

Springfield and Gretna Green Community Asset Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC048554

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2018-07-18
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Stormont Hall Headless Cross Gretna Green Dumfriesshire DG16 5EA
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Activities

Activities: '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'

What the charity does: The Charity was set up to manage the assets of the Stormont Hall, playing field (both owned by the Trust) and the changing rooms (owned by the council and let to the SGGCAT on a peppercorn long lease). We have a number of active and willing Trustees and Members who look after these assets. These assets are used by the local residents. Our aim generally is to improve lives through social activities, sporting activities and community based events. The hall is also available for private hire to those in the community and outwith it and also to commercial organisations who might need it for community engagement purposes. The hall, playing field and changing rooms are all vital parts of our communities, and extremely well used, either on a formal or informal basis.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: The provision of recreation facilities NAMELY Stormont Village Hall and Gretna Green Playing Field, 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:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-18	£32,319	£14,846	-	0
2024-07-18	£17,349	£18,904	-	0
2023-07-18	£22,392	£13,007	-	0
2022-07-18	£37,254	£59,142	-	0
2021-07-18	£24,416	£21,343	-	0

Accounts

Springfield & Gretna Green Community Assets Trust

Trustees Annual Report 2024/25

Scottish Charity SCO48554 Registered 18th July 2018 Our Objectives and Activities

The charitable purposes are in the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

The organisation purposes are: the provision of recreation activities - namely Stormont Village Hall, Gretna Green Playing Field and Gretna Green Changing Rooms, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

Our Constitution states we require a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 trustees.

As per the constitution - all Trustees resigned as board members at the AGM on Wednesday 11th September 2024. The list of trustee and members are as follows:-

The following members put themselves forward as trustees -

In addition, we have the following membership -

Meetings have taken place throughout the year and are always very well attended by Trustees and Members. The Trust is grateful for the continued input of these volunteers and their hard work. It is much appreciated by the community.

Meetings were held on the following dates - 11th September 2024 (AGM), 11th December 2024, 12th March 2025, 11th June 2025.

The meeting on 11th December was a Special Member Meeting, and allowed us to adopt a new constitution. The reason for this was that we were asked by legal services in Dumfries and Galloway Council to get our members numbers up to 20, which they said would then allow us to then apply to take over the ownership of a small strip of land at the side of Springfield primary school through the community right to buy scheme. Accordingly, new members were welcomed into the Trust.

Communication - We use several Facebook pages - one specific to the Stormont Hall, and also one called Springfield and Gretna Green Community Group. These are also used by the Community Council - they are both well followed and allows us to have direct contact with

Facebook users across the local community. We also use notice boards through the village in multiple places.

Stormont Hall

The Stormont Hall continues to be well used and the focal point of the village. We have worked hard as a Community Asset Trust group to look after it, manage the bookings and maintain the built environment in which it sits.

Bookings have continued at a steady pace, with many regular users. Our list of users is as follows

Weekly

- Sunday - karate
- Monday - Slimming World, line dancing
- Tuesday - dog club
- Wednesday - taekwondo children's class
- Thursday evenings - Easiobics
- Friday - Men's Shed, karate
- Saturday - dog training

Monthly

- Bingo
- Solway Area town team borderlands project

Bi monthly

- Community Council meetings

Quarterly

- SCIO SGGCAT meetings

Other uses this year have included

- Parties & funerals - 9
- War hammer private group gaming - 4
- Band practice - 3
- Marie Curie fund raiser
- Music training harp group
- Christmas party for the seniors
- Carol service - Annan town band
- VE day celebration





We continue to maintain the hall, the new windows and fascia boards are now complete and look very smart. Our next major project is to seek funding to re-plaster, re-insulate and decorate the hall - which will be a significant project in terms of cost (approx £35K) and time as we will need to close the hall when it's being done. It's becoming time critical though, as the hall is having serious issues with plaster starting to come off the walls.

We continue to be very grateful for the ongoing support and grants offered by the Community Council, the Beck Burn Wind Farm Fund, and Ewe 16 Wind Farm Fund.

Playing Field & Changing Rooms

The playing fields have been well used over the last year, with the outdoor gym, children's play equipment and track all regularly used and the SGGCAT continue to maintain it. As in previous years we have cut the grass, hedges and removed a few overhanging branches where necessary.

On 10th May 2025, another very successful colour run took place - run by Springfield Primary School PTA, which raised money for the school and we were delighted to give permission to allow it take place on the Playing Field.

Our application to gain ownership of the strip of land at the side of Springfield Primary School continues to be a bit of a saga.



As per last year's report, we applied to the Community Asset Transfer for a small area of the playing field, which is a strip between the school and the playing field, currently owned by the council. This process started back in November 2023, and the main reasons for doing this were to tie things up legally, and also that the SCIO could work with the

school and obtain funding for future projects for the area that would benefit both the school and the community. Legal services for Dumfries & Galloway council asked us to change our membership numbers and amend our constitution. We did this, but are still experiencing



problems with getting it sorted out. We are currently seeking advice from [REDACTED] who is a Community Ownership Advisor for Dumfries and Galloway, and we will await any recommendations he has, so that we push this forward.

The changing rooms continue to be used when required. Going forward, we recognise that they need some TLC and hot showers are essential if we wish to attract a permanent football team, as Eaglesfield Thistle FC will stop using the field this summer.



Thanks

We continue to thrive due to the hard work and dedication by the Trustees and Members and we thank and acknowledge their hard work. We are further assisted by the Men's Shed and the Community Council, and we thank them equally for all that they do to support us. Grants from the Wind Farms further fund us, but with only about 5 to 6 years remaining of grant applications, we are conscious that this lifeline will reach an end point.

[REDACTED]
Secretary

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from				to		
	19	July	2024		18	July 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	117				117	296
Legacies					-	
Grants		22,449			22,449	8,460
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings	9,574				9,574	8,593
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	9,690	22,449	-	-	32,139	17,349
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,690	22,449	-	-	32,139	17,349
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,293				5,293	7,906
Grants and donations		9,553			9,553	10,997
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	5,293	9,553	-	-	14,846	18,903
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,293	9,553	-	-	14,846	18,903
Net receipts / (payments)	4,398	12,896	-	-	17,294	(1,554)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,398	12,896	-	-	17,294	(1,554)

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	23,822	(2,537)			21,285	22,839
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	4,398	12,896			17,294	(1,554)
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						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	28,219	10,359	-	-	38,578	21,285

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

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

Categories	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	-	-	-

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

Categories	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

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	£
Beckburn Windfarm - Hall Maintenance		2	1,449
Minsca - Hall & Playing field Maintenance		1	1,000
Cumbria Foundation- Hall Insulation and Replastering		1	20,000
Total			22,449

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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Authority under which paid

£

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

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 (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

					Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations		117			117	296
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings		9,574			9,574	8,593
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
Sub total	-	9,691	-	-	9,691	8,889
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Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	9,691	-	-	9,691	8,889
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Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		5,293			5,293	7,906
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
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Sub total	-	5,293	-	-	5,293	7,906
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	5,293	-	-	5,293	7,906
Net receipts / (payments)	-	4,398	-	-	4,398	983
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	4,398	-	-	4,398	983
cross ref error						
Nature and purpose of funds						
To provide hall facilities and recreational facilities to the local community						

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

							Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts								
Donations							-	
Legacies							-	
Grants				1,449	1,000	20,000	22,449	8,460
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	-	-	-	1,449	1,000	20,000	22,449	8,460
cross ref error								
Receipts from asset & investment sales								
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets							-	
Proceeds from sale of investments							-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	1,449	1,000	20,000	22,449	8,460
cross ref error								
Payments								
Expenses for fundraising activities							-	
Gross trading payments							-	
Investment management costs							-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities							-	
Grants and donations	101	44	6,960	1,449	1,413		9,553	10,997
Governance costs:							-	
Audit / independent examination							-	
Preparation of annual accounts							-	
Legal costs							-	
Sub total	101	44	6,960	1,449	1,413	-	9,553	10,997
Payments relating to asset and investment movements								
Purchases of fixed assets							-	
Purchase of investments							-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	101	75	6,960	1,449	1,413	-	9,553	10,997
Net receipts / (payments)	(101)	(75)	(6,960)	-	(413)	20,000	12,896	5,905
Transfers to / (from) funds	101	75	6,960		413		7,104	1,200
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	0	20,000	20,000	7,105
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Nature and purpose of funds								
To fund hall maintenance and playing field maintenance and to pay gas bill and contribute to electricity bill for the year.								

APPENDIX 3

OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

Springfield & Gretna Green Community Asset Trust

Registered charity number

SC048554

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date

Day Month Year
19 July 2024

to

Period end date

Day Month Year
18 July 2025

Set out on pages

(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

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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:

Name:

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

Address:

*Please delete the words in the bracket if they do not apply and insert the words that apply, or state those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.