

Report and Financial Statements for
the period ended 30 September 2025



Aden Allotments

Aden Community Allotment Association
SCIO Report and Financial Statements for
the period from 1 October 2024 to 30
September 2025

Registered Charity No. SC048430

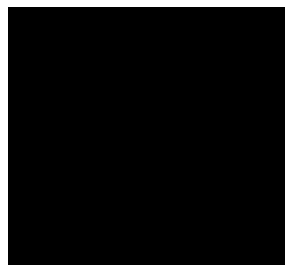


Charity Information

Charity Name

Aden Community Allotment
Association SCIO

Trustees



Charity number

SC048430

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Structure, Governance and Management Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 4 June 2018. It has a two-tier structure consisting of the Members and the Board of Trustees.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organization 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

Activities

Aden Community Allotments Association is an allotment site with 96 allotments situated in Mintlaw in the Northeast of Scotland. Money is raised for the benefit of the allotments, the members and for the wider local community.



Cold and crisp January

Winter flooding still occurred at the far end of the site. This was mainly due to external drains and ditches being inundated by heavy rains and melting snow. Unfortunately, there is not a lot that we are able to do until the floods soak away naturally.

Growing

Although we had a cold snap at the beginning of the year, by mid-March the weather steadily improved allowing some to plant early potatoes. Very clement weather during April was a precursor for the excellent growing season to come. The problem this year was the lack of rain during the summer months. This did not appear to much hinder the growing plants. The result was an excellent harvest of vegetables and especially of fruits. Many members reporting record crops of soft fruits.

Security

We had a break-in of a different sort this year. Rabbits. Our furry friends managed to get into the plots through some damaged rabbit fencing at the south side of the site. A strip of replacement rabbit fencing was installed, in conjunction with ongoing work in Aden Park, to curtail their visits.

The combination lock on the main gate had been causing problems. Some members had been unable to operate the combination in certain weather conditions. We purchased an electronic lock, which proved to be very successful. Unfortunately, it broke and had to be replaced. This replacement electronic lock has since broken down. We are in consultation with the manufacturers regarding the robustness of the item.

Mini Plots

The mini plots, introduced last year, have proved to be very popular. So much so, that we have increased their number. The desired aim of the mini plots, to address the issue of untidy plots, has not been totally successful. However, there has been a reduction in the number of untidy plots. Again, locker style sheds have been provided for the mini plot-holders.

We have an excellent working relationship with the Landscape Services Team at Aden Park. They assisted us to repair the roadway within the confines of the allotments, and separately, carried out some works to allow us to repair the rabbit fencing that was mentioned earlier.

Functions

In spring we had a successful Meet 'N Greet, where we enjoyed a soup and sweet lunch getting to meet our new plot holders. We had to put up the event shelter to protect from the blazing sunshine. Members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the event.



In April, [REDACTED] represented the Allotments during the visit of HRH The Princess Royal to Aden Park.

A highly successful Open Day was held in July. There were many visitors from the local community, as well as our members enjoying the facilities and events. With excellent weather and a big crowd, it has been the highlight of the year.

To signal the end of the main growing season, we held our annual Jumper BBQ. This well attended event was to celebrate our achievements and to hand out trophies to the members with the best plots.

Sharing our Learnings

It's always a pleasure to show groups and visitors around the site. This year, we have had several visits from external organisations. The allotments have a representative on the Aden Working Group where we contribute and work with other park partners to make Aden a better place for local people and communities. We attend training and networking events held by BDP, AVA and the Co-op ensuring we are linked with partner organisations.

We had a visit from Ellon Allotments to look at our set-up to help them in starting their new allotments.

In February, the allotments hosted visitors as part of the Aden Awareness Days.

A course was held, in the cabin, by a local florist, for the creation of Christmas table centrepieces. A small charge was made, and the money raised was donated to charity.

Several craft courses for fused glass art were held by a local artist. In all, 11 one-day courses were held during the early and late spring.

The local Masonic Lodge held a very successful BBQ on 22nd June, utilising the cabin and associated facilities.

The Friends of Aden held their AGM on 22nd July in the cabin and again, used the full range of facilities.

Achievements and Performance

Donations Given



The current financial situation has had a considerable impact on some members of the local community, and the allotments committee has been aware of the challenges faced by low-income families and vulnerable adults across Central Buchan. To that end, we have joined with the Central Buchan Christmas Charity to purchase presents for those children who could go without a Christmas present. Our members purchased approximately 20 presents for various aged children in the local community.



Donations and Grants Received

Local company, MacDuff Shellfish, generously donated the cost of replacement pads for our two defibrillators.

Product donations

The local garden centre has donated a selection of vegetable seeds, to be distributed to plot-holders.

Finances

Our starting balance from the previous year was £2030.03.

We added to that through the year with credits from the following:

1. The Open Day
2. Various smaller donations
3. £100 from the local Masonic Lodge.

We also spent money on:

1. New plots were completed including water butts and roofing. £379.10
2. Site maintenance of £429.29 which included Roller hire and rabbit fencing.

Our annual yearly items

1. Insurance £504.43
2. Electricity £686.89
3. Aberdeenshire Lease £282.00

The Security of the premises was completed with the pole installation and a second padlock

Total credits for the year came to £6936.58

Total Debits for the year came to £5067.85

Closing balance £3898.75

Community plots and community shop

We have two community plots one focuses on pre-school children. The second is worked by people who have mental health issues and focuses on building confidence, self-esteem and improving skills. They have benefitted greatly and are now ready to move on to their own plots and projects. A new group will be sought to take over this plot.



We didn't operate the on-site shop this year. The main reasons were that not enough members used the facility, and that local garden centres were offering a bigger selection of goods. Garden centres were also selling the goods at the same price as us, so we didn't have a price advantage.

A recycle yard where useful items like slabs, wood and fencing is also available on site.

Tools Project

We believe having shared resources is the most sustainable way to support plot holders who may struggle to afford tools and to reduce our environmental footprint. A rotovator as well as power tools, barrows and garden equipment are available to borrow. However, training must be completed before using any of the power tools.

The Future

As mentioned in last year's report, we continually lack the support of the majority of the members in maintaining the site. The same few volunteers assist the committee members to carry out routine maintenance.

We envisage a smooth hand over to a new committee and will do our best to make the transition as straight forward as possible.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

[Redacted Signature]

Committee Member
20th October 2025

Aden Community Allotment Association

Balance Sheet for Period 01/10/2024 to 30/09/2025

	Income	Expenditure	Notes
Opening Balance	£2030.02		
Aberdeenshire Lease	£0.00	-£282.00	1
Cabin Food	£0.00	-£474.33	2
Defib Servicing	£0.00	-£121.18	3
Donation / Goodwill	£0.00	-£39.70	4
Donations to ACAA	£269.18	£0.00	5
Donations/Gifts by ACAA	£0.00	-£150.60	6
Electricity	£0.00	-£686.69	7
Equipment Service/Repairs	£0.00	-£146.80	8
Insurance	£0.00	-£504.43	9
Maintenance Plots	£0.00	-£113.69	10
Maintenance Site	£0.00	-£420.29	11
New Plots created	£0.00	-£379.10	12
Office Supplies	£0.00	-£17.20	13
Open Day	£1,981.90	-£787.36	14
Phone	£0.00	-£46.52	15
Plot Sundries	£0.00	-£50.49	16
Rent 2024/2025	£4,642.50	£0.00	17
Rent reimbursement	£0.00	-£25.00	18
Security	£0.00	-£380.79	19
Shop	£43.00	-£178.98	20
Web subscriptions	£0.00	-£262.70	
Closing Balance		3898.75	
Totals	8966.60	8966.60	
Grand Total	£6,936.58	-£5,067.85	

These accounts are in order to the best of my knowledge

Signature

Name

Date

Notes

1. Biscuits and Milk and Jumper BBQ food
2. Defib servicing paid by Macduff Shellfish donation
3. Gift to Robbie Cadger for work carried out
4. Donations gifted from plot holders
5. Gifts presented by AACA Including Giving tree donation
6. Electricity
7. Mower servicing and parts
8. Public liability and buildings insurance
9. Shed painting and numbers.
10. Including rabbit fencing and roller hire.
11. Shed roofs, screws and water butts
12. Registered letters
13. Open Day costs and Monies received
14. Allotments Mobile phone
15. Petrol and consumables
16. Rent from plot holders
17. Rent reimbursed
18. CCTV and camera pole purchase and installation
19. Sand purchased and sales made

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
	Charity name Aden Community Allotment Association						
	Registered charity number SC048430C						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1	10	2024	to	30	9	2025	
	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)						

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 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 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	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	
Name:	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	10	2024		30	09	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	148	121	-	-	269	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,982	-	-	-	1,982	-
Gross trading receipts	43	-	-	-	43	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	4,643	-	-	-	4,643	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total	6,815	121	-	-	6,936	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,815	121	-	-	6,936	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	772	-	-	-	772	-
Gross trading payments	3,302	-	-	-	3,302	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	151	121	-	-	272	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	25	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	697	-	-	-	697	-
A3 Sub total	4,947	121	-	-	#REF!	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,947	121	-	-	#REF!	-
Net receipts / (payments)	1,868	-	-	-	#REF!	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,868	-	-	-	#REF!	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	2,030				2,030	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	2,030	-	-	-	2,030	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of approval

		approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
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)

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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)

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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 (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

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 £
Various Donations	148				148	4,569
Defib donation		121			121	
					-	
					-	
Total	148	121	-	-	269	4,569
	-	-	-	-	-	reference

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	2,517
					-	2,004
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	4,521
	-	-			-	reference

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 £
Open Day	1,982				1,982	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	1,982	-	-	-	1,982	-
	reference error	-	-	-	reference error	-

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 £
Open Day expenses	772				772	
Defib Pads		121			121	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	772	121	-	-	893	-
	reference error	reference error	-	-	reference error	-

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted Fund 1 - other named fund below	Unrestricted Fund 2 - other named fund below	Unrestricted Fund 3 - other named fund below	Unrestricted Fund 4 - other named fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	148				148	4,569
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	2,004
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,982				1,982	508
Gross trading receipts	43				43	1,307
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings	4,643				4,643	3,840
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	6,816	-	-	-	6,816	12,228
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,816	-	-	-	6,816	12,228
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	772				772	824
Gross trading payments	3,302				3,302	12,781
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations	151				151	3,771
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	100
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Utilities	697				697	
Rent from plots refund	25				25	
Sub total	4,947	-	-	-	4,947	17,476
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,947	-	-	-	4,947	17,476
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	1,869	-	-	-	1,869	(5,248)
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,869	-	-	-	1,869	(5,248)
					cross ref error	

Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Macduff Shellfish						
Receipts						
Donations	121				121	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	2,517
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	121	-	-	-	121	2,517
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121	-	-	-	121	2,517
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	768
Governance costs:					-	851
Audit / independent examination					-	260
Preparation of annual accounts					-	638
Legal costs					-	
Defib Pads	121				121	
Sub total	121	-	-	-	121	2,517
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	121	-	-	-	121	2,517
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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