

Galloway Action Team

Scotland · Charity number SC049654

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2019-10-02
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Unit 07 Thistle Business Park
Station Street
Stranraer
Dumfries and Galloway
DG9 7HJ

Website www.gallowayactionteam.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage', 'any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes'

What the charity does: Our vision is of an inclusive and compassionate Galloway where every person is accepted, integrated and supported by their communities and where we work together to make sure everyone has an equal chance to live, learn, work and achieve. We do this by working in the community to help people with practical tasks while providing volunteers with the opportunity to develop their skills and abilities.

Beneficiaries: 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The charitable purposes of the SCIO ('the Charitable Purposes') are: To encourage active citizenship by linking volunteers with community projects in need of support. To advance community development by engaging with individuals and groups in the community to identify their needs and increase social inclusion. The relief of those in need, in particular vulnerable persons suffering from mental or physical disability, illness or impairment or old age. The relief of unemployment by providing support and training to improve life skills and increase employability.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£188,890	£123,806	-	4
2024-05-31	£95,347	£100,771	-	4
2023-05-31	£112,880	£69,641	-	2
2022-05-31	£66,681	£73,927	-	2
2021-05-31	£86,142	£84,415	-	1

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Accounts

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

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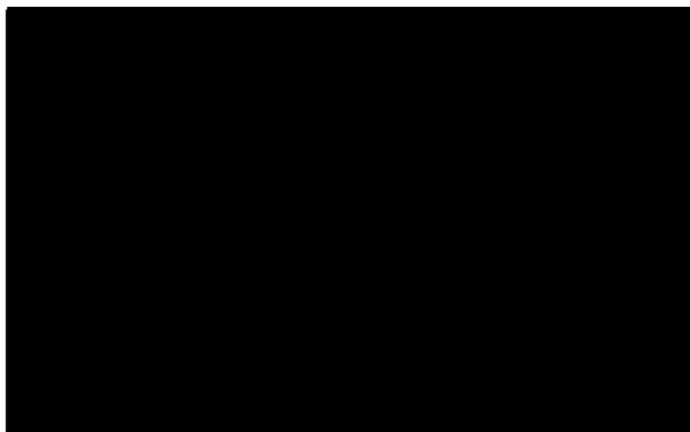
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Reference and Administrative Information

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Trustees



Independent Examiner



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Stranraer

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Galloway Action Team SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 May 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 2 October 2019. It has a two tier structure and as such the trustees make up only some of the members of the charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed for a three year term by the members at the Annual General Meeting. On average one third of the trustees are appointed or reappointed each year.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The advancement of citizenship or community development.

Activities

Galloway Action Team aims to:

- provide training opportunities
- provide informal education
- improve health and wellbeing
- contribute to economic development
- improve our local environment

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 May 2025

Achievements and Performance

Galloway Action Team has had a successful year. We have still been challenged like all charities and organisations. It has been essential to ensure a steady source of income through contractual work with partners and obtaining appropriate funding to ensure we maintain the service we wish to provide for our volunteers and the community.

We have funding in place to provide paid volunteers and cover the general running costs. It has been essential that we have had the help of Sleeping Giants to assist us with funding bids. This has allowed us to provide funders with the relevant information and also to gain funding over a number of years. The financial support from Hollywood Trust, Stranraer Academy, Foundation Scotland Kilgallioch, Robertson Trust, Loreburn Housing Association and Wheatley South, to name a few, has allowed us to advance our work. Other funders have also provided support and as a result Galloway Action Team have been able to provide assistance as needs have arisen. The work with Stranraer Academy has also continued and progressed with more formal arrangements in place. Regular consultation and evaluation has ensured a structured programme for the pupils attending. The needs and relationships within the setting have been managed well. The pupils, both boys and girls, have gained confidence and new skills. The headteacher shared the success at Stranraer Academy with the headteacher of Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart. Work is now being established with this secondary school and there is a need for support in similar ways already proved to be of assistance to pupils at Stranraer Academy.

The activities of the volunteers are very varied and some arise due to needs identified or require to be repeated as volunteers change. Many of the courses allow development of life skills, managing finances, numeracy skills and cooking. Each day the volunteers have a light meal at lunchtime using our kitchen. The volunteers provide assistance to local schools within their gardens, help with outside work at Belmont Nursing Home and when needs arise. The volunteers also help with house clearings and doing gardening work for Loreburn Housing Association. A highlight for the volunteers is assisting the British Legion with their annual poppy display within the town centre. This allows the volunteers to be part of an important event within the local community.

Galloway Action Team is known within the community but have certainly been given more prominence since receiving the Kings Award. It was a tremendous achievement and promoted our work to all in the local community. The awards ceremony was an unforgettable event and the publicity following was beneficial. GAT had a visit from our local MP Mr John Cooper and the volunteers were able to gain an insight into his work. The board try to ensure the running of GAT follows all the correct procedures as laid down by OSCR and make sure the volunteers are healthy and listened to at all times. It is important that the volunteers are actively involved in helping others within the community experiencing difficulty within society. The skills they learn can be used and allows them to gain self satisfaction and confidence.

We have developed a five year strategic plan for 2024-2029 due to working with Sleeping Giants. This is a live document and allows funders to see while considering a funding bid. Hollywood Trust provided funds for us to develop this work. The board members have gained much from this and the need for development work has been identified. A timetable plan for this work for all at GAT has been made and will be covered from May 2025 to March 2026. Over the last year we have played an important part in the local community. GAT helps in any way we can and ensures everyone feels valued and included at all times. We have gained funding for developing the premises. It is important we have proper work space for our manager and volunteers. It will ensure the area is developed to provide suitable office spaces and an area for volunteers. This will give any funders and visitors a good impression of how we work as an organisation. This will be finished by late June

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 May 2025

Financial Review

The principle source of income is through successful funding applications and our work with housing providers.

The surplus for the year was £65,084 (PY Deficit - £5,424).

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of Galloway Action Team to keep three months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen expenditure of the charity or in the event of the charity being disbanded.

Plans for the Future

At the end of another year, Galloway Action Team will ensure we develop activities already started and introduce new pathways recognised as needs for the volunteers and also within the local community. It is important for the volunteers to be involved within the local community, building up individual skills and being able to develop knowledge and achievements as a team. The board will ensure the activities are giving volunteers confidence, self worth, preparing them for obtaining paid employment but also ensuring the wellbeing of the local community.

We will develop work with the two local secondary schools and provide appropriate activities for their pupils, who are not interested in a full formal curriculum. The work with partners eg Loreburn Housing Association to provide house clearances and gardening, British Legion and their poppy display, Belmont Nursing home outside maintenance and local school nurseries. We will continue our wonderful Christmas Appeal with Howdens and each year it benefits even more within our community. New partnerships will begin and in many cases joint funding will assist with this. It is hoped this continued partnership working will give volunteers the experiences required to develop and progress.

The work to change the internal use of the building will allow all to have a better workplace. It gives all a sense of being part of a well run service. A new van has also given the volunteers a reliable source of transport to serve the community, where travel is an essential part of providing a service. Working with Sleeping Giants on a development plan with also give focus to the needs which have arisen due to work on the strategic plan. Topics could cover funding, delivery plan actions, responsibilities, goals, developing a risk register will be covered in training sessions for the board, manager and volunteers. We will also continue to work with our funders and so ensure monies are in place for all activities and day to day costs. It is important to promote GAT to funders at all times.

It is important we move forward and retain sustainability in the coming year. The hard work of the volunteers ensures GAT take on the challenges to allow the well being of the community. To be part of GAT, in what ever capacity, is something to be proud of and in the next year we will do our best to ensure continuity and assisting our community.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 May 2025

Work with Sleeping Giants on our Strategic Plan will be completed and so give us a focused way forward. We will continue to work with funders such as Hollywood Trust, Foundation Scotland, Robertson Trust, Wheatley South, Loreburn Housing, Stranraer Academy. It is one of the main functions of the board to ensure monies are in place for all activities and day to day running costs. Sleeping Giants will help us with future bids, as it is important to promote GAT to funders. Wheatley South will provide free help with bids.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Galloway Action Team SCIO

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Galloway Actions Team SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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.

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.

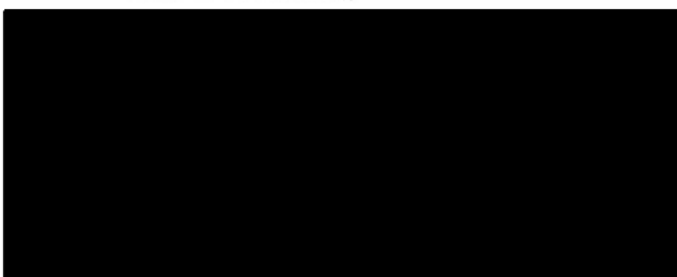
Basis of independent examiner's statement

An 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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.



Date: 23 September 2025

Galloway Action Team SCIO
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 May 2025

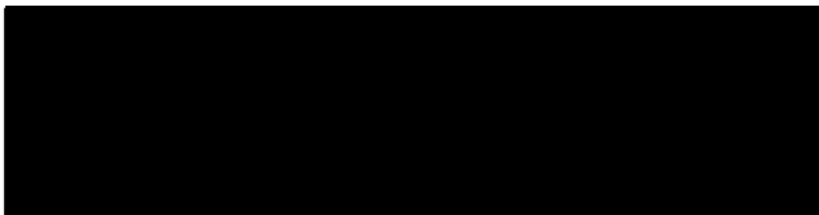
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	Note	2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations	4	3,759	-	3,759	1,021
Grants	5	27,500	102,454	129,954	53,079
Charitable activities	6	30,134	-	30,134	41,247
Other trading activities	7	25,043	-	25,043	-
Other Income		-	-	-	-
		<u>86,436</u>	<u>102,454</u>	<u>188,890</u>	<u>95,347</u>
Other		-	-	-	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u><u>86,436</u></u>	<u><u>102,454</u></u>	<u><u>188,890</u></u>	<u><u>95,347</u></u>
<u>Payments</u>					
	8				
Costs of generating funds		6,615	5,250	11,865	10,733
Charitable activities		39,621	56,167	95,788	80,078
Governance costs		7,696	1,063	8,759	9,500
Other Payments		7,393	-	7,393	460
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u><u>61,326</u></u>	<u><u>62,480</u></u>	<u><u>123,806</u></u>	<u><u>100,770</u></u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year before transfers		<u><u>25,110</u></u>	<u><u>39,974</u></u>	<u><u>65,084</u></u>	<u><u>(5,424)</u></u>
Transfers		-	-	-	-
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Statement of Balances
At 31 May 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 Note £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>				
Bank & cash balances				
brought forward	28,855	20,795	49,650	55,074
Movement in year:				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	25,110	39,974	65,084	(5,424)
Bank & deposit balances				
carried forward	<u>53,965</u>	<u>60,769</u>	<u>114,734</u>	<u>49,650</u>
 <u>Investments at market value</u>				
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 <u>Assets</u>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	<u>12,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,825</u>	<u>33,298</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>				
Cost of expenses not yet paid/cashed:				
HMRC - May PAYE	522	-	522	615
NEST - May Pension	348	-	348	256
Bounce Back Loan	6,967	-	6,967	10,767
	<u>7,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,837</u>	<u>11,638</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 23 September 2025.

For and on behalf of the trustees



Galloway Action Team SCIO

Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 May 2025

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and 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 a single 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

3. Related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4. Analysis of Donations & Sponsorship				
Miscellaneous Donations	1,300	-	1,300	550
Christmas Appeal	1,952	-	1,952	-
Ferguson & Co - Toy Appeal	-	-	-	250
Sandhead Bridge	507	-	507	-
Collections	-	-	-	221
Just Giving	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,759</u>	<u>1,021</u>
5. Analysis of Grants				
Foundation Scotland	500	30,000	30,500	17,329
Postcode Lottery	25,000	-	25,000	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	-
National Lottery	-	19,100	19,100	-
Hollywood Trust	-	18,738	18,738	5,950
Wheatley South Pledge	-	5,000	5,000	9,068
D&G Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	-	9,616	9,616	9,732
D&G Council ERI Scheme	2,000	-	2,000	6,000
D&G Council No One Left Behind	-	-	-	5,000
	<u>27,500</u>	<u>102,454</u>	<u>129,954</u>	<u>53,079</u>
6. Income from Charitable Activities				
DGHP	6,185	-	6,185	32,407
Loreburn	15,864	-	15,864	7,260
Stranraer Academy	6,000	-	6,000	500
Others	2,085	-	2,085	1,080
	<u>30,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,134</u>	<u>41,247</u>
7. Income from Other Trading Activities				
Disposal of Van	21,743	-	21,743	-
Disposal of Trailer	3,300	-	3,300	-
	<u>25,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,043</u>	<u>-</u>

Galloway Action Team SCIO**Notes to the Accounts****Year ended 31 May 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
8. Analysis of Payments				
Costs of generating funds				
Rent	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Business insurance	810	-	810	1,512
Heat & Light	322	-	322	4,007
Telephone	1,171	-	1,171	1,714
Office Repairs	748	5,250	5,998	-
Water	563	-	563	500
	<u>6,615</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>11,865</u>	<u>10,733</u>
Charitable activities				
Salary & Pension	26,842	43,702	70,543	64,988
Office Expenses	2,095	-	2,095	1,554
Waste Disposal	1,089	-	1,089	2,026
Van & Trailer Expenses	3,583	10,000	13,583	4,058
Materials	2,033	-	2,033	2,238
Tools	886	-	886	615
Workwear	295	-	295	498
PPE	266	435	701	523
Volunteer Expenses	246	2,030	2,276	2,516
Xmas Gifts	1,303	-	1,303	-
Training	130	-	130	118
Cleaning	72	-	72	52
Commission	-	-	-	487
Kings Garden Party	500	-	500	-
Interest & Charges	226	-	226	337
Sundries	56	-	56	69
	<u>39,621</u>	<u>56,167</u>	<u>95,788</u>	<u>80,078</u>
Governance costs				
Sleeping Giants - Funding	3,416	-	3,416	5,220
Refund of No-One Left Behind Funding	-	1,063	1,063	-
Independent Examiner	480	-	480	480
Loan Repayments	3,800	-	3,800	3,800
	<u>7,696</u>	<u>1,063</u>	<u>8,759</u>	<u>9,500</u>
Other payments				
Purchase of Security Camera & TV	523	-	523	460
Purchase of Trailer	5,700	-	5,700	-
Purchase of Trailer	680	-	680	-
Purchase of Pressure Washer	270	-	270	-
Purchase of Chainsaw	220	-	220	-
	<u>7,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,393</u>	<u>460</u>