

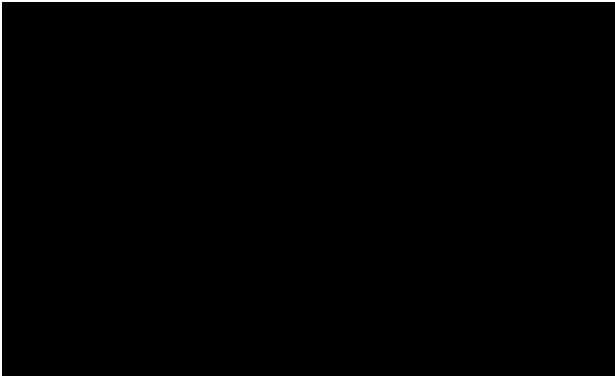
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THE LEAMY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
TO 31 MARCH 2022

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Legal and Administration Information

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All of the Association's trustees are appointed or re – appointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting.

Governing Document






The Association is a charitable unincorporated association, registered with OSCR, and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable Purposes

To advance the health of adult residents in West Dunbartonshire by establishing a self – improvement support network using community based therapeutic gardening resources and education activities for the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill – health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage that experience mental health issues.

We will engage the most vulnerable in our community whose self – belief and confidence limits their view of life leading to isolation and ill health.

Objectives

-  Increase the awareness and use of self-improvement tools to reduce isolation and improve confidence through the provision of self-improvement education and activity.
-  Establish a self-support network providing community based access to self-improvement learning and participation.
-  Provide a network of Community based therapeutic resources in West Dunbartonshire to providing recreational facilities and activities which promote the benefits of activity and healthy foods to our mental health and wellbeing.
-  Provide Community based project opportunities for residents to apply their skills and awareness through increasing community participation.
-  Provide the use of physical activities to improve mental health and wellbeing using our unique West Dunbartonshire landscape.

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[REDACTED]

In February 2022 we lost our treasurer and co-founder [REDACTED]. Every ounce of community effort and delivery, since 2015, is due to her total and selfless dedication to the improvement of the lives of the people in the community of which she was an active member.

2022 saw our most rewarding and challenging year. As we worked to ensure our communities voice was present and heard within the Alexandria's Master and Neighbourhood plan activities, [REDACTED] relentless focus on behalf of our community was the foundation for an outstanding year of delivery.

Creating new opportunities for our resident's voice, particularly those of us who struggle to put our best foot forward, was [REDACTED] gift, and she continues to make a difference, no more so during this the last 12 month and beyond. A funny, loving, and inspirational woman. Her work continues.

If it ain't from Yorkshire!

Activities and Achievements

Planned activities were greatly impacted due to COVID-19 restrictions. The periods between lockdowns enabled organic development of Leamy's focus and activities which remained consistent with our aims and outcome. While continuing to deliver Better Views and Learn and Grow projects, and alongside other community partners, we played an increasing role, in the development of a community engagement and participation framework for Alexandria residents whose views would, typically, would be neither sought nor valued.

Our activities delivered under the following projects

- Better Views.
- Learn and grow.
- Alexandria Community participation and development framework.

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Key Successes

Increase the awareness and use of self-improvement tools to reduce isolation and improve confidence through the provision of self-improvement education and activity.

Continued delivery of a modified Better Views program across four communities

Establish a self-support network providing community based access to self-improvement learning and participation.

Thirty-three active partner relationships.
Continued employment equivalent to 4.25 full time roles.
523 people participating

Provide a network of Community based therapeutic resources in West Dunbartonshire to providing recreational facilities and activities which promote the benefits of activity and healthy foods to our mental health and wellbeing.

1400m2 well-being/creative play resource -Levenvale Campus.

Provide Community based project opportunities for residents to apply their skills and awareness through increasing community participation.

£167K community legacy investment

Founding member

Alexandria Community Council

Alexandria Traders Association

Team Alexandria Funding squad.

Provide the use of physical activities to improve mental health and wellbeing using our unique West Dunbartonshire landscape.

Inclusion of Green Heritage corridors wellbeing aims within Alexandria Masterplan and Neighbourhood plan reflecting our projects aims and outcomes.

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Better Views

A wellbeing focused social gardening and community food growing project encouraging connections, reducing social isolation through self-management approaches.

Providing

- 2 x weekly social gardening sessions

For

- Forty-three people attending.

Delivering activities

- Installing raised beds, fruit trees and soft fruit canes, new wildflower areas in urban setting.
- How to grow food training sessions.
- Building Community resources
- Weekly social gardening and cooking sessions.
- Pilot mentoring support delivered in partnership with Blue Triangle.
- Growing West Dunbartonshire Monthly forums attended by up to ten groups attending.

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Creating Community Resources

Alexandria Kitchen garden

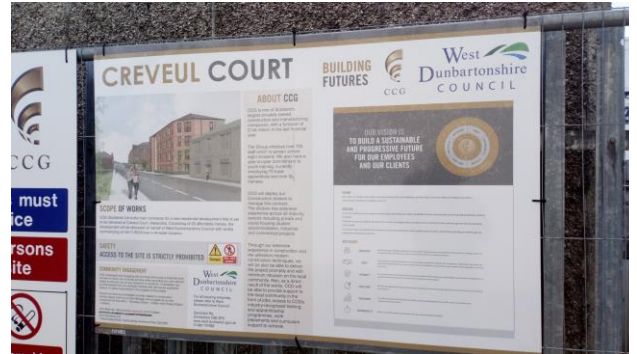
- Increase the number of active partners from 3 to 6.
- Forty-two residents participating.
- The project inspires the development of the Green Heritage Corridor projects.
- Residents and participants maintained the resource we established in 2020.
- Local secondary pupils start to visit and develop plans for outdoor project in our community.
- Community groups participate in three weekly growing and upkeep sessions.
- The project expands into Wilson Street and the new Crevuel Court development



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Creveul Court Community Garden

Partner input to WDC Housing and CATRA for the inclusion of a social wellbeing resource within the new Creveul Court housing development. Providing the foundation for a future Community wealth pilot in Central Alexandria and increased resident led activities.



Our activities

- Help residents maintain space
- Act as a point of contact for residents/WDC
- Provide tools and equipment



Future opportunities 22/23

- Create community wealth revenue
- Connect Creveul Court development to future Green Heritage corridor and Community wealth opportunities



“At our housing development at Creveul court, the Leamy foundation have been fundamental in establishing and maintaining this community garden and the community and housing development are grateful for this support and we look forward to working together in the future”

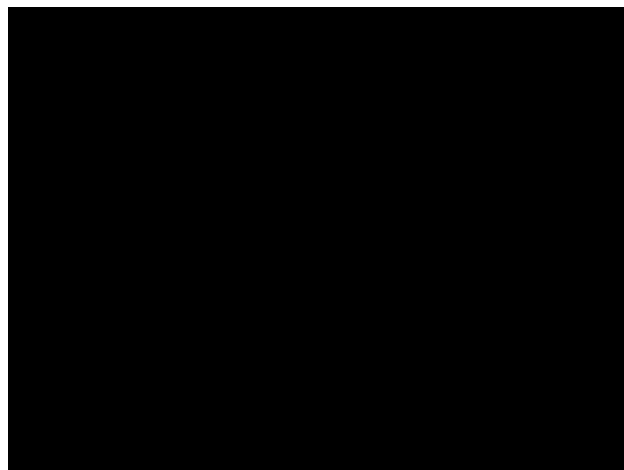
WDC New supply Housing Development office

Further information can be found via the link to Creveul Court related post. [Facebook](#)

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Secret Garden Faifley

The realization of Tony Ercoli's drive to see Faifley residents grow and make good things happen. They have created an outstanding outdoor wellbeing activity resource working alongside Faifley Housing Association, WDC, Community links and local schools and early learning centers.



Funding investment enabled the installation of a small greenhouse, growing space, community meeting space/shed, pumpkin patch. New activities for people of all ages, a new outdoor learning resource for local education centers and families. A testament to the Tony and the community's ideas, passion and commitment. Let Faifley Flourish!

- Provided £19K of wellbeing and outdoor activity hub resources successfully completing our project delivery in Faifley.
- Encouraged residents' passion to establish a new community organisation in Faifley.

St. Mungo's Church Community Garden,

Due to the congregation closure, we relocated community garden resources moved from our first community home, It allowed us to offer regular activities and a welcome to residents and to make new connections with community groups which formed the foundations for our community work throughout Alexandria and West Dunbartonshire. A beautiful part of the town, it really should remain that way for future generations. [Facebook](#)



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Queens Quay Care Home Growing space

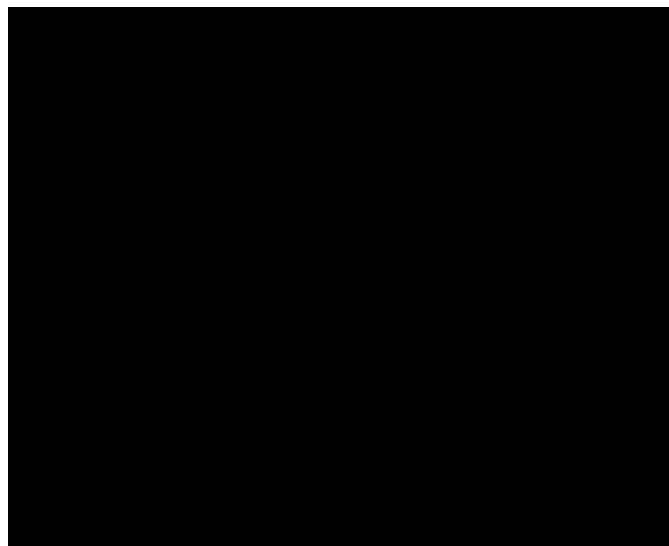
The Beginning

As a result of our previous community work, contacted to provide a design for a growing space and recreational garden for the staff and residents at the new Queen's Quay Care home.



Our Work

- We provided a design and cost
- We identified community partners
- We managed the project to a completion via staff, volunteers and contractors
- We provided participants with a safe environment to be outdoors and make connections.



Growing West Dunbartonshire

Established by WDC Greenspace and the Leamy Foundation in 2016 to inspire people to establish West Dunbartonshire as a 'Best in Scotland' Community Food growing and Garden location. The network underpins a number of key charitable aim for the Leamy Foundation.



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During 21/22 we,

- Supported the completion of WD Food Growing strategy and a member of the Food Growing working group.

Learn and Grow

15-year vision to establish an active Community food growing and natural heritage resource in every education center and community in West Dunbartonshire. Delivered by a unique partnership of Residents, Family, Community, Volunteers, Local authority, and National groups. A consistent part of how we deliver Outdoor learning within our schools and communities.

COVID19 restrictions resulted in the postponement of the regular weekly visits to school and nurseries from a peak of thirty-one weekly sessions pre covid,

Providing

- 9 x weekly social gardening and community biodiversity sessions

For

- 490 pupils, staff, pupils attending.

General activities

- Maintaining raised beds, fruit trees and soft fruit canes.
- How to grow sessions.
- Volunteer opportunities for family members and residents
- Building community-based resources

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Creating Community Resources

Levenvale Outdoor Creative play area.

Completed the development of a 1400m² Outdoor learning resource at Levenvale Campus, Alexandria containing multi activity zones including classroom, fire pit, bird & Nature trail, food growing, music and art activities. [The Leamy Foundation – Posts | Facebook](#)



The Beginning

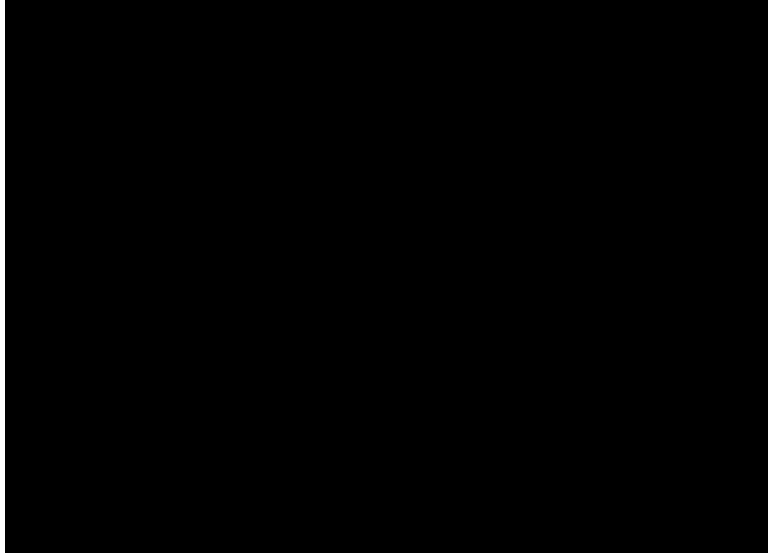
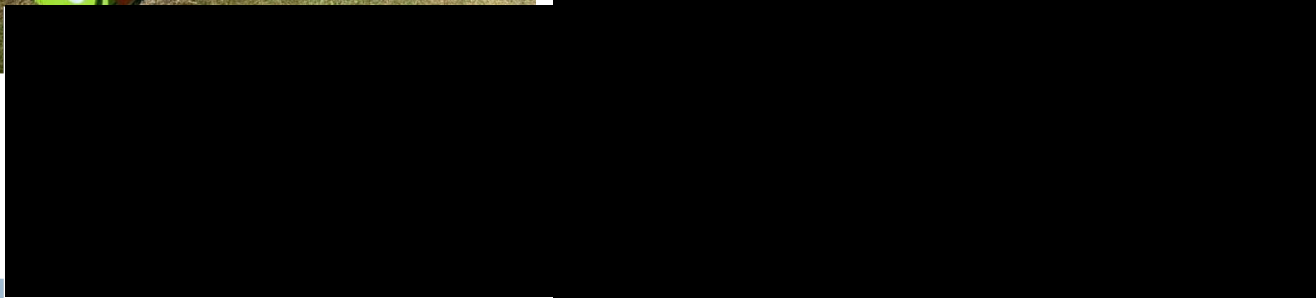
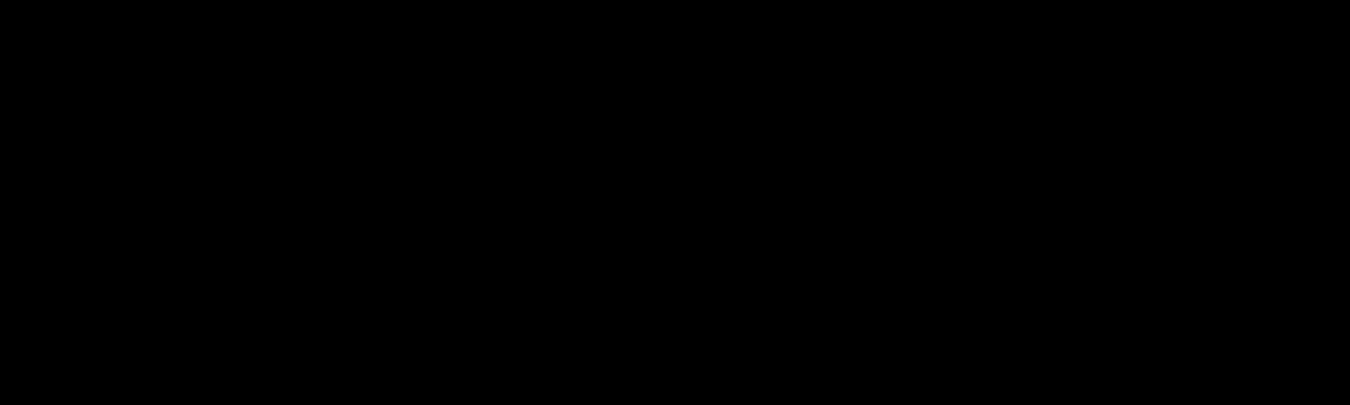
COVID-19, Intermittent lockdowns, reduced wellbeing, increased anxiety. We wanted to offer something positive and outdoors for our participants and wider community

Levenvale School wanted a super outdoor creative play space. We went for it.



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Our community's work



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What it meant to the people involved

'This project gave me a reason to get out and feel safe. I did something worthwhile.'

'I never did anything like this, I enjoyed it so much I went on to attend other outdoor projects and joined the Community council.'

'To see so many people across our community give of their time to create a meaning resource for the enjoyment of others was inspirational.'

[Leenvale Outdoor Learning & Play Area: Alexandria](https://theleamyfoundation.com/Leenvale-Outdoor-Learning-&Play-Area-Alexandria)
(theleamyfoundation.com)

A huge thank you to [REDACTED] for the gift of dozens of plants, trees and shrubs, which would otherwise have been skipped

Managers Comments

- We delivered a large scale project, a first for our community
- It was nerve racking, but we did it!
- It confirmed the Community wealth possibilities open to our residents, partners, and the Alexandria community.
- It delivered on all our project aims and objectives



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What did it mean to people involved- Community partners

The resource built by the Leamy staff and residents had resulted in

Increased

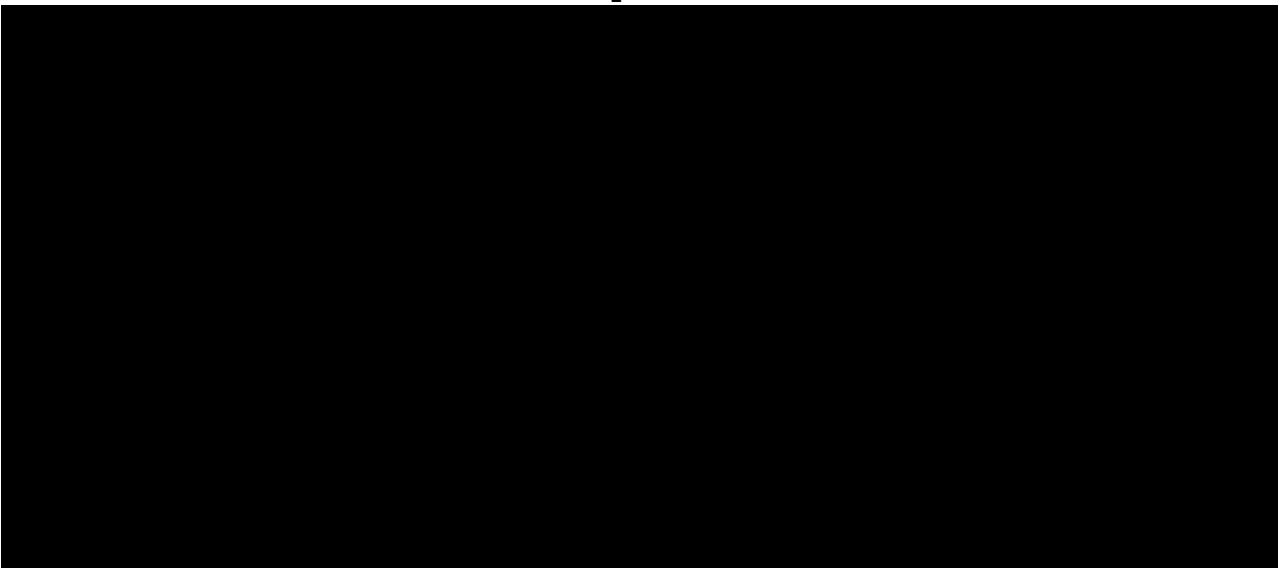
- Collaboration between age groups
- Participation of Parent/Families



*Learners use their imaginative skills; particular favourites are the Jurassic zone and the boat. It has enabled us **to collaborate** outdoors between the ELCC and school, offering shared opportunities to play and investigate.*

We are now able to provide successful outdoor learning experiences with children and parents, using the garden environment as a hook for stay and play activities.

Levenvale Campus Headteacher



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Breahead Campus Creative Garden

Our community built a creative garden learning resource at Breahead PS upgrading the existing space.

The Beginning

The school was successful in attracting Climate Challenge Funding. We connected the community wealth and collaboration opportunities via partnership working, with teachers. We agreed to embark on a joint project to develop a new growing space resource.



Our work.

- Volunteers and staff worked to gether to create a new outdoor play resource.
- Work completed Sept 2021.



What did it mean to people involved

- Increased sense of satisfaction for volunteers and staff
- Spending more time outdoors, physically active.
- Trialling community wealth opportunities.

Breahead PS

Increased

- use of our school garden by all classes, children have a space to complete any written tasks/enough space for children to hear a story etc.
- New crops which we have used in a school tuck shop.
- Biodiversity in our garden, contributing to our Eco Schools application for our second Green Flag.

Breahead Teacher

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Community participation and development framework

Informed through our participation in local Masterplan and Locality place development activities and in partnership with local retailers and community tenants and residents' groups, we embarked on the delivery of a new groups increasing local peoples voice and confidence to share their needs and priorities.

For

- Our target groups as per our charitable constitution

General activities

- Attended Alexandria Town center forum meetings.
- Attended Alexandria Community Action Network group meetings.
- Numerous escalation meetings.

We delivered

- **£147K** funding investment for the establishment of the Alexandria Wellbeing activities project.
- Alexandria Community Council after an absence of 25 years.
- Alexandria traders Association after an absence of 10 years.
- Team Alexandria funding squad, a new community investment capability
- Preparation for legacy handover of Leamy wellbeing activities to the Central Alexandria Tenants and Residents Association (CATRA)

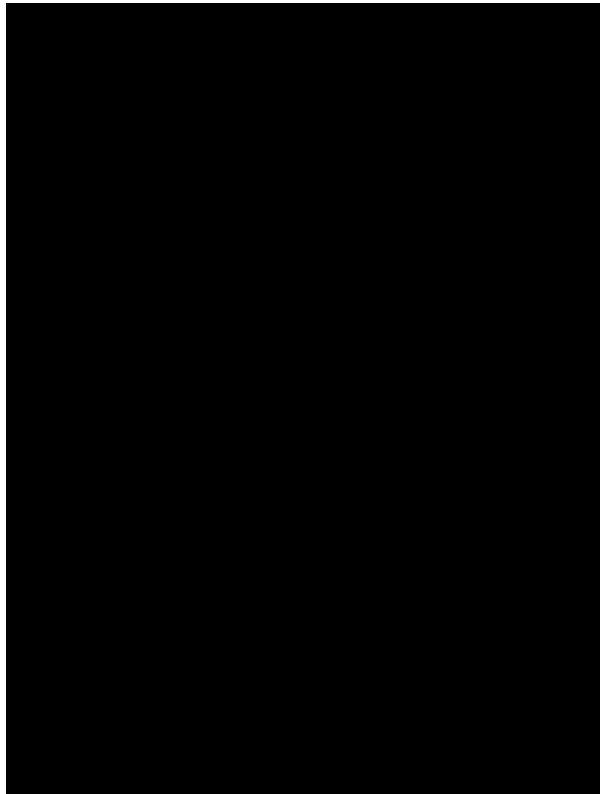
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Green Heritage Corridor Project

The Leamy Foundation and Central Alexandria Tenants and Residents Association (CATRA) developed a proposal for Green Corridors around Alexandria and The Vale of Leven to celebrate the vast History and Natural Heritage that the area has to offer.

The proposal lays the foundation for long term delivery of four of the five key Leamy objectives and is now one of the priority projects for within the **Alexandria Masterplan as a key wellbeing and economic vibrancy resource**. In conjunction with our charitable aims and objectives, we

- Secured £27,000 funding for a pilot project to connect the River Leven and Smollett Fountain as a key activity and entry point for residents and visitors alike.
- This investment has been utilised as match funding within the £147K, two-year Alexandria wellbeing project delivered by the Central Alexandria Tenants and Residents Association. [Facebook](#)
- In partnership with Wilson St residents and local supplier, provided 40 plant boxes and assorted benches.
- Secured Local authority prioritization identifying this project as one of the four priority Masterplan projects for Alexandria, increasing the potential for future funding investment to deliver legacy outcomes associated with the Leamy's charitable aims and objectives.
- Developed new connections and partnerships between community, residents, local authority and education centers, putting wellbeing at the center of the Alexandria Masterplan priorities for our target communities.



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What did it mean to people involved

'The Leamy Foundation have worked in partnership with West Dunbartonshire Council regeneration team since 2019 to help identify and realise the future vision for Alexandria. In 2021 a new masterplan for the town centre was approved. The Leamy Foundation played a key role in the masterplan process ensuring that it complements the emerging community priorities for the wider Alexandria area around the themes of economic vibrancy, infrastructure, greener and sustainable place, health and wellbeing and heritage.'

'These priorities translate into the twelve key projects identified in the masterplan which will shape land use, development and change in Alexandria over the next 15 years. Community organisations including the Leamy Foundation will play an important role in the future delivery of many of the projects specifically those relating the green heritage and walking and cycling networks.'

██████████, WDC Regeneration

The Leamy Foundation has worked in partnership with West Dunbartonshire's Communities Team for several years working to deliver projects that make physical change to the environment around Alexandria but also positive change in people local people they work with and who come into contact with. Through the energy and commitment of The Leamy, Alexandria now has a Community Council for the first time in a generation, a Locality Place Plan is very close to completion, a Traders Association has been established and local people and community groups have a route to funding projects and events to support their ambitions.

Raising aspirations and expectations in people and the local community is key to the work of ██████████ and The Leamy Foundation. They challenge The Communities Team and WDC to deliver better for the community, which we welcome, but they also challenge local people to produce more for themselves and to not accept that nothing can change.

██████████, WDC Communities team

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Alexandria Library Garden

West Dunbartonshire Council Libraries and Cultural Services wished to develop their small garden into a multipurpose learning and creative play resource.

This created additional connections and opportunities for our participants in their local community. The project will link to the larger Green Heritage project prioritised within the Alexandria Masterplan.



Our work.

- installed a rest and play area at the rear of Alexandria Library.
- raised beds for food growing,
- colourful bird boxes
- well as a wee village for the fairies that live there too



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Funding Success

We successfully applied to a range of funding agencies as detailed on page 9 of this report, totalling £90,276 of restricted funding and £6,753 of unrestricted funding, totalling £97,029 to 31 March 2022.

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Engagement with Other Agencies

The Leamy Foundation engages with agencies listed in Notes 1 and 2 of the financial accounts. In addition, The Leamy Foundation engages with a range of agencies which are relevant to its community work as stated in the organisation's constitutional aims and objectives. The Leamy Foundation's work involved regular engagement and partnership work with **33** Community organisations and agencies during the reporting period.

1. Central Alexandria Tenants and Residents Association (CATRA)
2. Alexandria Community Council
3. Alexandria Traders Association
4. Tullichewan Tenants and Residents Association
5. Team Alexandria
6. Blue Triangle
7. Alexandria Armed Veterans Association
8. Levenvale ELCC
9. Levenvale PS
10. Ladyton ELCC
11. Edinbarnet PS
12. Auchnacraig ELCC
13. St. Josephs' PS
14. Wilson St Residents group
15. Vale of Leven Academy
16. Vale of Leven Academy Communications base
17. Academy House
18. Haldane Youth Services
19. Our Lady of Loretto ELCC
20. The Phoenix Centre
21. Queens Quay Care home
22. Alexandria Community Action Network
23. Braehead PS
24. Libraries
25. Green space
26. Forward planning
27. Communities team
28. Regeneration
29. Education
30. Housing
31. Development Trust Association of Scotland
32. Cordale Housing Association
33. Alexandria Town Centre forum

Community

West
Dunbartonshire
Council

Agencies

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Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees received only out of pocket expenses.


Accounts

The Leamy Foundation Project is an unincorporated charitable trust registered with OSCR and the accounts have been prepared on this basis.

Reserves

There was a deficit of £ (65,840) for the period, leaving a balance of Restricted and Unrestricted Funds of £6,776 as of 31 March 2022.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.


Chairperson

Date: 22.12.2022


Ex Trustee

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Receipts and Payments for the period from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

	Notes	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £
Income			
Unrestricted	1	6,753	357
Restricted	2	90,276	232,580
Total		97,029	232,937
Expenditure			
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3	162,869	179,998
Surplus/ (Deficit for the year)		(65,840)	52,939

Statement of Balances as of 31 March 2021

Bank and Cash in Hand		
Opening Balances	2,616	19,677
Surplus/ (Deficit for the year)	(65,840)	52,939
Closing Balances	6,776	72,616

Contingent Liability Reserve

At this time, the Leamy Foundation has no contingent liability reserves. The Leamy Foundation has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



 Chairperson
 Ex Trustee

Date 22.12.2022

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 23 to 27. This being the relevant accounting period within the financial year from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, during which the Leamy Foundation was an unincorporated charitable organisation registered with OSCR.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees 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 any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation from the trustees concerning any such matter. 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 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
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Independent Examiner
ABR Accounting Ltd.
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Date:

24/12/22.

Trustees' Report and Accounts 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**Notes to the Financial Statements****1. Unrestricted Funds.**

The unrestricted funds received during the financial year to 31 March 2022 were as follows:

	2021/2022	
2020/2021	£	£
Miscellaneous	6,753	357
Total Unrestricted Funds	6,753	357

2. Restricted Funds.

The restricted funds received during the financial year to 31 March 2022 were as follows:

EB Scotland	14,000	-
West Dunbartonshire Council	12,730	38,954
Big Lottery Main Grants	27,583	27,511
EB Scotland	8,285	-
Dunbritton Housing Association	390	4,052
Rock Community Church	500	-
Central Scotland Green Network	-	28,997
Scottish Natural Heritage	-	51,823
The Robertson Trust	-	6,500
HMRC JRS Grant	26,788	61,243
CCG Scotland	-	3,500
Garfield Weston	-	10,000
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Summary of Funding	£	£
Unrestricted	6,753	357
Restricted	-	232,580
Total Funding Received to 31 March 2022	97,029	232,937

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	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Project Salaries	93,158	91,465
Staff Training	1,338	1,950
Project Resources	9,511	16,462
Participants Expenses	4,487	6,540
Sessional Staff	13,667	16,580
IT and Administration	19,972	19,037
Marketing and Events	2,792	4,070
Gardening Materials	11,278	16,440
Consumables	1,701	2,480
Hall Rental	-	24
Clothing, Tools & Equipment	1,904	2,750
Project Management Fee	1,509	2,200
Miscellaneous	1,552	-
Total Expenditure	162,869	179,998

4. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, and applicable Accounting Standards.

5. Year on Year Comparison

The year on year comparison of the reported deficit of £ (65,840) in the financial year to 31 March 2022, compared to a surplus of £59,238 in the financial year to 31 March 2021.

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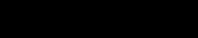
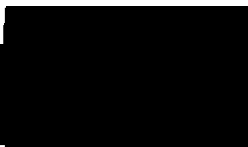
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