

ANNAN PLAYPARK STEERING GROUP

2025 TRUSTEES REPORT

(COVERING PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY 2024 THROUGH TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024)

**This information was drawn from the following group documents*

- Chair Persons Report

-Treasurers Report

- 2025 AGM Minutes

SECTION A: CHAIRMANS REPORT 2024/25 – ANNAN PLAY PARK STEERING GROUP

For the second year in succession the APPS Group has not met as regularly as in previous years, but this has not stopped up from attending to all business required as a committee. This has mainly been due to other work / family commitments by Trustees and also the low number of Active Trustees we have at present.

With regards to the Weyroc site, following the completion of Phase1 which was the installation of the all-inclusive play park in 2021, followed by completion of Phase 2 – the Cycle Pump Track in 2023, we continue to make progress, albeit not as quickly as we would have hoped, on Phase 3 which is the development of Skate Park. This will complete the projects at this location but the Trustees are still hopeful of potentially developing another all-inclusive play park in the Welldale area of Annan in the future.

During the year we also agreed to support another exciting project which would see the reintroduction of a Trim Track along the River Annan at the Everholm. The lead person on this project is [REDACTED] and we are pleased to confirm he has become a new trustee during this year.

Sadly, the major issue the Trustees have had to unfortunately deal with again this year is the ongoing vandalism and anti-social behaviour being carried out at the Play Park, with various pieces of equipment being vandalised and damaged throughout the year. This culminated on Saturday 15 March 2025 with a deliberate arson attack incident that caused substantial damage to a specific piece of play park equipment as well as minimal damage on the cycle pump track. Fortunately, the incident has been captured on CCTV footage which together with other intelligence information has been passed on to Police Scotland for further investigation and hopefully identification of the culprits.

In the past, from the small amount of funds at the Trustees disposal we have replaced broken and vandalised equipment on an ongoing basis but the cost of the damage by the arson attack in March to play park equipment and the pump track is way beyond funding held by the APPS Steering Group. One of our founder Trustees, [REDACTED] kindly set up a Go Funding Page to raise funds and Trustees have been overwhelmed by

the response from the public as well as other separate, kind offers of donations and support from individuals and organisations from not only Annan, but across the region.

As Chair I would also like to express gratitude for the many offers of help and support from members of the community who want to get involved with the work of the Annan Play Park Steering Group and we hope to see some of these people join us on the journey as fellow Trustees to continue to develop further projects for Annan as well as protecting and improving the projects we have in place. There is no doubt that we need to increase the current number of Trustees on the Annan Play Park Steering Group SCIO and hopefully the recent offers of support by members of the community and their willingness to get involved will see a number of new Trustees elected at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Going forward, I would also like to see ongoing and increased support from Police Scotland and D&G Council Community Safety Team to deter and restrict mindless acts of vandalism of current and future projects.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Trustees and particularly the Trustees who take on Officer Roles, for all their work and dedication throughout the year and also put on record our appreciation as Trustees for the support from Council Officers, in particular [REDACTED], Annandale South Ward Officer and [REDACTED], Acting Senior Community Asset Manager.

[REDACTED]
Chairman of Annan Play Park Steering Group

SECTION B: TREASURERS REPORT 2024/25 – ANNAN PLAY PARK STEERING GROUP

This report presents a summary of APPS financial position, including key receipts and disbursements for the calendar year 2024.

It should be noted that with regards to the preceding years financial accounts (those relating to the calendar year 2023), these were independently certified as a true record of the financial position of the Group on 23 December 2024, by Saint & Co. chartered accountants.

An interim position on the financial position of the Group, as at 1 July 2025, is appended as Annex 1.

HEADLINE SUMMARY:

A relatively quiet year from a financial perspective, reflecting delivery of the first two phases of the park concluded in preceding financial years, with no active funding raising for a third phase whilst ongoing anti-social behaviour issues persist.

At the year-end a modest but diminishing budget remains, likely sufficient to cover core operating costs for another year or two.

A longer-term funding strategy needs to be developed to help generate additional funds to cover future operating costs as well as repair and maintenance costs associated with the ongoing upkeep of the Park.

A review of the Group's banking arrangements, including authorised signatures, also remains to be conducted.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Account Opening Balance (1 st Jan 2024)	£2,178.23
Account Closing Balance (31 st Dec 2024)	£1,788.05

ACCOUNT RECEIPTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Source</i>
29-08-24	£81.50	Donation ([REDACTED] sponsored Criffel climb)
TOTAL	£81.50	

ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
24-01-24	£471.68	Keegan & Penny Kid	Annual Insurance
TOTAL	£471.68		

CLOSING BALANCE OBSERVATIONS:

£1,538.05	Un-ringfenced balance
£250	Grant Funding awarded specifically for the purposes of consultation on Phase 3 of the Park (Skate Park).

2025 OUTLOOK:

The Group's annual insurance premium for 2025, due in January 2025, has been confirmed as £484.95.

In the absence of any other known commitments, there would be a residual balance of **£1,303.10**.

CONCLUDING ACTIONS:

- The need remains for the Group to develop a strategy to generate additional funds to maintain a healthy operating balance / reserve, required to cover ongoing operating costs and future repairs.
- A review of the Group's banking arrangements remains outstanding and should be conducted as a priority, given issues with and advice from the Group's current bank – Royal Bank of Scotland. As part of a migration to a new account, the Committee should minute their support for embracing an online banking facility and the conclusions of a review of authorised signatures post the 2025 AGM.
- There remains two previous transactions totalling £20,000 – linked to delivery of phase 1 of the park – for which additional clarity should be sought to maintain robust and auditable records. (£10,000 10 Jan 2020 and £10,000 20 Jul 2020).

UPDATED TRUSTEES FOR 2025/26

	NAME OF TRUSTEE	ROLE IF APPLICABLE	DATE OF APPT
1		Chairperson	(re-appointed) 15/08/2025
2		Vice Chairperson	(re-appointed) 15/08/2025
3		Secretary	(re-appointed) 15/08/2025
4		Treasurer	(re-appointed) 15/08/2025
5		Funding Officer	(re-appointed) 15/08/2025
6		N/A	15/08/2025
7		N/A	15/08/2025
8		N/A	15/08/2025
9		N/A	15/08/2025
10		N/A	15/08/2025
11		N/A	15/08/2025

END OF REPORT.

COMPLETED BY: (Secretary & Trustee) **DATE:** 15/08/2025

SIGNED & DATED:

15/8/2025

ANNAN PLAYPARK STEERING GROUP

2025 TREASURERS REPORT

(COVERING PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY 2024 THROUGH TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024)

This report presents a summary of APPS financial position, including key receipts and disbursements for the calendar year 2024.

It should be noted that with regards to the preceding years financial accounts (those relating to the calendar year 2023), these were independently certified as a true record of the financial position of the Group on 23 December 2024, by Saint & Co. chartered accountants.

An interim position on the financial position of the Group, as at 1 July 2025, is appended as Annex 1.

HEADLINE SUMMARY:

A relatively quiet year from a financial perspective, reflecting delivery of the first two phases of the park concluded in preceding financial years, with no active funding raising for a third phase whilst ongoing anti-social behaviour issues persist.

At the year-end a modest but diminishing budget remains, likely sufficient to cover core operating costs for another year or two.

A longer term funding strategy needs to be developed to help generate additional funds to cover future operating costs as well as repair and maintenance costs associated with the ongoing upkeep of the Park.

A review of the Group's banking arrangements, including authorised signatures, also remains to be conducted.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Account Opening Balance (1 st Jan 2024)	£2,178.23
Account Closing Balance (31 st Dec 2024)	£1,788.05

ACCOUNT RECEIPTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Source</i>
29-08-24	£81.50	Donation ([REDACTED] sponsored Criffel climb)
TOTAL	£81.50	

ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
24-01-24	£471.68	Keegan & Penny Kid	Annual Insurance
TOTAL	£471.68		

CLOSING BALANCE OBSERVATIONS:

£1,538.05	Un-ringfenced balance
£250	Grant Funding awarded specifically for the purposes of consultation on Phase 3 of the Park (Skate Park).

2025 OUTLOOK:

The Group's annual insurance premium for 2025, due in January 2025, has been confirmed as £484.95.

In the absence of any other known commitments, there would be a residual balance of **£1,303.10**.

CONCLUDING ACTIONS:

- The need remains for the Group to develop a strategy to generate additional funds to maintain a healthy operating balance / reserve, required to cover ongoing operating costs and future repairs.
- A review of the Group's banking arrangements remains outstanding and should be conducted as a priority, given issues with and advice from the Group's current bank – Royal Bank of Scotland. As part of a migration to a new account, the Committee should minute their support for embracing an online banking facility and the conclusions of a review of authorised signatures post the 2025 AGM.
- There remains two previous transactions totalling £20,000 – linked to delivery of phase 1 of the park – for which additional clarity should be sought to maintain robust and auditable records. (*£10,000 10 Jan 2020 and £10,000 20 Jul 2020*).

ANNEX 1 – INTERIM FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP AS AT 1 JULY 2025

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Account Opening Balance (1 st Jan 2025)	£1,788.05
Account Interim Balance (1 st July 2015)	£10,278.01
<i>Outstanding Deposits</i>	
<i>Tesco Cash Collection</i>	£250.83
<i>Tesco Stronger Starts</i>	£500 - 1500
<i>Potential Total Balance</i>	£11,028.84 – 12,028.84

ACCOUNT RECEIPTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Source</i>
14-02-25	£2,000	DGC Common Good Award
19-03-25	£500	Private Donation
27-03-25	£500	Donation (Councillor [REDACTED] Allowance)
24-04-25	£82	Donation ([REDACTED] BOS Annan Raffle)
28-04-25	£4,812.90	APPs Go Fund Me Deposit ([REDACTED])
14-05-25	£50	LA Active Fund Raising Donation
11-06-25	£1,150	BOS Foundation
TOTAL	£9,094.90	

ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
24-01-24	£484.95	Keegan & Penny Kid	Annual Insurance
26-03-25	£120	Saint & Co	Accounts Certification
TOTAL	£604.95		



Annan Play Park Steering Group

Our ref:JMCD\FELL\ANN0012\746205

18 August 2025

Dear 

Financial Statements

We have pleasure in enclosing your accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

If you approve the accounts, please sign the duplicate copy and return it to us as soon as possible.

The books and records used in the preparation of your financial statements are enclosed.

Yours sincerely



Enc

Annan Office

26 High Street, Annan DG12 6AJ | 01461 202732 | annan@saint.co.uk

Dumfries Office

23 George Street, Dumfries DG1 1EA | 01387 257322 | dumfries@saint.co.uk

Gatehouse of Fleet Office

65 High Street, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, DG7 2HS | 01557 815060 | gatehouse@saint.co.uk

You can find more information on how Saint & Co uses your personal information on our website at www.saint.co.uk/privacy-policy.



ANNAN PLAYPARK STEERING GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

ANNAN PLAYPARK STEERING GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

We approve these financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



ANNAN PLAYPARK STEERING GROUP

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the annexed accounts from the records, information and explanations supplied to us.

We certify these financial statements are a true record of the financial position of Annan Playpark Steering Group for the year stated above which are in accordance with the books, records and information received.

Saunt & Co

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

18 August 2025

ANNAN PLAYPARK STEERING GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Grants	-		76,500.00	
Donations	81.50		-	
		81.50		76,500.00
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Insurance	471.68		598.91	
Playpark Costs	-		112,477.00	
		471.68		113,075.91
<u>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u>(390.18)</u>		<u>(36,575.91)</u>
<u>NOTES</u>				
1. OPENING BANK		<u>2,178.23</u>		<u>38,754.14</u>
2. CLOSING BANK		<u>1,788.05</u>		<u>2,178.23</u>
3. FUND BALANCES				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		1,538.05		1,928.23
RESTRICTED FUNDS		250.00		250.00
		<u>1,788.05</u>		<u>2,178.23</u>

HEAD OFFICE:

CARLISLE
01228 534371 • advice@saint.co.uk

OTHER OFFICES:

AMBLESIDE
015394 33430 • ambleside@saint.co.uk

ANNAN
01461 202732 • annan@saint.co.uk

CASTLE DOUGLAS
01556 504064 • cd@saint.co.uk

COCKERMOUTH
01900 824118 • cockermouth@saint.co.uk

DUMFRIES
01387 257322 / 01387 266655 • dumfries@saint.co.uk

MILLOM
01229 772203 • millom@saint.co.uk

PENRITH
01768 865189 • penrith@saint.co.uk

WHITEHAVEN
01946 693731 • whitehaven@saint.co.uk

WIGTON
016873 42173 • wigton@saint.co.uk

