

# Roots Food Bank & Community Events

Scottish Charity Number: SC050653

## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Period From 1 April 2024-31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Reference and Administration Details

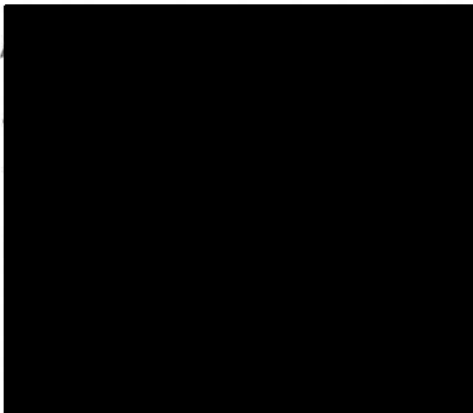
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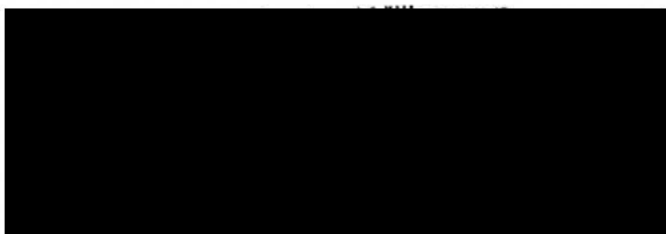
Charity's principal address:



Names of the Charity Trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report



## Independent Examiner



### Structure and Governance

The organisation was registered with OSCR as a SCIO on 06<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The governing document is the Constitution adopted at a meeting of Roots 31 December 2020

The Trustees' and Office Bearers were elected at above meeting and elections will be made each year at AGM

### Objectives and Activities

The organisation's purposes are the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

### Review of Year 2024-2025

In April 2024 saw the return of our Easter fun days that was funded partly by Falkirk Council School holiday grant, this was to help for the cost of food, we provided bouncy castles and other activities proving a great success for free, Millions like us scooter club delivered for free 200 Easter eggs that the children received on the fun days. The local businesses and the community also donated towards our Easter events.

We actively fundraised throughout the year by hosting events, competitions and raffles, all proceeds raised went towards our Food bank supplies, Free Term Time Fun days, pantomimes and towards our warm space Happy Mondays which provides essential support to communities' health and wellbeing through food, companionship and entertainment.

Sourcing funding and fundraising events are essential to our Charity as this helps towards our ongoing running costs such as rent, electricity, insurances etc.

Our Summer Fun Days were again a great success especially in the fact we decided not to apply for funding for these as an anonymous donation put us in good stead to host these without additional funds. This was fantastic to be able to do this as it meant our volunteers could immediately book attractions for the children who attend and not have the worry of funding being paid in on time for which we are eternally grateful.

After a successful application to Falkirk Council Community Choices, we got through to the public vote and were happy to report we won in our Ward. Thanks to this it meant we were lucky enough to be able to purchase a community mini-bus which has proved to be a great asset to us and many more with it being well used in our area between local schools, groups, charities and helping us transport families to our fun days who have limited access to public transport.

We faced many challenges this year, our biggest of which was deciding to move premises due to our current one being unfit for purpose after discovering white mould. A decision was made to move into a vacant space in Bonnybridge Community Education Centre as they began their journey into community ownership meaning the foodbank would now be central and in the heart of Bonnybridge. This has been a positive move for ROOTS as it has highlighted the work we do within our community and gained us extra support.

Lots of local organisations, schools, businesses, our local councillors etc have been pivotal in their support to our foodbank during the festive period, helping us provide all important donations to our free mobile Santa's grotto, pensioners Christmas lunch, Happy Mondays Christmas lunch and x-mas dinner food parcels.

In summary, although the team of volunteers faced a few challenges this year, we are happy to report we overcame the obstacles and had another successful year supporting those facing food insecurity, loneliness, isolation and have promoted health & wellbeing, community engagement and inclusion through various factors such as providing transport to those who would normally miss out on fun days without this.

Chairperson

Date 27/02/26

Secretary

Date 27/02/26

## Independent Examiner's Report

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 matters have come to my attention.

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.

During 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

27/02/26

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Roots Annual Accounts**  
**Income Revenue**

Receipts	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted funds	Total
Opening Balance- £32,170.95			£32,170.95
Donations	£15,404.81	£8,000	£23,404.81
Minibus	£370.00		£370.00
Funding	£71,411.69		£71,411.69
Raffles		£805.27	£805.27
Event Funding		£408.99	£408.99
Refunds		£193.18	£193.18
<b>TOTAL:       £32,170.95</b>	<b>£87,186.50</b>	<b>£9,407.44</b>	<b>£96,593.94</b>

**Income Expenditure**

Payments	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total
Expenses		£2,951.37	£2,951.37
Running costs	£16,371.25		£16,371.25
Food Shopping	£9,302.53		£9,302.53
Equipment	£65,349.78		£65,349.78
Events	£7,463.96		£7,463.96
Winnings		£230.00	£230.00
Minibus	£110.00		£110.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£98,597.52</b>	<b>£3,181.37</b>	<b>£101,778.89</b>

Account Balance:31/03/2024-£32,170.95 £32,170.95+£96,593.94=£ <b><u>128,765.89</u></b>	Closing Balance @ 31/03/2025
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Total Income minus Expenditure	Closing balance at 31/03/2026
£128,764.89-£101,778.89= <u>£26,986.00</u>	<u>£26,986.00</u>

This is an updated annual account of receipts and payments, there was a mistake in the digit on the closing balance, should be £26,986 and not £29, As stated, they have been resigned by our independent examiner date.



Date: 1/4/26

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## Trustees' Approval of the Financial Statements

On behalf of the Trustees, we approve these financial statements, which are set out above for the first accounting period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Chairperson

Date

27/02/26

Treasurer

Date

27/02/26

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of **Roots**  
Known as **Roots Food Bank & Community Events**

Registered charity number **SC050653**

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	04	2024	to	31	03	2025

Set out on pages **Annual Trustees Report**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

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Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Date:

27/02/25



## 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