



**Gartmorn Dam Country Park  
Development Trust**

**Scottish Charity No SC049288**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended  
31 March 2025**

# Trustees' Annual Report

## For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Reference & Administrative Information

#### Charity Name

Gartmorn Dam Country Park Development Trust

#### Charity No

SC049288

#### Address

[REDACTED]

#### Bankers

Bank of Scotland  
PO Box 1000  
BX2 1LB

#### Current Trustees

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

#### Names of Other Trustees During this Period

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

#### Independent Examiner

[REDACTED]

C/O  
Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface Ltd  
27 High Street  
Alloa  
FK1 1JF

## **Structure Governance & Management**

### **Constitution**

Gartmorn Dam Country Park Development Trust (the Trust) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). The organisation was granted charitable status by OSCR on 10 May 2019.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Board members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of three and not more than eleven elected trustees. The trustees may co-opt three trustees if they consider it would be in the interests of the organisation to do so.

Membership is open to any individual aged 16 or over living within Clackmannanshire and groups/organisations operating within Clackmannanshire who support the objectives of the Trust. Membership applications can be considered at any meeting of the Board.

### **Management**

The Board is responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Trust and for the day-to-day management of the organization.

The trustees are particularly aware of their responsibilities for Health and Safety, especially for the children. The Trust has comprehensive insurance.

## **Objectives & Activities**

### **Charitable purposes**

The Trusts' objectives are:

- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.
- The advancement of education and outdoor learning in the local environment.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development, and
- The provision of recreational facilities or the organization of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.





## **Chairperson Report Annual Report 2024/25**

### **GDCPDT Main Activities & Review 2024/25:**

The seasons go by, and we note and experience the changes in our weather and the natural environment, and these differences and diversity always add to our enjoyment throughout the year of the Gartmorn Dam Country Park.

The Trust has remained closely connected to the park throughout the seasons of 2024/25 and has engaged the community, local schools and our own volunteers with a range of activities at the Sunken Garden, its environs and the wider country park. The Trust can be viewed as operating on two levels: Strategically concerned with the longer-term development of the Park and more operationally through facilitating opportunities for local people to engage with the Parks wildness and its natural assets. Over the last year the Trust has been more focussed on bringing this dichotomy together and involving local people with the creation of a multi-faceted master plan for the Park. The aim has been to work in collaboration with the other Park stakeholders to confirm a strategic plan that is focused upon improving the parks facilities and the range of opportunities that are provided. In this respect we would acknowledge our appreciation for the work undertaken by Clackmannanshire Economic Regeneration Trust (CERT) in securing the funding for the commissioning of a masterplan for the Parks development, which was carried out by the Green Action Trust (GAT). The plan is dynamic and offers an exciting and coherent vision for the Park and the Trust was very much involved with the multi-agency Steering Group which was tasked with moving this Masterplan forward.

### **Achievements & Performance:**

Despite the paucity of progress with securing an occupancy agreement for the Sunken Garden with Clackmannanshire Council, the Garden throughout the year remained the focal point for the Trusts operational activities. The Garden is coordinated by long standing Trustee [REDACTED] and the mixture of planned wildness and managed planters are a great credit to her knowledge, skills and resilience. The Garden has had a great year, the involvement of Deerpark Primary Schools Eco Committee and some of the young people from Scottish Autisms New Struan School has been inspirational, the young people have been engrossed in their activities around the garden and their willingness to get involved is such an amazing asset for the Trust. We were successful in receiving a small grant from the Volunteering Matters Action Earth climate action initiative in November 2024 which enabled us to support both schools to construct and install around a dozen bat boxes, bug houses and a hedgehog house in and around the garden. These activities also included building some bird feeders and planting bulbs which provided additional opportunities for our Longriggs Young Volunteers and colleagues from the Wimpy Park Community Group to contribute to this Climate Action Project. A regular



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monthly volunteering programme was maintained over the year, and this included a Summer Social at the Garden with a consultation session and a plant sale at the nearby Longriggs.

Active travel and inclusive access were a theme we promoted in the spring of 2025, and a great day was hosted around the garden and dam head, involving Clackmannshire Riders Access Group (CRAG) and Cycling Without Age (CWA). Young and old took part in guided and led bike tours around the paths and tracks of the Park, and we were visited by the riders and horses of CRAG who stopped off at the garden for some light refreshments for both the horses and humans. On days like this we are visited by many members of the public who generally are unaware of the gardens existence and are usually amazed with its ambience and biodiversity, this situation highlights the need for improved signage and awareness of the Gardens existence. CWA also used the day to establish safe routes in and out and around the garden and its environs for their own access groups which has greatly improved that organisations use of the garden and the wider country park. The year ended with the installation of our bespoke designed garden shelter, which also has good storage facilities for our gardening equipment and a water capturing system also for garden use. This is a much-needed facility offering shelter from the elements or just for a wee rest, its comfortable and tastefully located into the garden and the location ensures you enjoy the nature and wildlife around you.

The GDCPDT has played a major role with the development of the Parks Masterplan and the work undertaken by GAT, in particular encouraging community engagement with GATS consultation processes. The Trust has articulated and advocated for many of the long-term community priorities for the park and which are clearly stated within our own GDCPDT Development Plan, and including the improvement of the paths and access, the need for public toilets and the establishment of a volunteering and learning centre, reintroduction of regulated angling, the further development of the sunken garden with a volunteers hub and advocating for a wide array of educational and recreational opportunities that make the best and most appropriate use of the Parks natural assets.

### **Future Plans:**

The Trust will continue to manage and develop the Sunken Garden and to further facilitate opportunities for the local community and schools to be fully engaged there, a regular programme of gardening works, and volunteering sessions will be maintained.

The Trust will prioritise its role and commitment to the Masterplan Steering Group, there is considerable work required to confirm an appropriate governance structure for this Group and work with partners to secure the necessary resourcing to move many of the plan's priorities





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forward. The Parks Site of Special Scientific Interest status and wider ecological considerations provide opportunities and challenges for the Masterplans implementation ; however, the Trust looks forward to playing our role and remit to the full along with the other stakeholders on the Sterring Group.

There are administrative policies and procedures that the GDCPDT require to update, and these will be progressed as priorities in the coming year.

The Trust will be looking for funding to enable our plans for creating a nature and biodiversity corridor on the margins of the Country Park to be realised, similarly we will endeavour to secure new project funding that enables an array of projects involving the local community to be undertaken throughout the Country Park. These projects will be aligned to the GAT Masterplan, our own Development Plan and Clackmannshires Councils overarching Management Plan for the Country Park.



*Chairperson*

*GDCPDT*

*16<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

## Independent Examiner's Report

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I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out hereto.

### 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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements have not been met:

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: c/o CTSI Ltd  
27 High Street, Alloa

Date: 16 December 2025

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## Statement of Receipts & Payments

	2025 to nearest£ Unrestricted	2025 to nearest£ Restricted	2025 to nearest£ Total	2024 to nearest£ Total
<b>Receipts</b>				
Membership and Donations	145	0	145	70
Grants	243	0	243	500
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Other Charitable Activities	748	0	748	1832
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>2402</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Hall Hire	77	0	77	239
Insurance	38	0	38	157
Sunken Garden: Bulbs/Plants	293	0	293	130
Shelter Deposit	0	500	500	0
Donation to Wee County Men's Shed	0	0	0	350
Other Charitable Activities	648	0	648	1148
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-420</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Total Funds as at 01 April 2024	1855	19280	21135	20757
Surplus/Deficit for the year	80	-500	-420	378
<b>Total Funds as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>18780</b>	<b>20715</b>	<b>21135</b>



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## Statement of Balances

Note	2025 to nearest £ Unrestricted	2025 to nearest £ Restricted	2025 to nearest £ Total	2024 to nearest £ Total
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Balance as at 01 April 2024	1855	19280	21135	20757
Surplus/Deficit for the period	80	-500	-420	378
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>18780</b>	<b>20715</b>	<b>21135</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	1935	18780	20715	21135
Cash	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>18780</b>	<b>20715</b>	<b>21135</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Gardening Tools & Equipment	293	0	293	130
Shelter deposit	0	500	500	0
Litter Picking Equipment	0	0	0	0
	<b>293</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>130</b>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 16 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

