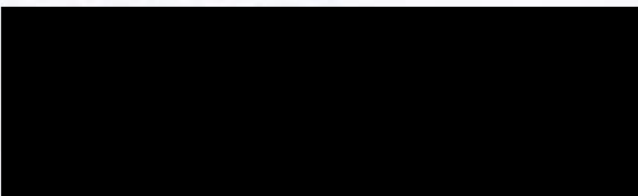
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 28th February 2025

| | Notes | Restricted Funds £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2024 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants | | 1,250 | 0 | 1,250 | 0 |
| Donations | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Receipts | | 1,250 | 0 | 1,250 | 0 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Payments relating to charitable activities | 2 | 0 | 210 | 210 | 237 |
| Total Payments | | 0 | 0 | 210 | 237 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) for the year | | 1,250 | (210) | 1,040 | (237) |

Statement of Balances at 28th February 2025

| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Balance at beginning of year | 0 | 331 | 331 | 568 |
| Surplus/ (deficit) for year | <u>1,250</u> | <u>(210)</u> | <u>1,040</u> | <u>(237)</u> |
| Total Cash Funds at end of year | <u>1,250</u> | <u>121</u> | <u>1,371</u> | <u>331</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | |
| Fund Balances at end of year | <u>1,250</u> | <u>121</u> | <u>1,371</u> | <u>331</u> |

On behalf of the Trustees:



Date: 31 October 2025

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They consist of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank during the financial period, along with a statement of balances. No adjustments have been made for any income due but not received, nor for any funds received in advance at the end of the financial period. The charity owns no fixed assets.

Funds

Funds are deemed to be Restricted where, under the terms of the grants awarded, expenditure may only be used to support specific CoSP projects within a defined time limit.

2. Grants Received (Restricted Funds)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Forth Environment Link Scotland (FEL) – Carse of Stirling Climate Action Hub. | £ |
| FEL grant for 2025-26 work programme. | <u>1,250</u> |

3. Payments relating to charitable activities

| <u>Unrestricted payments</u> | £ | £ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Website - annual web hosting fee | 19 | |
| „ - domain renewal and administration | <u>191</u> | <u>210</u> |

4. Remuneration of Trustees

No Trustees received reimbursement of project expenses during the year.

5. Governance Costs

No governance costs were incurred during the year.