

Riverside Community Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC046273

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Part of	Riverside Evangelical Church (SC007616)
Registered	2016-01-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	c/o Riverside Church John Street Ayr KA8 0BS
Website	www.riversidecommunitytrust.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of religion', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Care & Share (C & S) began in 2008 as a collaboration between Riverside Church and the Ayrshire & Arran NHS Trust. Its initial aim was to support people affected by homelessness through providing a drop-in facility (with a meal) where health support could be provided and clients could be sign-posted to other relevant services. It has evolved over the past 17 years into an organisation providing a range of services to people in recovery from alcohol & drug issues and people affected by homelessness. The core event each week is the drop-in facility where people can access a variety of different social care, health care and financial services on a one-stop-shop basis. C & S is a central component of South Ayrshire's alcohol and drug strategy and implements the Scottish Government Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). C & S won the COSLA Gold Award in 2009 for its innovative practice.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'Other defined groups', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4 The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are: 4.1 the prevention and relief of poverty. 4.2 the advancement of education. 4.3 the promotion of health. 4.4 the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage. 4.5 the advancement of citizenship or community development, and 4.6 the advancement of

religion

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£196,101	£209,342	-	6
2024-03-31	£188,382	£179,446	-	5
2023-03-31	£134,159	£176,686	-	5
2022-03-31	£146,236	£132,908	-	4
2021-03-31	£148,334	£127,221	-	5

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Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

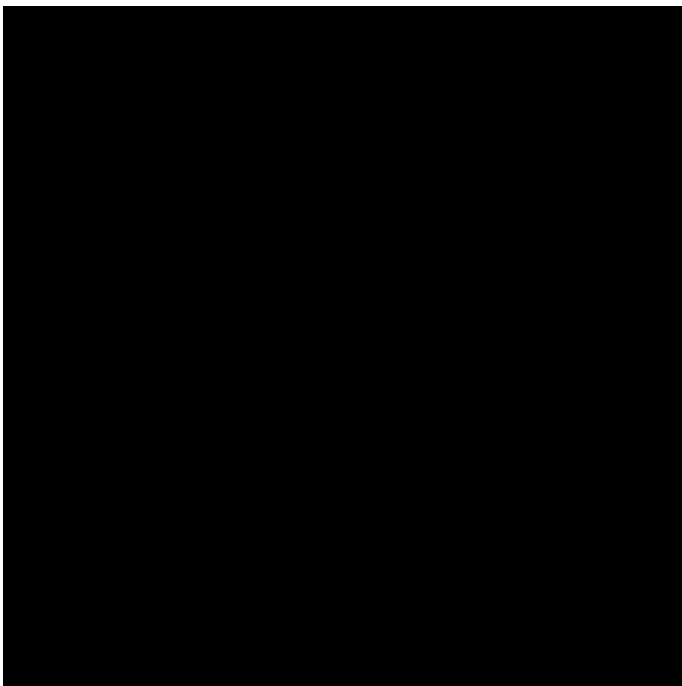
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number: SC046273

Principal and Registered Office :



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The charity is a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 29th March 2016 and last amended on 30 September 2025.

The trust was granted charitable status by OSCR on 19 April 2016 and commenced operation on 1 April 2016.

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Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. New Trustees are welcome to ensure the contribution of skills, knowledge and experience is expanded and grows.

Management

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation, whilst day to day running is delegated to the Trust Coordinator and the Community Development Worker, both of whom are paid employees of the Riverside Community Trust. The Coordinator prepares a progress and development report for board meetings, and the Coordinator and/or Community Development Worker often attend Board meetings to answer questions and help inform trustee discussions.

The trustees are particularly aware of their responsibilities for Health and Safety and also Risk Management. The trust has the appropriate policies in place as required by the insurers ie Staff & Service Use Policy, Equality & Diversity Policy, Discipline & Grievance Policy, Child Protection Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Protection of Vulnerable Adult Policy and Risk Management Policies for all RCT activities. In addition to a comprehensive public liability insurance policy, our staff and volunteers all have disclosures under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable purposes

As outlined in our constitution the main purposes of the organisation are :

- the prevention and relief of poverty
- the advancement of education
- the advancement of religion
- the promotion of health
- the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.
- the advancement of citizenship or community development.

The main project that currently comes under the umbrella of Riverside Community Trust is Care and Share.

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Governance

Earlier this year, Riverside Community Trust refreshed their Vision, Mission and Values through the creation of a Strategic Plan (2025-2028).

The Vision of Riverside Community Trust is:

Through Christian love in action people experiencing difficulties will be supported and empowered to thrive within society.

The Mission of Riverside Community Trust is:

Our mission is to empower people by engaging, serving and supporting them at times of need.

Riverside Community Trust Values: compassion, dignity, collaboration, respect and community. We will enact our vision, mission and values by showing these Behaviours: Acting Justly, Loving Mercy and Walking Humbly with those we interact with.

Activities

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Achievements & Performance

Our Main project Care & Share has always been the most important and effective aspect of the work of RCT as it provides a lifeline to vulnerable people in the community. We provide a safe space for people to meet and access vital services that they may not feel comfortable accessing on their own. An average of 35-40 people attend on a weekly basis. The service providers that have attended C & S during the period were mainly; Seascope, NHS Addiction Team, Ayr Housing Aid, Connect4Change, Oral Health, & the community optician.

The following figures relate to the number of referrals during this period for each service that was able to attend.

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During 2024/25

Almost 1800 people attended the Wednesday Drop-In service where they were provided with a hot meal. In addition there were 850 attendances at the Breakfast Club on a Tuesday morning.

Seascope – 69 referrals, consisting of support for council tax enquiry, PIP applications, gas & electricity referrals, addiction support, financial help, form filling & arranging further appointments with relevant services.

Oral Health Team – 104 referrals, toothbrushes & toothpaste provided to members.

NHS Addiction Services – 62 referrals, including naloxone advice, BBV testing, a GP referral, hospital appointment arranged, and addiction and recovery advice.

Optician – 15 eye tests completed, and glasses prescribed.

Ayr Housing Aid - 16 referrals made including advice such as tenancy rights, neighbour disputes, income maximisation, homeless presentation, & energy vouchers etc.

Outreach Support

Our Peer Support Workers continue to provide outreach support to those they meet in Ayr, High Street and in the Wallacetown area of Ayr. This takes place on three mornings a week – on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. They offer a packed lunch to those they meet and have often been able to sort out some practical issues, e.g., Phone calls to services, items of clothing, toiletries and on occasion gas/electricity top ups. They have been able to take lots of other useful resources with them including, first aid, Naloxone kits, safe needle disposing boxes. Both Peer Workers also attended The Room @Wallacetown, at Newton Primary twice a week where they have provided support for complex physical health needs and helped people access emergency GP/Hospital appointments and arranged repeat prescriptions. They are also meeting people who have not previously engaged with services before, or people who have 'dropped out' of services.

In Summary, during the past year the peer workers made 413 contacts (283 male & 130 female). The number of engagements made at The Room@Wallactown was 162.

Our two full time Support Workers also work closely with South Ayrshire Housing Anti-Social Behaviour Team Viewfield Gate/Elba Gardens (South Ayrshire Homeless Hostels) and South Ayrshire Employability and Skills. The aim of this work is to help improve the quality of people's lives, and by doing so, helping to improve the outcomes for the local community in terms of health, crime and the effects of poverty.

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We play an active role in the Working For Wallacetown Team attending a weekly action meeting where relevant issues and concerns about people living in Wallacetown are discussed, often raised by Police Scotland and South Ayrshire Housing. Following this meeting the Support Workers carry out joint visits with other services visiting affected by issues raised.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The main source of funding, on a year by year basis, continues to be from South Ayrshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP). We also received funding from Corra Foundation, Hugh Fraser Foundation, St Leonards Church, The Hope Trust, South Ayrshire Council and Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust.

The Financial Statements for the year are set out on pages 9 to 12.

The Receipts and Payments Accounts shows a deficit of £13,241 This is not a concern as there are ample funds in the savings accounts as outline below.

Reserves Policy

The trustees policy is to maintain unrestricted funds at around 3-4 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to meet any unexpected expenditure. Reserves at the end of the year is £67,557, which is considered acceptable. The trustees are monitoring cash flow and have plans in place to source additional funding.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The trustees intend to continue to proactively look for ways to develop and extend the ongoing work of RCT to improve the lives we serve in the local community.

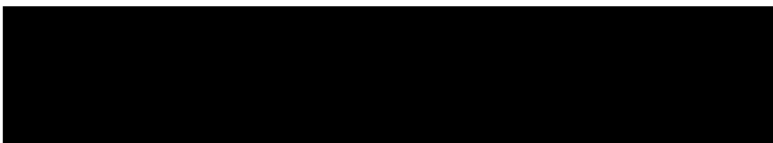
The cohort that attend Care and Share are those who are already hard to reach and cut off from the community due to their addiction or personal circumstances or situation re homelessness or a combination of all these factors. In addition, a large proportion of them do not have access to social media or a phone to keep in touch with the outside world. However, the outreach work has filled the gap to an extent in terms of checking up on those in our care and share community, that we might not see at the weekly drop in. This is also helped by the peer workers attending the Room@Wallaceton at Newton Primary twice a week.

We will continue to proactively seek new sources of funding for the 2025/26 period and provide security for the long term.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 30th December 2025.

Name :

Trustee



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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. The Charities trustees consider that the audit requirements of regulations 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 if any particular issues have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 within the accounts, and 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 request the requirements :

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Accounts Regulations.

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :



Date : 30-Dec-25

Professional qualification : ICAS

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Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	10,815		10,815	6,449
Grants	39,000	140,545	179,545	173,133
Fundraising	-		-	5,350
Other income	5,015		5,015	2,600
Gift Aid Received	-		-	213
Bank interest	726		726	636
	<u>55,556</u>	<u>140,545</u>	<u>196,101</u>	<u>188,382</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Cost of charitable activities	68,797	140,545	209,342	179,446
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>(13,241)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,241)</u>	<u>8,936</u>

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Statement of Balances
As at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
<u>Funds Reconciliation</u>	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand as at 1 April 2024	26,564	54,233	80,798	71,862
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(13,241)	-	(13,241)	8,936
Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2025	13,323	54,233	67,557	80,798

Bank and Cash Balances

Co-op Community Directplus	13,206	19,321	32,527	15,752
Co-op Bank Savings Account		34,912	34,912	64,185
Cash	119		119	861
	13,325	54,233	67,557	80,798

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Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

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).

2 Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes which the donor specifies.

3 Trustee Transactions

There were no transactions with any trustees during the year to 31 March 2025.

4 Grants Received

	2025	2024
	£	£
South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership	58,583	47,340
South Ayrshire Housing Options	-	500
Robertson Trust	-	30,800
Garfield Weston	-	15,000
St Leonards	6,000	6,000
Corra Foundation	25,000	25,000
Chatty Spaces	-	4,996
You Decide	72,963	43,497
Hugh Fraser Foundation	10,000	-
South Ayrshire Council	3,000	-
The Hope Trust	3,000	-
Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust	1,000	-

5 Bank Balances as at 31 March 2025

Coop Bank Community Directplus	32,529	15,752
Coop Savings Account	34,912	64,185
Bank of Scotland Current Account	117	-

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6 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Salaries (incl N.I., tax and pensions)	47,952	86,190	134,142	148,944
Staff Travel	10		10	214
Staff costs	1,261		1,261	936
Staff Training	2,545		2,545	2,445
You Decide costs		43,491	43,491	-
Food	4,094		4,094	5,941
Activities		10,864	10,864	2,669
Volunteer costs	642		642	430
Building insurance	826		826	1,803
Heating & Lighting	1,200		1,200	720
Other property costs	-		-	7,650
Printing & Stationery	274		274	77
Subscription	3,080		3,080	2,233
IT & telephone	6,071		6,071	3,898
Transport costs	25		25	1,241
Other expenses	818		818	244
	<u>68,797</u>	<u>140,545</u>	<u>209,342</u>	<u>179,446</u>