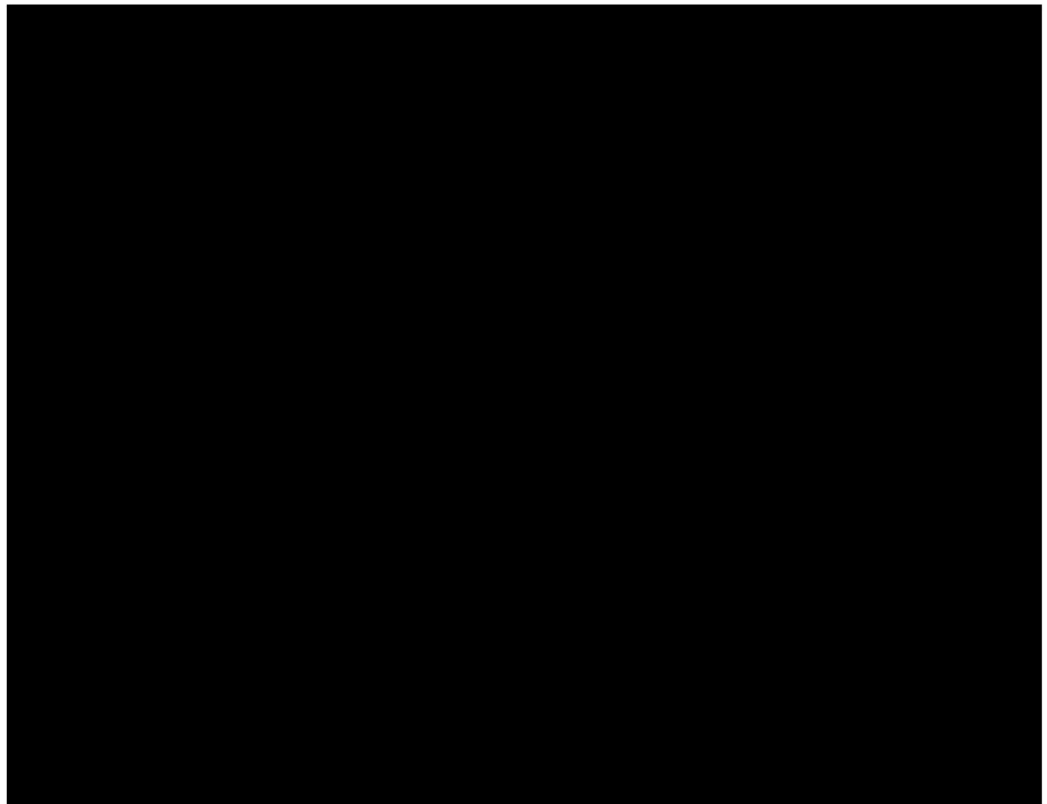




**Supporting our community**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**  
06/04/2023 to 05/04/2024



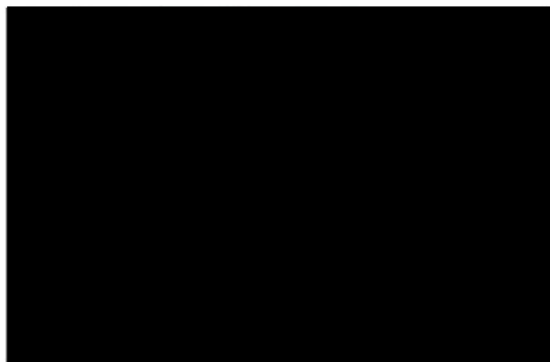


## Charity contact information

Supporting our community

Scottish Charity Number: SC049428

## Charity Trustees



## Objectives and activities

SOC provides a social/community hub for people from the Hillhouse/Burnbank/Blantyre areas of South Lanarkshire, which are all areas of multiple deprivation. We offer adult, family, and intergenerational activities to encourage community participation, reduce isolation and loneliness, and we offer a signposting service to other agencies.

SOC has offered hope to so many people and we want to continue to develop the programmes and services that we provide. The SOC Community Hub has offered a wide range of activities for people of all ages; and the addition of our Outdoor Learning Centre and Crafting Studio has enabled us to expand; and support more local people by providing access to practical training opportunities. Our Community Garden and Growing area is developing well and has already proved popular. Centre users have told us that SOC is an important resource within the community. We are committed to offering free services and will strive to keep it this way.

## Structure, governance, and management

### Type of governing document

The charity is a SCIO and is governed by its constitution

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are voted onto the committee at an Annual General Meeting by their peers

### Organisational Structure

Day to day decision making is delegated to the Project Co-Ordinator. Significant decisions on staffing, major programme developments, future finance and planning are taken by committee at the monthly meetings.

Volunteers work as committee members, helping to run activities, getting involved in finance, recruitment, and selection of staff.

## Achievements and performance

We have a diverse range of ongoing programmes in the centre and workshops and are always keen to add more to encourage and support our community.

The pottery has been progressing well, and they make an interesting selection of items, some of these are then sold at markets and fayres to help generate funds to keep the class sustainable.

Coffee mornings are inclusive to all, we have an open-door policy and encourage people to drop in.

The outside ins group, of young adults with additional support needs, are growing weekly. They come together and get involved in a variety of activities, including cookery, baking, and the occasional movie afternoon. They set their own plans and goals giving the opportunity to offer support when required.

Our family activity nights are well attended, and we change the programmes on a weekly basis, sometimes its crafts, games nights, a movie night, or the dreaded painting.

We host traditional needlecraft classes in sewing, crochet, and knitting. These classes are ideal for any level and even if you don't want join in, you are still welcome to drop in for a chat.

We have a woodwork class, in partnership with Seniors Together, where we encourage men to come along and get involved.

Providing opportunities for training and development are always at the heart of classes, this year we have managed to focus on four different strands of community learning.

Firstly, we provided our annual training in Protecting Vulnerable Groups. This focuses on providing our staff, volunteers, and community members with up-to-date training in both Child and Vulnerable Adult protection protocols and makes sure we always have best practice policies in place.

Secondly, we continue to offer our Dynamic Youth Award courses. We offer young people an opportunity to take part in a six-to-eight-week



programme, where the work within our workshop on a woodwork project, gaining lifelong skills and a qualification.

Thirdly, we were able to provide opportunities in holistic therapy training.

Finally, we were able to secure funding to install a 24-hour community defibrillator.

We are always looking for projects locally and engage with other community groups whenever possible. Our Woodwork group installed garden benches in the Udston and Glenlee woods.

The countryside ranger has helped us establish a bushcraft program, where we introduce young people to the woodlands around us, we will run this every summer.

Our knitting class have continued to build on their poppy display in Asda, whilst running projects for the Neonatal Unit at Wishaw General and supplying syringe driver bags to the Beaston Hospital. These projects were all sent letters of thanks, and the group plan to continue supporting worthwhile causes.

The community garden and growing initiative is growing, and we have established a working group with the local congregation at Hillhouse Parish and St Ninians & St Cuthberts parishes.

Our annual walk of hope has grown year on year, with members of the community leaving our hub at 5am to start the 5km walk, before returning to hub as the sun rises behind them. This is part of our ongoing commitment to reduce the stigma of mental health and encourage people to talk to each other.

## **Financial review**

### **Statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The trustees aimed to accumulate and maintain unrestricted reserves equal to six months running costs. With a closing balance of £56,878 in unrestricted funds, this has been successfully achieved. This surplus will be used to assist the charity in meeting running costs in the next financial year should income from charitable activities not continue as present.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year: 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Previous Year
Partner Projects		-	-	-	12,157.54
Donations		411.30	-	411.30	10,428.79
Fundraising activities		2,050.37	-	2,050.37	2,093.48
Grants	4	27,249.66	90,180.00	117,429.66	72,274.38
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>29,711.33</b>	<b>90,180.00</b>	<b>119,891.33</b>	<b>96,954.19</b>

## Payments

Salary, Tax, NI Pensions		-	30,854.96	30,854.96	28,556.18
Rent, Utilities and Legals		-	7,568.38	7,568.38	5,206.49
Internal Upgrades and maintenance		1,095.38	-	1,095.38	714.57
Training		3,277.54	5,000.00	8,277.54	5,745.87
Garden Upgrades and maintenance		3,313.31	13,320.00	16,633.31	22,382.87
Tools and Equipment		615.48	500.00	1,115.48	975.97
Consumables		295.86	-	295.86	657.18
Car		1,012.91	-	1,012.91	8,361.07
Easter Events		637.72	-	637.72	1,307.80
Summer Programme		1,878.01	2,000.00	3,878.01	3,273.15
Halloween Events		65.63	-	65.63	251.31
Christmas/ New Year Events		775.05	-	775.05	478.11
Miscellaneous		703.35	1,763.99	2,467.34	13.72
Overpayment Refund SLC		-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
SSE Micro Grants		-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Governance costs	5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>13,670.24</b>	<b>65,507.33</b>	<b>79,177.57</b>	<b>77,924.29</b>

## Surplus/Deficit

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	16,041.09	24,672.67	40,713.76	19,029.90
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## Future

SOC is offering support to the community. We offer a wide range of activities and opportunities for the community, and we open and inclusive to all.

We have an exciting community led project, which we hope to expand at start in the summer with our community garden and growing initiatives adding new scope for growth.

Like all third sector organisations, we have been impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, but we continue to offer as much as we can to our community.

## Additional information

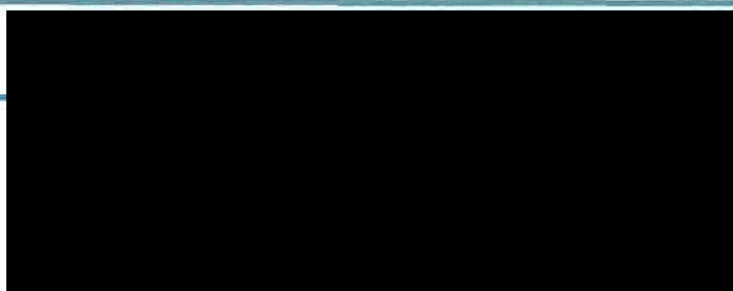
We sincerely hope that you will join us  
and we look forward to seeing you all.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

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Print name



Designation

CHAIRMAN

Date

16/10/25

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	06	04	2024	To	05	04	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Supporting our community
Other names charity is known by	SOC
Registered charity number	SC049428
Charity's principal address	

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for entire year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for entire year
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and therefore has a constitution as its governing document. It was registered as a charity on 2nd July 2019 and has a single tier structure, meaning the trustees are the charity's sole members.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

As the sole members of the charity, the board of trustees are responsible for appointing charity trustees. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting and by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at board meetings. There may be a minimum of three and a maximum of nine trustees at any one time.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

- 1) To advance the provision of recreational facilities and activities through providing a community venue and a range of recreational activities that will allow people to make productive use of their leisure time.
- 2) The advancement of health through providing a means for those in the area to remain socially and mentally active in order to reduce isolation and maintain and/or improve their health and wellbeing.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The charity delivers a range of activities in relation to its charitable objectives including arts and craft workshops, family movie evenings, excursions, community growing, men's shed, needle craft classes, weekly coffee mornings and a range of training opportunities. Key to the delivery of the activities is the charity's premises on Comely Bank, Hamilton which is rented from Hamilton Baptist Church. The premises are a vibrant community hub at the heart of the Hillhouse and is used by those of all ages as well as a range of local third sector organisations.



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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

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We are a Registered Body with Disclosure Scotland. To ensure public safety, all our volunteers and staff are required to become members of the PVG scheme.

Supporting Our Community (SOC) has benefitted from the support of a committed group of volunteers. The charity trustees wish to sincerely thank the charity's talented, dedicated members of the community, who contribute so much.

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

With the charity receiving various grants covering rent and the core costs, a key focus for this year was developing a reserves policy to safeguard the charity and in the community hub. Through expanding the delivery of charitable activities, the trustees aimed to accumulate and maintain unrestricted reserves equal to six months running costs. With a closing balance of £56,878, in unrestricted funds. The surplus will be used to assist the charity in meeting running costs in the next financial year should income from charitable activities not continue as present.

#### Details of any deficit

N/A

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A



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## Other optional information

N/A

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date

16/10/2024

16/10/2024

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

For the year: 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

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<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>					
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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

For the year: 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

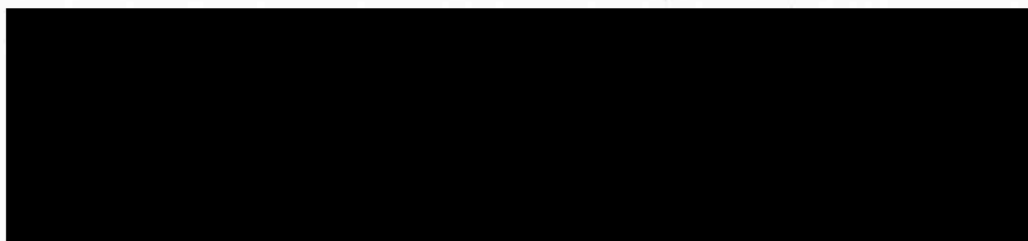
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds This Year</b>	<b>Total Funds Previous Year</b>
Opening cash at bank & in hand	40,930.17	40,316.96	81,247.13	62,217.23
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	16,041.09	24,672.67	40,713.76	19,029.90
<b>Closing cash at bank &amp; in hand</b>	<b>56,971.26</b>	<b>64,989.63</b>	<b>121,960.89</b>	<b>81,247.13</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Closing bank deposit account	56,878.60	64,989.63	121,868.23	81,177.16
Closing cash in hand	92.66	-	92.66	69.97
<b>Closing cash at bank &amp; in hand</b>	<b>56,971.26</b>	<b>64,989.63</b>	<b>121,960.89</b>	<b>81,247.13</b>
<b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
Not Applicable			-	-
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The notes on page 3 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 01/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

Sign:

Sign:



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

For the year: 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

**1. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2. Nature and Purpose of Funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain an unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year the charity received £90,180 in restricted funding (previous year: £54,260) in the form of grants from, National Lottery, Vaslan, Robertson Trust, SLC, Action Earth, SSE, OPOP and the Asda Foundation. The charity also received a further £27,250 in unrestricted funds from the Peoples Postcode Lottery, Scotmid, Tesco, and the Arnold Clark Foundation.

**3. Related Party Transactions**

No remuneration was paid to any trustee or connected persons during the year (previous year: £0).

No expenses were paid to trustees (previous year: £0).

**4. Grants Received**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Previous Year
National Lottery Community Fund	-	33,300.00	33,300.00	31,900.00
Vaslan	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
Robertson Trust	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Asda Foundation	-	15,800.00	15,800.00	800.00
Peoples Postcode Lottery	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
NFU Mutual Insurance	-	-	-	6,443.00
South Lanarkshire Council Grants	-	2,566.00	2,566.00	2,185.00
Regen FX	-	-	-	1,000.00
Scotmid Fund	1,249.66	-	1,249.66	971.38
Woodward Trust	-	-	-	600.00
Renewable Energy SSE	-	5,500.00	5,500.00	500.00
Tesco Bags for Life	500.00	-	500.00	375.00
Arnold Clark Foundation	500.00	-	500.00	-
Action Earth	-	250.00	250.00	-
Rural Development Trust	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Our Place Our Plan	-	1,764.00	1,764.00	-
South Lanarkshire Council Climate Change Fund	-	-	-	2,500.00
	27,249.66	90,180.00	117,429.66	72,274.38

**5. Governance Costs**

Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-



# APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Supporting our Community						
	Registered charity number	SC049428						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	06	04	2024	to	05	04	2025	
Set out on pages	1-3						(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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. 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.</p>							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.</p>							
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention <del>[other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</del></p>							
	<p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul>							
	<p>have not been met, or</p>							
Signed: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:	<p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper</p>							
	<p>Signature: [Redacted] Date: 18/8/25</p>							
	<p>[Redacted]</p>							

\*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