

Kirkcolm Community Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC047165

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-02-09
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Kirkcolm Community Hub church road Kirkcolm Stranraer Dumfries and Galloway DG9 0NW
Website	www.kirkcolmct.org

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations','It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: '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','the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: We are set up to advance citizenship and community development principally organising events and raising money for the benefit of the community of Kirkcolm to help maintain and improve the lives of those in the community. We work towards the advancement of environmental protection or improvement. We apply for funding all year to cover event and core costs, as well as raising money through holding community events.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4.1 The provision or organisation of recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. This could be by the provision for or organising of community events and the provision for local none profit clubs and groups. Community events such as an annual gala day would benefit clubs and groups by acting as a showcase to encourage new members. 4.2 The advancement of environmental protection or improvement by the provision of footpaths, cycle paths and nature observational facilities.

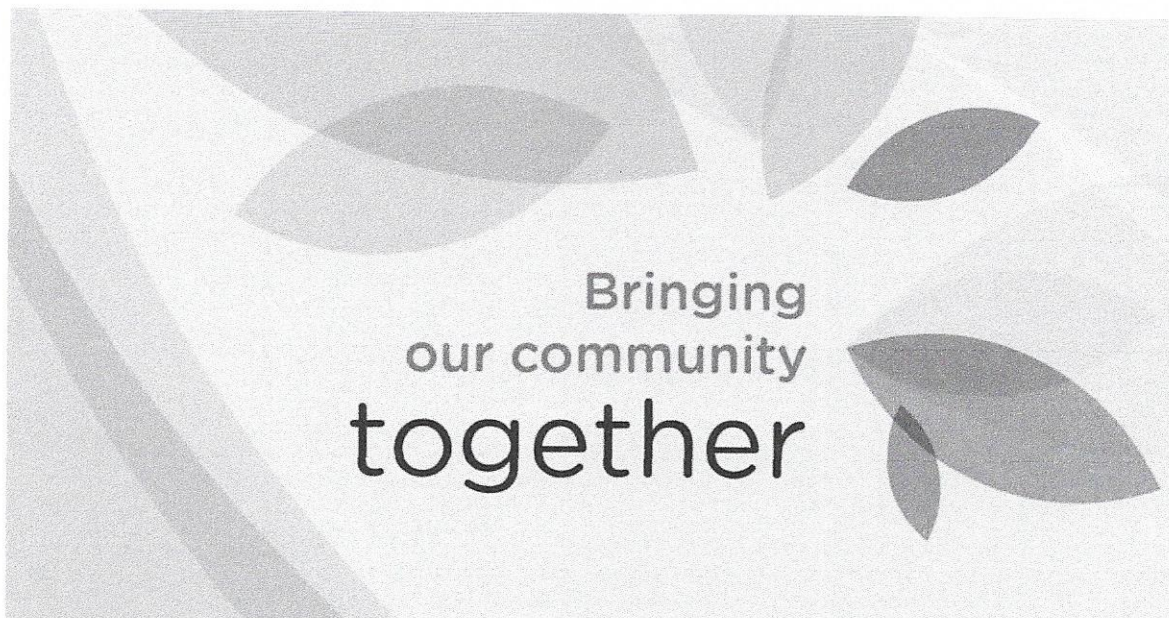
Geography

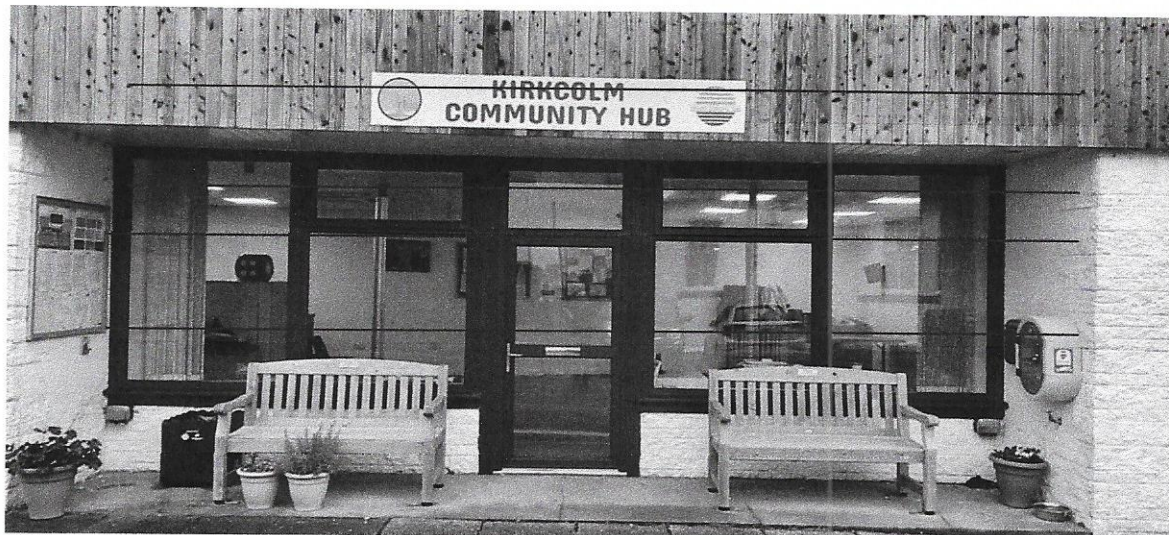
- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£60,011	£60,533	-	2
2024-04-05	£66,881	£58,763	-	2
2023-04-05	£141,211	£109,640	-	2
2022-04-05	£14,394	£10,135	-	1
2021-04-05	£55,723	£55,438	-	0

Accounts





Kirkcolm Community Trust (SCIO47165) was incorporated as a Development Trust in 2017 to help maintain and improve the lives of all those living in Kirkcolm, Wigtownshire and surrounding area. It is a two-tier SCIO (Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation in terms of the Charity and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (as amended)).

Our Constitution is our Governing document and provides our purposes as:

The advancement of community development (including the advancement of rural regeneration) principally within the Community.

- a. to further advance citizenship and community development by distributing Windfarm Community Benefit monies and other grants, to local groups, organisations or individuals according to criteria and need as may be defined from time to time as well as commissioning and providing funding for projects that will benefit the Community.
- b. 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,
- c. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement

But only to the extent that the above purposes are consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development.

Organisational Structure

We currently have six Board Trustees and we can always expand! We can have up to three more full Trustees and three co-opted Trustees. We have approximately 100 Ordinary

Members, being members from the community and we can also have Associate and Junior members too.

Membership is open to all living within the parish of Kirkcolm and although registration is required, there is no subscription. It means that the Trust can communicate easily with Members direct with details of upcoming Events, as well as keep everyone informed about developments in Strategy and governance. Members are also invited to attend the AGM.

Board members are nominated and approved by the existing Board and appointed at the AGM. The Board mainly meets monthly and there is rotation of Trustees at the AGM too. This year, we have also set up sub-committees, being chaired by one Trustee with varying amounts of other members.

Finance Committee

Car Park Committee

Grants Committee

Resilience Committee

Youth Club Committee

Updates of activities of each sub-committee are given at each monthly Board meeting.

Meet Our Team

Community Development Manager – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been with Kirkcolm Community Trust from the very beginning and has worked her way up to become our Community Development Manager [REDACTED]. Her dedication, drive, and passion for serving her community is truly outstanding. Her commitment ensures that Kirkcolm continues to grow, thrive, and remain a vibrant place for everyone. Her main role includes funding applications and supporting the Trustees, as well as managing the Hub and employees. She is very often the first point of contact for those engaging with the Community Trust.

Trustees

Our Trustees bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, and guidance to the Trust. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to oversee projects, secure funding, and ensure that all initiatives align with the long-term vision for Kirkcolm. Their dedication helps create a strong foundation for every project we deliver.

In 2024-25 the Trustees were,

[REDACTED] (Chair - resigned October 2024)

[REDACTED] (resigned December 2024)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (resigned February 2025)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (trustee April 2024; Chair October 2024)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Co-opted Trustee Janusry 2025)

Employees

Our small but mighty team of employees supports the day-to-day running of the Trust. Their hard work ensures that everything runs smoothly and that the community benefits from high-quality initiatives year-round. They are in the Hub every day to greet members of the community and visitors and can help with any problems along the way. Often

people are just in for a chat, which we all agree is an enjoyable way to spend the working day!

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Kirkcolm Community Trust. From helping at events to supporting projects and lending their skills wherever needed, they bring energy, creativity, and passion. Volunteers can give as little or as much time as they like, and as a thank-you, they have access to free training courses such as PVG, Food Hygiene, First Aid, and more.

Together, we are Kirkcolm Community Trust

Every member of our team—whether staff, trustee, or volunteer—plays a vital role in making Kirkcolm a stronger, happier, and more connected community. We are proud of the dedication and enthusiasm that everyone brings and are excited for what we can achieve together in the years ahead.

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2024/2025: A Year Like No Other
Bringing Community Together

At the beginning of 2025, we chose the theme “*Bringing Community Together*” — a sentiment that felt meaningful and inspiring. What we didn’t realise at the time was just how significant and central that concept would become over the course of the year.

This has been a year of growth, challenge, celebration, and reflection. It has truly required the support, resilience, and unity of Kirkcolm’s people to navigate through what has been one of the Trust’s busiest and most transformative periods to date.

From expanding our services and increasing operational hours at the Community Hub, to hosting a wider range of activities, events, and youth programmes, our aim throughout the has been clear: to strengthen our village through meaningful connection, opportunity, and support. With the introduction of our new role as administrators of the Glenapp Windfarm Community Benefit Fund, we’ve taken a huge step forward in being able to directly support local projects and ideas — empowering individuals, families, groups, and businesses to thrive.

Behind every project, every event, and every decision this year has been a single driving force: *community*. Whether it’s the volunteers who give up their time, the local organisations we collaborate with, or the people who simply show up to take part — none of what we do would be possible without the support and participation of our residents.

“2024/2025 has been the busiest year to date for Kirkcolm Community Trust. It’s not been without its challenges — but it has definitely been one to remember.”

—  M. Glue, Community Development Manager.

What We Have Experienced This Year

The period 2024-2025 has turned out to be a pivotal 12 months for Kirkcolm Community Trust — a year marked by **growth, achievement, recognition**, and an ever-stronger sense of **community control**.

“The last 12 months have been so busy — but it has been the kind of busy that matters. We’ve been laying down solid foundations and pushing forward with plans that are now starting to take real shape. It’s been a year of action, growth, and meaningful progress — and above all, a year that shows how strong Kirkcolm’s community spirit truly is. I’m incredibly proud of what we’ve achieved together.” — [REDACTED] Chairperson

 **Growth-** This year, we experienced the **largest period of growth** in the Trust’s history. Our only staff member was promoted to **Community Development Manager**, reflecting the expanded scope of her responsibilities and leadership. We also welcomed a **Community Support Worker**, to assist with day-to-day operations. This investment in people has enabled us to offer more to the community than ever before — from events and grant support, to increasing opening hours and youth programmes.

 **Control-** One of our proudest achievements was completing the Agreement with Scottish Power Renewables to allow us to **take on the administration of the Glenapp Windfarm Community Benefit Fund**. Gaining this responsibility, alongside securing a **back payment for the village**, was a huge step forward in community empowerment. This is local money for local benefit, and a milestone in building a more self-sustaining and ambitious community.

 **Achievement-** After completing a Community Asset Transfer process with Dumfries & Galloway Council in 2023, we acquired the **community car park** from the Council. The Trust has since taken bold steps to revitalise the space. For some time, we weren’t sure what direction to take — but in 2025, we made a start. Our team identified **six essential phases** needed to transform the site into a fully usable community asset. We’re pleased to report that **Phases 1, 2, and 3 have already been completed**, with a goal to finalise the project by **Autumn 2026**. This is a testament to our determination and ability to turn vision into action.

 **Recognition-** It’s also been the year in which **Kirkcolm Community Trust was truly recognised as the beating heart of the village**. Whether through **community events, the shop, Foody Friday, Welcome Wednesday**, or **youth club activities**, we have become a go-to hub for support, connection, and opportunity. Our community hub is regularly used by local groups, and more exciting plans are in development. It’s an honour to be seen as the main provider of help and support in Kirkcolm — and we don’t take that trust lightly

Delivering on Our Community Plan

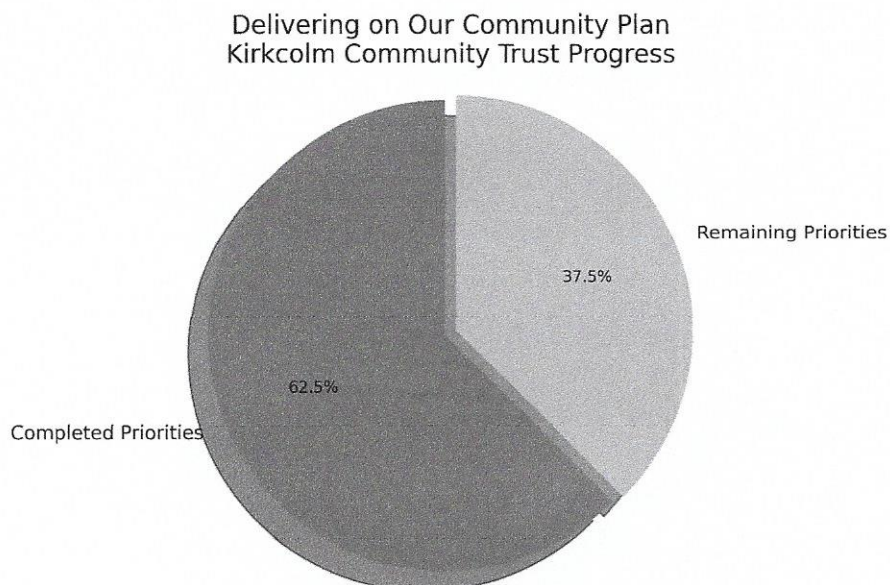
In line with the **Kirkcolm and Parish Community Plan, 2022-2027**, Kirkcolm Community Trust was tasked with delivering **sixteen community-identified priorities** — all shaped by local voices and reflective of the needs, hopes, and ambitions of the people of Kirkcolm.

We are proud to report that, to date, **Kirkcolm Community Trust has successfully completed ten of these sixteen priorities**. This alone represents a **significant achievement**, and it's a testament to the hard work of our staff, trustees, volunteers, and wider community members.

The **remaining six priorities**, while not yet fully delivered, have not been forgotten. Some are **longer-term goals**, while others face **external barriers** that currently prevent progress — however, we are committed to **addressing these head-on in 2026** as part of our strategic planning.

This progress marks a major milestone in our journey and reinforces our commitment to being a **community-led, action-driven organisation** that listens, adapts, and delivers.

- **10 priorities completed (62.5%)**
- **6 priorities in progress/remaining (37.5%)**



*Our 10 Completed Priorities (as identified in the Kirkcolm & Parish
Community Plan)*

1. Engaging with Young People

We've successfully created regular opportunities for the young people of Kirkcolm to engage in meaningful, fun, and safe activities. From our weekly Youth Club to trips, workshops, and free theatre experiences — young voices are now being heard, and supported, like never before.

2. Activities for Older Members of the Community

Our older residents now benefit from inclusive social opportunities through initiatives like **Welcome Wednesday**, **Foody Friday**, and various seasonal events. These gatherings offer vital connection, reduce isolation, and bring people together in a supportive environment.

3. Access to Essential Community Services

The Hub is now a central, accessible location for information, support, and signposting. Residents can drop in, ask questions, and access services that were previously difficult to reach without travelling out of the village.

4. Fit-for-Purpose Meeting Space

The renovation and reimagining of the Community Hub has created a warm, accessible space that is now used by local groups, organisations, and individuals for meetings, workshops, and events. It's a space the community can truly call its own.

5. Access to Staple Grocery Items

Thanks to our community-run shop, residents now have access to everyday essentials within Kirkcolm. This has been especially valuable for those with limited transport and for creating a more sustainable village.

6. Operational Community Café

The Café has become a lively, welcoming space for residents and visitors alike. Beyond food and drink, it offers a real sense of belonging and provides training and volunteering opportunities for locals.

7. Walking Trails Development

We've begun the development of local walking trails to promote health, wellbeing, and the natural beauty of our area. This also supports local tourism and outdoor recreation for residents.

8. Accessible Public Toilets

Public toilets are now open and available via the Community Hub — a much-needed

amenity for both locals and visitors, encouraging greater use of our village spaces and events.

9. Car Park Upgrade in Progress

While this remains an ongoing project, significant progress has been made — with Phases 1, 2, and 3 completed. Ownership has been transferred from the Council, and development is actively underway, bringing us closer to a fully upgraded community parking facility.

10. Supporting Local Groups to Grow

We have actively worked to build the confidence and capacity of community groups in Kirkcolm through funding support, training, and shared space. This has empowered residents to lead their own initiatives and make meaningful contributions to village life.

*2026 is the year of **strategic growth***

As we reflect on the progress made so far, it's clear that 2026 promises to be an exciting new chapter for Kirkcolm Community Trust. While much of our earlier work has focused on visible, community-facing projects, the year ahead will see us taking bold, strategic steps that will shape the future of our community. These initiatives may not always feel as immediate or "fun," but they are vital for building long-term sustainability, resilience, and opportunities for everyone in Kirkcolm.

Key Areas of Focus for 2026

New Land Development

We are thrilled to be releasing new land for the Trust to develop and improve. These projects will be designed to meet the long-term needs of our community, creating spaces that everyone can enjoy and benefit from for years to come.

Exploring Renewable Energy

Sustainability is at the heart of our vision. In 2026, we will explore exciting opportunities for renewable energy projects, helping Kirkcolm reduce reliance on external systems while embracing a greener future.

Tourism Growth

Kirkcolm has so much to offer! We aim to develop the area as a welcoming tourism destination, celebrating our natural beauty, rich history, and the warmth of our community. Visitors—and residents alike—will have more reasons than ever to fall in love with Kirkcolm.

Business Support and Development

Strong local businesses make a strong community. We will continue to encourage local enterprise and provide tailored support to help new and existing businesses thrive. Our goal is to see Kirkcolm buzzing with entrepreneurial energy.

Employment Opportunities

As our projects grow, so will opportunities for local employment. We are committed to creating new jobs that directly benefit our residents, ensuring that the benefits of our work are felt throughout the community.

Community Resilience

A new Resilience Group will be formed in 2026, dedicated to strengthening Kirkcolm's ability to face challenges together. This group will foster a connected, prepared, and supportive community—ready to adapt, thrive, and celebrate successes together.

2026 is shaping up to be a year of growth, opportunity, and community spirit. With these initiatives, Kirkcoln is not just building projects—it's building a brighter, more resilient future for everyone who calls this place home.

What We Learned in 2025

Every day is a learning day—and 2025 has certainly reminded us of that! It's been a busy year, filled with dedication, energy, and hard work from our Trustees, Employees, and our small team of volunteers.

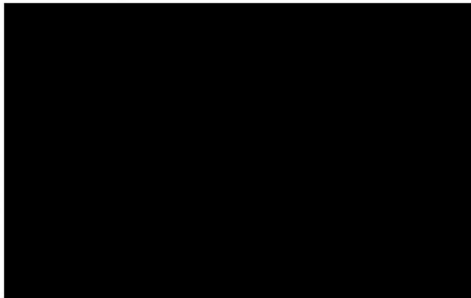
One key lesson has become very clear: **to keep growing and delivering the big, fun, and exciting events Kirkcolm loves, we need more volunteers.** The success of our events shows just how much potential we have—but also that our Community Development Manager (CDM) can't do it all alone. With extra hands, she could focus on creating even more amazing experiences for everyone to enjoy.

Volunteering with Kirkcolm Community Trust is flexible and can fit around your lifestyle and commitments. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, every bit of support makes a real difference. And to show our appreciation, **all volunteers will have access to a range of FREE training courses**, including PVG, Food Hygiene, First Aid, and more. It's a chance to gain skills, build confidence, and grow personally while giving back to the community.

With your help, we can ensure 2026 is even bigger, brighter, and more memorable. Let's make it a year full of laughter, connection, and community spirit—together!

This Report was presented at the AGM on 9th October 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by [REDACTED] (Chair)

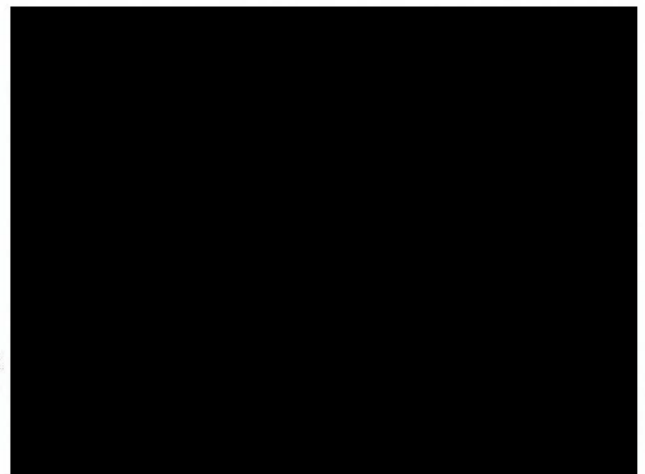
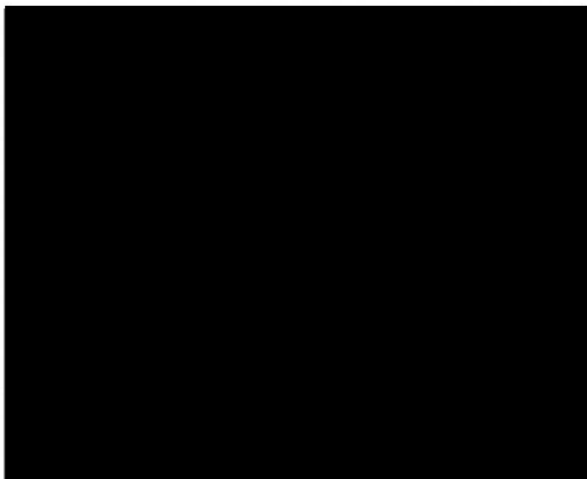
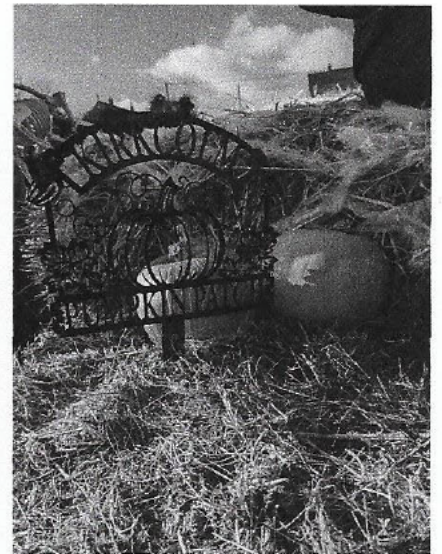
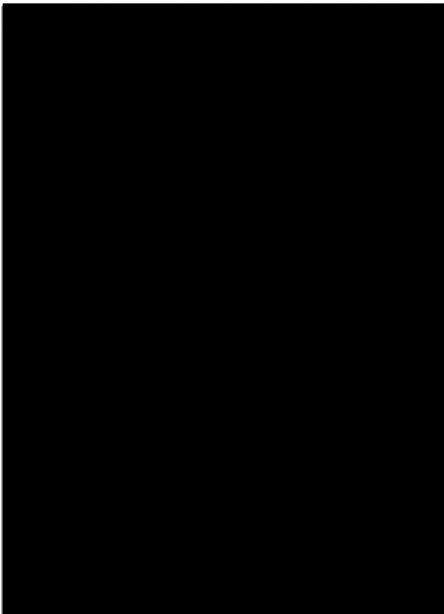


Pride of 2025

What a year 2025 has been! The Trustees, Employees, and Volunteers of Kirkcolm Community Trust are bursting with pride as we look back on everything we've achieved together. It's been a year full of hard work, dedication, enthusiasm—and yes, a fair bit of stress—but every effort has been worth it. When we pause and reflect, we can't help but say: wow, what a year!

A huge, heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to every single member of the Kirkcolm community. Your time, support, and commitment have helped our projects grow and our community thrive. Truly, none of this would have been possible without you.

From everyone at Kirkcolm Community Trust: thank you for making 2025 a year to remember. Let's carry this momentum forward, celebrating our successes and looking forward to an even brighter 2026!



KIRKCOLM COMMUNITY TRUST SCIO47165**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2025**

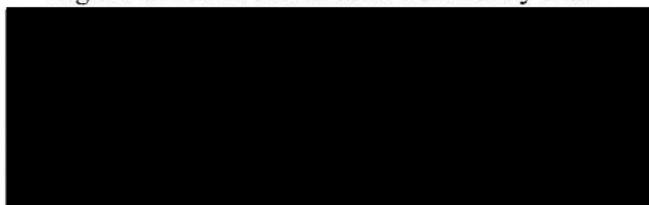
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
GRANTS	45,022.60	50,810
CAFÉ INCOME	0.00	1,928
ROOM HIRE	6,322.20	5,316
RES. DONATIONS	822.26	1,495
W. WEDS	3,053.51	1,128
DONATIONS (non GA)	444.16	1,662
GIFT AID (Small Donations Scheme)	467.99	272
PROMOTIONAL EVENTS	2,931.65	3,729
AGAINST EXPENSES	260.23	
BANK INTEREST	686.33	541
	60,010.93	66,881
CDO EXPENSES	21,104.46	20,955
ELD EXPENSES	19,282.77	16,260
CLEANING/MAINTENANCE	1,232.50	1,023
EQUIPMENT	1,328.33	557
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES	1,426.45	1,744
LICENCES/PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,210.04	559
AGAINST GRANTS	11,430.65	13,247
UTILITIES	1,070.01	798
INSURANCE	1,660.77	1,634
DONATIONS OUT	1,092.17	1,986
ADMIN/OTHER	(305.01)	
	60,533.14	58,763
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(522.21)	8,118

KIRKCOLM COMMUNITY TRUST SCIO47165**STATEMENT OF BALANCES****FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2025**

Opening balances on 6th April 2024		Closing balances on 5th April 2025	
CAFCASH BANK	5,707.98	CAFCASH BANK	3,033.47
CAF GOLD BANK	31,192.82	CAF GOLD BANK	33,197.68
PETTY CASH GEN	51.80	PETTY CASH GEN	52.80
PETTY CASH ELD	53.56	PETTY CASH ELD	200.00
CASH IN HAND	0.00	CASH IN HAND	0.00
	<u>37,006.16</u>		<u>36,483.95</u>
Of which Restricted Funds	23,394.99	Of which Restricted Funds	16,329.80
Of which Unrestricted Funds	13,611.17	Of which Unrestricted Funds	20,154.15
	<u>37,006.16</u>		<u>36,483.95</u>
Total Movement of Funds for the Year	<u>(522.21)</u>		

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees at the AGM held on 9th October 2025.

Signed on behalf of Kirkcolm Community Trust



KIRKCOLM COMMUNITY TRUST



SC047165

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for the Year 6th April 2024 to 5th April 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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirements 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 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 in the accounts and seeks explanation 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 examiners' statement

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

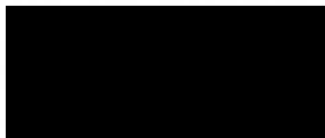
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

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

have 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

SIGNED:



DATE: 22nd December 2025

PRINT NAME: [REDACTED]

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