

Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC047874

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-10-31
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Braehead Main Street Gartmore Stirling FK8 3RW
Website	www.kilmaronockoldkirk.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', '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'

What the charity does: The Trust has been formed for the benefit of the residents of the parish of Kilmaronock. The organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development and includes: • The advancement of citizenship or community development, • The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science • 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.

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

Objectives: The organisation has been formed to benefit the Community Council Area of Kilmaronock as defined by West Dunbartonshire Council and the following post code units (G83 9LX, G63 9QJ, G63 0HA, G63 0HG, G63 0HF, G83 8SB, G83 8RZ, G83 8SD, G63 0EX, G63 0EU, G63 0EY, G63 0HB, G63 0BB, G63 0EZ, G63 0EP, G63 0ET, G63 0HD, G63 0DH, G63 0HE, G63 0ER) which form most of the Community Council Area of Croftamie as defined by Stirling Council ('the Community'), with the Purposes listed in the subclauses hereto ('the Purposes'), to be exercised following the principles of sustainable development {where sustainable development means development which meets the needs of the present without

compromising the ability of future generation to meet their own needs , namely: The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science 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.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Dunbartonshire
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£247,994	£346,270	-	0
2024-12-31	£245,109	£158,091	-	0
2023-12-31	£187,678	£195,847	-	0
2022-12-31	£175,863	£153,571	-	0
2021-12-31	£85,945	£78,456	-	0

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
01	01	2025	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by

Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust

Registered charity number

SC047874

Charity's principal address

Auchenballa

Gartocharn

West Dunbartonshire

Postcode G83 8RZ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chair		
2	Vice-Chair		
3	Trustee		
4	Treasurer		
5	Trustee		
6	Trustee		
7	Trustee		
8	Trustee	From 19/3/2025	

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Until 18th Feb 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Articles of Association, and is incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is a two-tier structure SCIO and as such the trustees are elected by the membership of the Trust at the AGM.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Up to nine trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM and a further 3 may be co-opted by the trustees at a subsequent trustee meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Trust has been formed for the benefit of the residents of the parish of Kilmaronock. The organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development and includes:

- The advancement of citizenship or community development,
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science
- 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Trust's initial activity was to investigate the feasibility of using the unused Kilmaronock Church building as a community owned multi-use venue. As this has demonstrated viability, the Trust has now purchased the building, car park, and adjacent glebe, has carried out external building fabric improvements, is in the process of carrying out internal renovations, and plans to run the facility as a multi-use community owned venue, with an emphasis on heritage. The Trust will promote sustainable development - meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Achievements and performance

Steady and significant progress has been made by KOKT during 2025. In summary this comprises:

External Building Works

- Regular maintenance checks have been carried out with gutter clearing, lightning protection verification etc. carried out as required.

Internal Renovations and Associated Works

- Progress regarding the proposed internal renovation works advanced significantly during the first 5 months of the year. On the funding front we were in the very fortunate position to have raised sufficient additional funds, pledged or received, to match the generous National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £245k. This came from several sources including the Fraser Foundation, Historic Environment Scotland, FCCC, Garfield Weston plus several others, but significantly also from the local community. In parallel with this the required building warrants and other statutory requirements were successfully obtained and negotiations with our preferred tenderer for the works reached a stage where the proposed cost for the works matched the available funding for this element of the overall project.

- As such the works commenced in June 2025 and were successfully completed in October 2025, allowing the building to be again 'open for business.' The works included the provision of a kitchen and toilets, a glazed screen to the gallery area which essentially constitutes a heritage hub, plus overall redecoration. Due to balancing cashflow the inclusion of a lift was omitted at this time, but the intention is to install this in the first half of 2026.

Heritage

- The tender process for the heritage interpretation, design and installation of heritage displays progressed satisfactorily in the early part of the year allowing the preferred consultant, Stuco Design, to be appointed in May. Following this an intensive programme of consultations, meetings, searches through a multitude of historical records and artefacts from the Kilmaronock area was held with the KOKT heritage group. This culminated in co-authored displays at the entrance gates, ground floor and gallery in the kirk, together with various artefacts and touch screen in the gallery. The installation process for this was largely completed by the end of November albeit that there are a few areas where further details will be added.
- The funding package agreed with The National Lottery Fund also included for the services of a 'heritage activities co-ordinator', to be taken on over 2 years on a part time basis, 60 hours per month. This position was advertised, and we received very good high-quality responses. 4 personnel were selected for interview with one clear candidate emerging, and who will start the position at the beginning of January 2026. Focus of activities will include - research into the crusader's stone, graveyard survey and tours, family history research, stairwell mural, heritage for heroes' well-being area in the north meadow, archaeological digs of the day.

North Plot/Well Being Meadow

- Funding from Forth Valley & Lomond CCLD has allowed us, after competitive tendering, to appoint a landscape architect to provide a design for the key elements of the intended well-being meadow to the north of the kirk. There is a significant drop in level from the kirk door to this area and one of the design challenges is to allow for appropriate disabled access. With a detailed topographical survey undertaken this work started in November and will progress into the early part of 2026.

Administration Aspects

- Governance issues have continued during the period with relevant items being updated as required e.g. annual memberships. Monthly meetings of Trustees have continued with these being held mainly in the old kirk, together with other numerous ad hoc meetings e.g. with architects, trustee sub-groups, contractors, tenderers, and potential suppliers.

Events

- Another successful plant sale/open day was held in the car park in the late spring, combined with escorted visits of the graveyard and inside the church. 2 funeral services and one memorial service have been held during the year, with average attendance about 140. Summer and autumn activities were limited due to the internal renovation works, but before these 3 afternoon ecumenical services were held. A service was held in recognition of the substantial completion of the renovation works in October 2025. More significantly a month later, a special service was also held to commemorate 700 years of recorded ministry at Kilmaronock, initiated by Robert the Bruce in 1325. About 130 people attended this service, with about the same number at a candle-lit carol service just before Christmas.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees aim to raise and ring fence £15K of funds to ensure that it can fund 6-12 months of normal operations (building insurance, janitorial services, building maintenance, electricity, water etc.).

This reserve will also be required to cashflow the timely payment of consultancy fees etc. especially when grant monies are still being received in the months following payment.

Longer term, the Trustees' policy is to retain sufficient funds to ensure the longer-term viability of the Kilmaronock Kirk building as an effective community asset.

Details of any deficit

None.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None.

Other optional information

Risk Management

All Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. We confirm that appropriate policies have been developed, appropriate reviews have been held and actions arising tracked.

Trustee's Remuneration and Expenses

Only 1 Trustee or related party (Mrs Christine Bilsland) has had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered by the charity during the year. This was for the purchase of oil (£316) from her family business. No Trustee has received any expenses during the year.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Date

Treasurer

07/01/2026

Chair

07/01/2026

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	24,936				24,936	9,341
Legacies					-	25,000
Grants	-	220,143			220,143	208,284
Receipts from fundraising activities	955				955	1,707
Gross trading receipts	749				749	433
Income from investments other than land and buildings	1,061				1,061	94
Rents from land & buildings	100				100	250
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	27,801	220,143	-	-	247,944	245,109
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,801	220,143	-	-	247,944	245,109
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,053	340,903			345,956	157,011
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs	314				314	1,080
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	5,367	340,903	-	-	346,270	158,091
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,367	340,903	-	-	346,270	158,091
Net receipts / (payments)	22,434	(120,759)	-	-	(98,325)	87,018
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	(32,500)	32,500			-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(10,066)	(88,259)	-	-	(98,325)	87,018

Categories

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Investments

Total

B3 Other assets

Total

B4 Liabilities

Total

B5 Contingent liabilities

Total

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date of approval

7th January 2026

7th January 2026

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Please refer to the movements in funds tab for details of the restricted funds.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
		0	
		Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

X

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

X

C4b Trustee expenses - details

Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Supplier of heating oil (Bilsland)	Supply of heating oil	316	0

C6 Other information

Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust's Banker is The Bank of Scotland. The Branch is termed *The Direct Business Bank* with Sort Code 80 22 60.

Additional analysis

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	20,461				20,461	7,026
Subscriptions	991				991	991
Gift Aid (From HMRC)	3,484				3,484	1,324
					-	-
Total	24,936	-	-	-	24,936	9,341

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Historic Environment Scotland		12,500	12,500	8,865
FCC Communities		40,000	40,000	-
The Fraser Foundation			-	75,000
Garfield Weston		20,000	20,000	-
Forth Valley Lomond CLLD		2,021	2,021	116,198
The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme			-	6,721
Forth Environment			-	1,500
West Dunbarton Council		3,000	3,000	-
The National Lottery Heritage Fund		122,622	122,622	-
Barr Charitable trust		20,000	20,000	-
Total	-	220,143	220,143	208,284

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Trading receipts and Glebe rent	849				849	683
Fund raising	955				955	1,707
Total	1,804	-	-	-	1,804	2,389

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Renovation fees and expenses		340,903			340,903	151,323
Legal fees	314				314	1,080
Hall expenses	2,639				2,639	3,446
Membership fees (HTN) etc.	125				125	100
Insurance	2,215				2,215	2,142
Milenium hall rent	75				75	-
Total	5,367	340,903	-	-	346,270	158,091

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Current account (unrestricted)	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts				
Donations	24,936		24,936	9,341
Legacies			-	25,000
Grants			-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	955		955	1,707
Gross trading receipts	749		749	433
	1,061			94
Income from investments other than land and buildings			1,061	
Rents from land & buildings	100		100	250
Gross receipts from other charitable activities			-	-
Sub total	27,801	-	27,801	36,824
Receipts from asset & investment sales				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets			-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,801	-	27,801	36,824
Payments				
Expenses for fundraising activities			-	-
Gross trading payments			-	-
Investment management costs			-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,053		5,053	5,688
Grants and donations			-	-
Governance costs:			-	-
Audit / independent examination			-	-
Preparation of annual accounts			-	-
Legal costs	314		314	-
			-	-
Sub total	5,367	-	5,367	5,688
Payments relating to asset and investment movements				
Purchases of fixed assets			-	-
Purchase of investments			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	0
Total payments	5,367	-	5,367	5,688
Net receipts / (payments)	22,434	-	22,434	31,136
Transfers to / (from) funds	(32,500)		(32,500)	(15,000)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(10,066)	-	(10,066)	16,136

Nature and purpose of funds

The Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust operates only 1 unrestricted fund. This was created to facilitate the day to day operations of the Trust. It is primarily used to manage donations, subscriptions and day-to-day payments.

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted - Property & Renovation	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts				
Donations			-	-
Legacies			-	-
Grants	220,143		220,143	208,284
Receipts from fundraising activities			-	-
Gross trading receipts			-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings			-	-
Rents from land & buildings			-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities			-	-
Sub total	220,143	-	220,143	208,284
Receipts from asset & investment sales				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets			-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	220,143	-	220,143	208,284
Payments				
Expenses for fundraising activities			-	-
Gross trading payments			-	-
Investment management costs			-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	340,903		340,903	152,403
Grants and donations			-	-
Governance costs:				
Audit / independent examination			-	-
Preparation of annual accounts			-	-
Legal costs			-	-
Sub total	340,903	-	340,903	152,403
Payments relating to asset and investment movements				
Purchases of fixed assets			-	-
Purchase of investments			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	0
Total payments	340,903	-	340,903	152,403
Net receipts / (payments)	(120,759)	-	(120,759)	55,882
Transfers to / (from) funds	32,500		32,500	15,000
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(88,259)	-	(88,259)	70,882

Nature and purpose of funds

The Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust operates a restricted fund to manage grants etc. for building renovation etc.

Movement in Funds

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The Trustees aim to raise and ring fence £15K of "Reserves" to ensure that it can fund 12-months of normal operations (community events, insurance, creating and maintaining website, legal fees etc.) and to meet the basic costs associated with owning and operating a community building (building insurance, janitorial services, building maintenance, electricity, water etc.). The "Reserves" will also be used to cashflow the timely payment of consultancy fees etc. especially when grant monies are received in the month following payment. These "Reserves" are currently held in the Trust's Deposit Account.

The Trust's Current Account was created to facilitate day to day operations. It is primarily used to manage donations, subscriptions and day-to-day payments. The Trust's Deposit Account was created to facilitate longer term projects. It is primarily used to manage grants, legacies and reserves.

	At 31.12.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted Funds	28,336	22,434	(32,500)	18,270
Restricted Funds	88,611	(120,759)	32,500	351
TOTAL FUNDS	116,947	(98,325)	0	18,622

Net Movements in Funds, included in the above:

	Receipts £	Payments £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted Funds	27,801	5,367	22,434
Restricted Funds	220,143	340,903	(120,759)
TOTAL FUNDS	247,944	346,270	(98,325)
			0

Independent examiner's report on the accountsReport to the
trustees/members of

Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust

Registered charity
number

SC047874

On the accounts of the
charity for the period**Period start date****Period end date**

Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	January	2025	to	31	December	2025

Set out on pages

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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. 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 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.

Signed:

Date:

10/01/2026

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BSc CA

Address: