

# Ayrshire Deaf Club

Scotland · Charity number SC050238

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-06-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	1 Kilmarnock Road Crosshouse Kilmarnock KA2 0EZ
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## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** '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', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

**What the charity does:** Our organisation exists for the purpose of providing support services to the Deaf community of Ayrshire and surrounding areas. We started out in early 2019 as a youth club for Deaf teens, but soon expanded our services to include a youth club for younger children, lunches for pensioners, football for Deaf teens, monthly Deaf adults social events, BSL tuition for children and adults, "voice off" sessions to promote the use of BSL, and support with access to services which are often problematic for Deaf people, such as support towards employment, education, medical appointments, benefit applications, etc

**Beneficiaries:** 'People with disabilities or health problems'

**Objectives:** The organisation's purposes are: empowering of Deaf people to communicate with the rest of society, thereby lessening their isolation. empowering of Deaf people to cope with everyday situations that hearing people find easier to accomplish. empowering of Deaf people to undertake and maintain employment, educational and training opportunities. to support Deaf people with regard to any and all transition phases which are experienced throughout life. to support parents, carers, wider families and supporters of Deaf people. to encourage the development of supportive and caring friendships amongst the Deaf and Deaf-supporting communities. to provide a variety of activities suitable for Deaf people and their supporters, in order to help ADC achieve the above objectives.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** East Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£31,344	£28,527	-	1
2024-06-30	£19,099	£19,809	-	1
2023-06-30	£9,147	£18,668	-	1
2022-06-30	£19,837	£16,282	-	0
2021-06-30	£21,067	£12,128	-	1

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# Accounts

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**Ayrshire Deaf Club SCIO**

**Scottish Charity Number – SC050238**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for the  
year ended 30 June 2025**

## Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 30 June 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

### Reference and Administrative Information:

Charity name:

Ayrshire Deaf Club SCIO (Charity no SC050238)

### Address:

1 Kilmarnock Road, Crosshouse, KA2 0EZ

### Current Trustees

Jamie Stephenson	-	Chairperson
Sandra Keen	-	Secretary
Cheryl Allan	-	Treasurer
Tracii Stephenson	-	Child Protection Officer
Callum Holmes		
Christopher Keen		
Lana Ali		
Casey Stephenson		

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Constitution**

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23 June 2020. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on 23 June 2020. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

### **Appointment of trustees**

The management of the Charity rests with the Board of Trustees, which meets a minimum of four times per calendar year. Membership of the Board of Trustees is, at the discretion of the Trustees, open to all Deaf people, parents or close relatives of Deaf people or those who, in the opinion of the management committee, have a specific skill which will be beneficial to and supportive of the aims of the Charity. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. One-third of the trustees must stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. If vacancies exist, new Trustees can be elected at any time during the year.

During the year, Danielle Stephenson resigned as a Trustee. William Withers agreed to take up a role as a Trustee and as at 30 June 2025 the process of confirming William's appointment was underway.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Charitable purposes**

To provide support and services to the Deaf community of Ayrshire and surrounding areas as well as their families.

#### **Activities**

The Charity provides a Youth Club for 0-18 year olds on Friday evenings. Attendance continues to grow steadily. The children can choose from a wide range of art activities, games and equipment. Our in-house volunteer chef prepares light meals for the children and their families. The Youth Club also provides an opportunity for parents and carers to meet, relax, have a refreshment and support each other, along with our network of trustees and volunteers. We have a football club (Ayrshire Deaf Football Club) which provides training sessions and matches for young people up until the age of 18, boys and girls, and is

affiliated to the Scottish Deaf Football Association. We arrange outings such as holiday fun day events and signed theatre performances. On one Saturday night of each month we hold Deaf Adults Social nights which have become increasingly popular since the launch in 2022. We host a Deaf adults Pool and Darts Championship as part of these nights. Our Family Officer provides tangible support to families with a variety of issues such as benefit applications, family trauma and mental health concerns.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Friday evening Youth Club remains our “flagship” group. This year has seen more of our original youth club members reach the age of 18 and sign up as volunteers so they can continue to play a part in the future of the youth club. The Deaf Adults Social evening continues to grow with new members attending at almost each event. Our Family Officer project has grown in demand, with support during the year under review for bereaved families a particular feature, in addition to providing counselling and support to families suffering from familial breakdowns, mental health concerns and serious illness. The Family Officer and Club Secretary have also supported families in meetings to arrange support for their children in schools. As a result, ADC has become a vital support service for many families in our area.

### **Financial review**

Our main sources of funding are:

- **Voluntary donations from club members / parents.** We operate a “Pay It Forward” system whereby those attending ADC events and activities pay a voluntary donation rather than a set fee. This helps to ensure that anyone suffering from financial hardship is not prevented from attending.
- **Fundraising.** Successful fundraising activities have been held over the past year including a supermarket bucket collection and the Kiltwalk.
- **Grants.** We actively apply for grants to cover specific, named costs, such as premises rental or equipment for the football team. Over the year we have been successful with a number of applications which has greatly assisted our efforts and made it possible to become less reliant on fees and made the Pay It Forward system feasible.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to place all funds earned through grants and or specified fundraising into a savings account where they are drawn down only to cover an appropriate expense. This ensures that our "earmarked" funds are kept separate from our day-to-day funds. All payments to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties are made from the current account, with a transfer from the savings account made in order to replenish the current account if appropriate. The Treasurer and the Chairperson continue to exercise strict control over this aspect to ensure the charity is always fully aware of its financial state with regard to restricted and unrestricted funds.

### **Plans for future period**

The trustees intend to continue offering the services described above, and are hopeful of increasing attendances through further consultations with local authorities who are assisting us with raising awareness amongst families of Deaf children. The Chairperson has initiated a mentoring scheme whereby Deaf trustees are introduced to the management roles within the charity with a view to them eventually stepping into these roles. This scheme will be re-visited in the current period. The charity will also be starting a scheme aimed at helping Deaf young adults into employment.

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30/06/2025	Period ended 30/06/2024
Receipts				
Donations & Fundraising		4344	4344	3399
Grants		27000	27000	15700
			-----	-----
Total receipt		31344	31344	19099
			-----	-----
Payments				
Equipment & Furnishings			1030	349
Consumable Items			3528	2352
Prizes / Gifts				56
Visits / Bookings			707	1424
Insurance & Banking			342	297
Staff costs			14703	7321
IT & Email			103	113
Utilities			2599	2191
Rent			5200	5200
Football pitch hire			315	506
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Total payments			28527	19809
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			2817	(710)
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Transfers between funds				
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			2817	(710)
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## Statement of Balances - as at 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Opening cash at bank and in hand			9807	10517
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			2817	(710)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	-----	-----	12624	9807
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<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>				
Current account		-	755	2261
Savings account	-		11869	7546
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<b>Other assets -unrestricted fund</b>				
Equipment (estimated value)			3500	3500
			3500	3500
			-----	-----
<b>Liabilities (unrestricted fund)</b>			-----	-----
			-	-
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## Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 30 June 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 club.

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

The Club's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. £14703 was paid to the Family Officer for specifically agreed work. The Family Officer also carries out Trustee duties on a voluntary (unpaid) basis. This was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees and is paid from a restricted fund (grants which were obtained for this specific purpose or have this specific item listed in their costing). No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2024: £7321). This increase reflects the proportionate increase in the hours worked by the Family Officer. The agreed rate of pay remained static at £15 per hour.

### 4 Donations/Fundraising

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As described under Sources of Funding	4344		4344	3399
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	4344		4344	3399
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### 5 Grants received

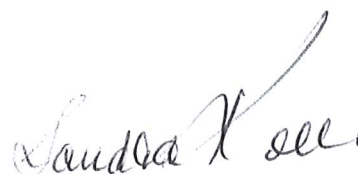
EAC Youth Network Holiday				200
EAC Equipment				500
True Colours				5000
East Ayrshire Council Rent				5000
CVO				5000
National Lottery Community Fund		20000	20000	
Deaf Scots Trust		1000	1000	
Corra Foundation		3000	3000	
Turcan Connell		3000	3000	
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		27000	27000	15700
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J Stephenson  
Chairperson

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S Keen  
Secretary







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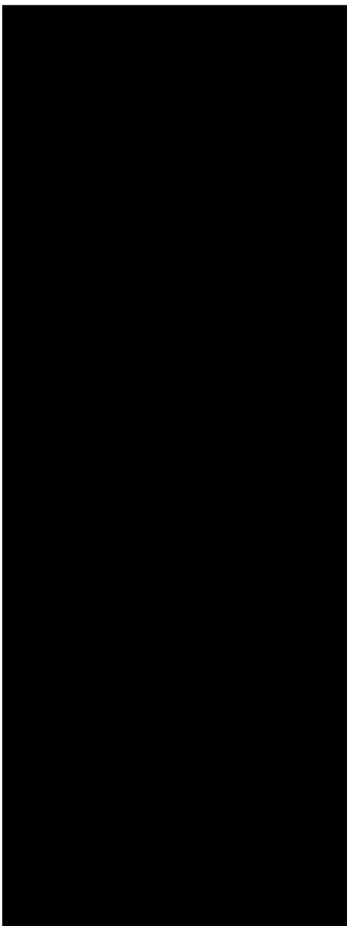
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Donations & Fundraising	3399		3399	4022
Grants		15700	15700	5125
Total receipt	3399	15700	19099	9147
Payments				
Equipment & Furnishings			349	573
Consumable Items			2352	3121
Prizes / Gifts			56	2332
Visits / Bookings			1424	888
Insurance & Banking			297	297
Staff costs			7321	3518
IT & Email			113	99
Utilities			2191	2314
Rent			5200	5070
Football pitch hire			506	352
Total payments			19809	18668
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			(710)	(9520)
Transfers between funds				
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			(710)	(9520)

## Statement of Balances - as at 30 June 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Opening cash at bank and in hand	3041	7476	10517	20037
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			(710)	(9520)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	2261	7546	9807	10517
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>				
Current account		-		2261
Savings account		-		7546
				9807
<b>Other assets -unrestricted fund</b>				
Equipment (estimated value)				3500
				3500
<b>Liabilities (unrestricted fund)</b>				
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				-

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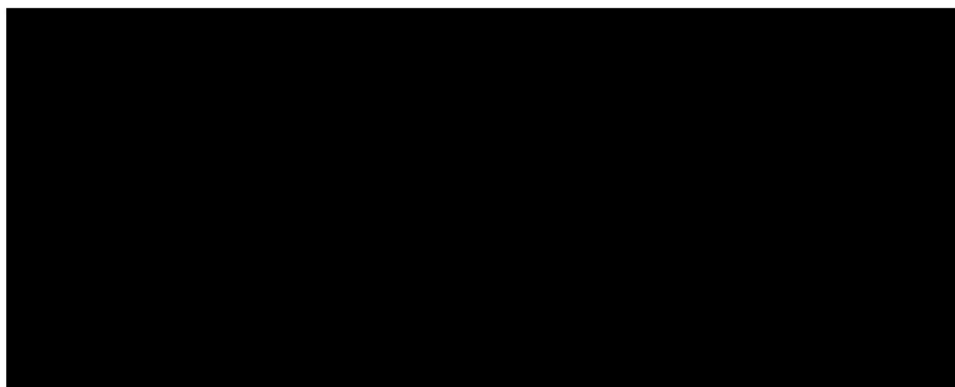
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### 4 Donations/Fundraising

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As described under Sources of Funding	3399		3399	4022
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			3399	4022
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### 5 Grants received

Scottish Football Association				1000
EAC Youth Network Holiday		200	200	525
Robertson Trust				500
EAC Equipment		500	500	1000
Corra Foundation				2100
True Colours		5000	5000	
East Ayrshire Council Rent		5000	5000	
CVO		5000	5000	
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		15700	15700	5125
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**APPENDIX 3**



<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b>							v2
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Charity name: Ayrshire Deaf Club SCIO						
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC050238						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	1	July	2023		30	June	2024
<b>Set out on pages</b>	6-8					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<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 (as amended). 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>						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>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 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.</p>						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.</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 been met.</p>						
<b>Signed:</b>	[Redacted Signature]				<b>Date:</b>	05 May 2025	
<b>Name:</b>	[Redacted Name]						
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	[Redacted Qualification]						
<b>Address:</b>	[Redacted Address]						

\*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

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