

# WHITING BAY & DISTRICTS Improvements Association

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Charity No. SC047609



## OSCR Annual Report 2024-2025

### Introduction

The Trustees of Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association SCIO are pleased to present this Annual Report, highlighting our ongoing commitment to enhancing the natural and built environment of Whiting Bay. Through the tireless efforts of our volunteers, supporters, and community partners, we continue to foster civic pride, promote environmental stewardship, and create spaces that bring joy and connection to residents and visitors alike. 2024-2025 has been another very successful year.

### 1. Planted Tubs and Spring Bulbs

We currently maintain over 50 planted tubs and boats throughout the village. These vibrant displays, lovingly cared for by our dedicated volunteers, bring seasonal colour and charm to our community. We supply spring bulbs which ensure Whiting Bay remains a picturesque and welcoming destination year-round and replaced several tubs this year.

### 2. Bus Shelter Artwork

Our bus shelter artwork remains a cherished feature of the village. Regular maintenance ensures this public art continues to inspire admiration and contributes to the aesthetic appeal of our shared spaces.

### 3. Putting Green Management

The Putting Green is a permanent favourite among locals and tourists and thanks to our grass cutter is beautifully maintained while having natural verges for wildlife and flora. Its popularity underscores the importance of recreational spaces that encourage community engagement and outdoor enjoyment.

### 4. Beach Cleanup and Path Maintenance

Our volunteer work parties diligently maintain the cleanliness of our beach and village paths. Regular litter picking and upkeep efforts preserve the natural beauty of Whiting Bay and ensure a pleasant environment for all. Volunteers also repair and paint benches and picnic tables.

### 5. "Walk Your Way Round Whiting Bay" Leaflets

Our free "Walk Your Way Round Whiting Bay" leaflet continues to be a valued resource and is widely distributed on Arran. This guide promotes exploration of our scenic walking routes and fosters a deeper appreciation of the local landscape

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## **6. Public Toilets**

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, public toilets at Sandbraes and in the village centre remain open 24/7 and are much appreciated. We carry out ongoing maintenance but have secured grant funding to refurbish the village toilets and this will be done next year along with the replacement of the doors at Sandbraes toilets.

## **7. The Jetty**

The jetty, which we recently restored, is a vibrant hub for water sports, family outings, and quiet reflection. The jetty continues to be a focal point of village life. Final enhancements, including the installation of fenders and rings have been done. We keep the path to the jetty as clear as possible and have several picnic benches for people to enjoy the views including one which is wheel chair accessible. We plan to have a Bucket and Spade library next year.

## **8. The Boat Slip**

The boat slip provides opportunity for small vessel access to the sea and a hard standing for boats and kayaks to be parked. We plan to improve the sea defences next year.

## **9. Annual Fun Weekend**

Our Annual Fun Weekend was once again a resounding success. Highlights included Family Fun in the Park, the crowning of the Bay Queen, the Putting Competition, Sand Sculpture Contest, Quiz and the Car Treasure Hunt and with the collaboration of other organisations there was also a Fun Run, Bowling competition and Beach Scramble. This event remains our primary fundraiser and a joyful celebration of community spirit.

## **10. Additional Activities**

Beyond the Fun Weekend, we continue to host a variety of events that bring the community together, including: the 50-50 Club, Annual Firework Display, Hogmanay Dance. These traditions are now integral to the social fabric of Whiting Bay.

## **11. Community Support**

Our well-attended public meetings reflect the strong support we receive from residents, businesses, and visitors. These gatherings foster transparency, collaboration, and shared ownership of our initiatives.

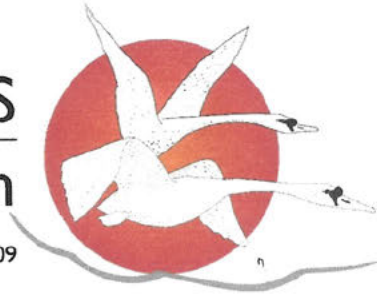
## **13. Projects for next year**

Throughout this year we have been working towards securing the funding and organising new projects including a new path with handrails to Sandbraes Park and saving our Village Green from Coastal erosion.

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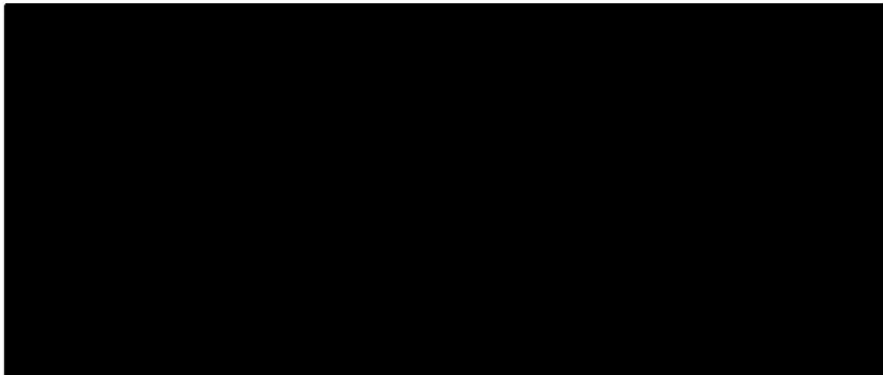


## 14. Pride in Citizenship and Environment

Above all, the unwavering commitment of our Trustees, members, and supporters to fostering good citizenship and preserving Whiting Bay's natural and built environment remains at the heart of our mission. We are proud stewards of Whiting Bay's legacy and future.

### Closing Remarks

As we reflect on the past year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to the vitality of Whiting Bay. Your support enables us to continue our work and ensures that our village remains a place of beauty, community, and pride.



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**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the the period ended 5 April 2025**

		Year Ended 5 April 2025 £	Year Ended 5 April 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations		4,026	4,481
Fundraising events		9,305	9,300
Grants		-	-
Bank interest		551	597
Receipts from Charitable activities	Note 3	5,746	6,037
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>19,627</b>	<b>20,415</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fundraising costs		(4,866)	(4,556)
Cost of charitable activities	Note 4	(3,389)	(41,893)
Bank charges		-	-
Governance costs		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>(8,254)</b>	<b>(46,449)</b>
<b>Payments relating to Asset movements</b>			
Subtotal - Fixed asset - equipment		-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>(8,254)</b>	<b>(46,449)</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>11,373</b>	<b>(26,033)</b>

**Statement of Balances - As at 5th April 2025**

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	42,300	68,334
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	11,373	(26,033)
<b>Closing cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>53,673</b>	<b>42,300</b>
<b>Bank cash and gift aid due</b>		
Royal Bank of Scotland plc	53,653	42,281
Cash in hand (floats)	19	19
Other assets	1	1
	<b>53,673</b>	<b>42,300</b>

## Notes to the accounts - for the Year ended 5th April 2024

## 1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

## 2. Fixed assets

Land assets nominal value

Additions

	2025	2024
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

## 3. Receipts from Charitable activities

Moorings

Boat Slip

Putting Green

	2025	2024
	70	145
	570	510
	<u>5,106</u>	<u>5,382</u>
	<u>5,746</u>	<u>6,037</u>

## 4. Cost of charitable activities

Putting

Flag Boats plants and general frontage expenses

Jetty

Safety repairs - building warrant

Website leaflets and printing

Insurance

Hall

Loos Jetty and weigh station

	2025	2024
	(1,350)	(804)
	(553)	(626)
	(221)	(36,702)
	(200)	
		(370)
	(395)	(395)
	<u>(669)</u>	<u>(2,996)</u>
	<u>(3,389)</u>	<u>(41,893)</u>

## 5. Breakdown of Receipts and Payments into the General Fund and the Loo Fund

Receipts

General Fund

Loo Fund

Total

Donations

Grants

Fundraising

Bank interest

Receipts from Charitable activities

Total receipts

	General Fund	Loo Fund	Total
	1,671	2,355	4,026
	-	-	-
	9,305	-	9,305
	551	-	551
	<u>5,746</u>		<u>5,746</u>
	<u>17,272</u>	<u>2,355</u>	<u>19,627</u>

Payments

Fundraising costs

Cost of charitable activities:

Bank charges

Governance costs

Total Payments

	General Fund	Loo Fund	Total
	(4,866)		(4,866)
	(2,719)	(669)	(3,389)
	<u>(7,585)</u>	<u>(669)</u>	<u>(8,255)</u>
	<u>9,687</u>	<u>1,686</u>	<u>11,372</u>

Surplus/(deficit) for the year

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

### **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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 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
  - 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.

