

Community Open Gardens Shortlees

Scotland · Charity number SC049048

Details

Known as C.O.G.S

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2019-02-12

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address Community Open Gardens Shortlees
Umberley Road
Shortlees
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Website <https://www.cogs.scot>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', '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: C.O.G.S. The group are a grassroots led organisation that are developing a Community Garden based in Shortlees, Kilmarnock. Background ? C.O.G.S was initially formed by Shortlees residents in 2013 with a vision of gaining a derelict piece of land and creating a community garden. Funds were obtained to create a community led feasibility study. ? Our group is open to all, and have volunteers and beneficiaries from Kilmarnock and East Ayrshire wide. We work closely with partnership organisations with our project focus on developing our own community garden. We provide a range of activities from learning to grow our own veg, to woodwork and craft activities.

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

Objectives: 1 The organisation's purposes are: 1.1 The advancement of citizenship or community development (including rural and urban regeneration). 1.2 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 are primarily intended.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£80,002	£58,109	-	1
2024-02-28	£20,756	£36,172	-	1
2023-02-28	£10,324	£3,557	-	1
2022-02-28	£86,710	£59,429	-	0
2021-02-28	£6,387	£2,451	-	0

Accounts

ACCOUNTS FOR COMMUNITY OPEN GARDEN, SHORTLEES
01 JANUARY 2024 - 31 December, 2024

		BANK	CASH	TOTALS
	Balance as at 01.01.24	£18,177.57	£455.72	£18,633.29
Note	Income			
	Bank interest	£492.75		
	East Ayrshire Council	£11,018.00		
	CVO	£19,886.00		
	Robertson Trust	£2,500.00		
	Asda Foundation	£700.00		
	Awards for All	£19,999.00		
	PBIP	£12,680.12		
	Renewable Energy Fund	£10,161.43		
1	Fundraising	£627.81	£1,493.08	
2	Donations	£22.85	£421.43	
	Sub-Total	£78,087.96	£1,914.51	£80,002.47
	Total			£98,635.76
	Expenditure			
3	Garden materials	£22,352.21	£553.58	
4	Craft materials	£304.80	£112.11	
	Insurance	£1,074.87		
	Wages	£23,215.50		
5	Stationery	£130.41	£51.27	
6	Sundries	£7,617.31	£389.30	
7	Volunteer expenses	£1,758.18	£549.45 less	
	Total	£56,453.28	£1,655.71	£58,108.99
	Balance as at 01.01.2024	£18,177.57	£455.72	
	Income	£78,087.96	£1,914.51	
	Sub total	£96,265.53	£2,370.23	
	less Expenditure	£56,453.28	£1,655.71	
	Balance as at 31.12.2024	£39,812.25	£714.52	
	Balance as at 31.12.2024			
	RBS	£19,812.25		
	Virgin	£20,000.00		
	plus cash in hand	£714.52		
	Total bank/cash balance	£40,526.77		£40,526.77

Unqualified Report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Community Open Garden Shortlees.

Report -

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December, 2024.

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 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 Examiner's statement -

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my notice to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

