

LARKHALL CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No: SC047032

Larkhall Christians Together

Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

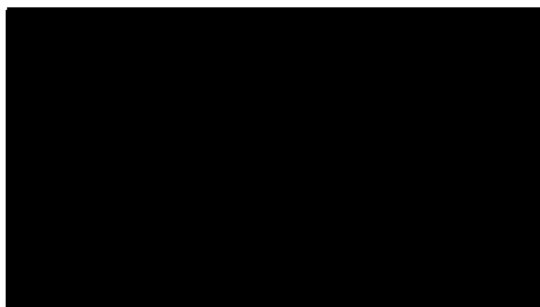
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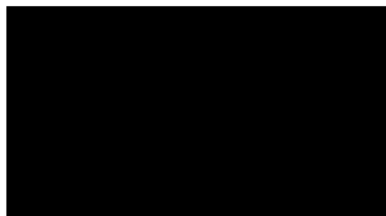
The Trustees who served during the financial year and up to the date of approval of this report were –



Principal Office-bearers



Independent Examiner



Bankers

Bank of Scotland,
PO Box
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Trustees' Annual Report (continued) **Year ended 31 December 2024**

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees were initially appointed as representatives of various churches in Larkhall who got together to form the Charity. New Trustees are appointed as necessary from our team of volunteers and must have a Christian background.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees meet six times per year and make all policy and operational decisions regarding the running of the charity. The Volunteers Team meet at least four times per annum to discuss operational matters affecting the activities of the charity and for training purposes.

Charitable Purposes

The Charity's charitable purposes are the advancement of education, religion and health. We aim to achieve this by bringing hope, encouragement and practical help to anyone who needs it in the Larkhall area in a spirit of Christian fellowship.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objectives are –

- To provide help, encouragement and spiritual guidance to people in an informal setting
- To provide practical and social help and support for all age groups, including a range of life skills and healthy living initiatives
- To act as a signpost, providing information relating to the wide range of service provision within the community, including those provided by Third Sector organisations.

Our activities commenced in 2017 following South Lanarkshire Council's agreement to grant us the lease of premises in King Street Larkhall. This initial lease has now been extended twice, the last extension being for a period of ten years from August 2020. Initially we operated for four hours per day over six days of the week. Because of lower demand for our services on a Saturday this was amended to opening for five hours per day Monday to Friday. As a result of Covid restrictions introduced at the end of December 2020, in line with most third sector organisations operating in contact with the public, we were obliged to cease our operations for a three month period to March 2021 and thereafter we operated on a reduced basis of three days per week for three hours per day.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

We have made people more aware of the local services and activities available to them in the town and surrounding area. By gathering information and passing this on to members of the community we provide more opportunities for participation and easier searching for appropriate organisations. We have also offered workshops on life skills, health and wellbeing working with partner organisations where appropriate.

A major reason for people visiting our premises is that we have made the toilet facilities available for public use and this has been very much welcomed by the community. We have also offered meeting space for local organisations which has been well used by a book club, several craft groups and a local charity who have run child care sessions for the very young people of the community, National Autism Scotland for awareness sessions and a Warm Space cafe. The premises have also been used by a bereavement support group, a counselling practitioner to meet clients in a safe and discreet environment, by health and social care groups, a Men's Shed group, a local Church Group for their services on a Sunday, fundraising events for the Larkhall Gala and McMillan Nurses, the local Heritage group and a young people's Employability course to help guide young people into work.

Achievements and Performance

Despite the Covid restrictions affecting our activities in 2020 and again in 2021, we have continued towards achieving the Charity's objectives noted above. We have recruited volunteers, primarily through the three local churches who have supported and promoted the venture. Without the team of willing volunteers we would not have been able to operate and continue in the way that we have and the Trustees are very grateful to them for their enthusiastic support. The building was used in 2020 as a drop off and storage space in support of the local Covid response to our communities and again in 2021 and 2022 by the Larkhall Community Network, an umbrella organisation comprising a number of third sector local charities operating in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Council and HHS Lanarkshire. The Larkhall Plan Partnership also met in the premises to plan improvements to the town and conduct a community survey to ascertain the feelings of local people about how the town might be developed.

In the course of our operations to date we have -

- helped to improve and maintain the health of local people
- provided opportunities to gain new skills
- offered spiritual support
- pointed people in the direction of health and social services
- provided training opportunities to our volunteers
- become a referral point for the local foodbank
- held joint prayer meetings on behalf of local churches
- provided opportunities for people to meet in a safe and secure environment.

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Financial Review

Total unrestricted income for the year was £13,496 the principal sources of which were donations from local churches, use of premises and public donations. Unrestricted expenditure in the period amounted to £14,433 an decrease of £36 from 2023. There was also expenditure of £180 for restricted purposes. The overall deficit of £1,117 in the year left reserves being carried forward at £16,701 which includes £22 of restricted reserves.

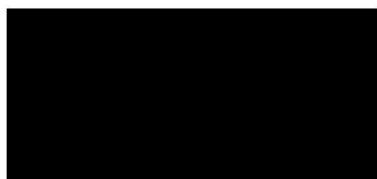
Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately six months of normal expenditure which would equate to around £7,000 plus a sum of at least £3,000 to meet unexpected contingencies. At the year end the Charity held unrestricted cash funds of £16,679.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 07th September 2025 and signed on their behalf,



Chairperson

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Larkhall Christians Together

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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 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.

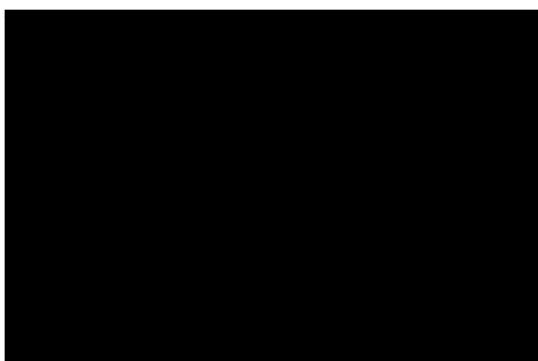
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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
- to 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: 17th September 2025

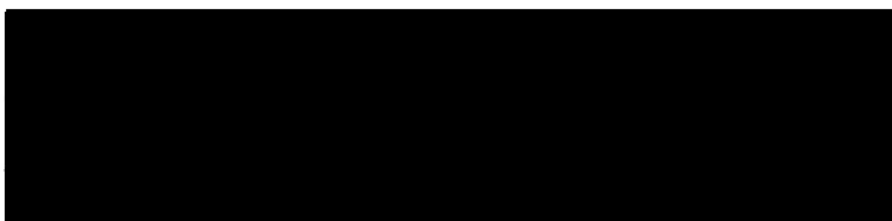
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Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>	Note					
Donations	3	13,254	-	-	13,254	14,446
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds		242	-	-	242	457
Bank & Deposit interest		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>13,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>14,903</u>
<u>Payments</u>	4					
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		14,433	180	-	14,613	16,117
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>14,433</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,613</u>	<u>16,117</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		- 937	- 180	-	- 1,117	- 1,214
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		<u>- 937</u>	<u>- 180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 1,117</u>	<u>- 1,214</u>

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Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 Note £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	17,616	202	-	17,818	19,032
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year -	937	- 180	-	- 1,117	- 1,214
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	<u>16,679</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,701</u>	<u>17,818</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Refurbishment Grant Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Receivable	<u>1,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>2,237</u>
	<u>1,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>2,237</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Cost of heat & light not yet billed	<u>765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>711</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 07th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by



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Notes to the Accounts
For the Year to 31st December 2024

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No trustee received any remuneration or payment of expenses during the year.

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	17,616	13,496	- 14,433	-	16,679
	<u>17,616</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>- 14,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,679</u>
Restricted funds					
Refurbishment Fund	202	-	- 180	-	22
Christmas Gift Appeal	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22</u>
Endowment funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>17,818</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>- 14,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,701</u>

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3. Analysis of Donations					
External Grant Funding					
The Baird Trust	-	-	-	-	-
South Lanarkshire Council Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Larkhall Community Council	380	-	-	380	-
Larkhall Community Centre Manage.	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Donations from Local Churches	3,300	-	-	3,300	4,200
Donations from Use of Toilets	546	-	-	546	618
Other Public Donations	665	-	-	665	1,130
Donations for Use of Premises	6,363	-	-	6,363	8,498
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,254</u>	<u>14,446</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4. Analysis of Payments					
Charitable activities					
Supplies and Equipment	787	-	-	787	1,112
Repairs & Maintenance	4,362	-	-	4,362	3,339
Refurbishment Costs	-	180	-	180	1,648
Heat & Light	7,797	-	-	7,797	8,677
Insurance	675	-	-	675	687
Administration Costs	46	-	-	46	78
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet Costs	766	-	-	766	576
	<u>14,433</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,613</u>	<u>16,117</u>
Governance costs					
Independent examiner's fees	-	-	-	-	-
Other payments					
Purchase of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>