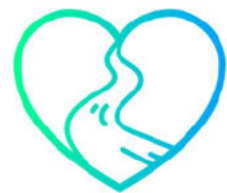




TRUSTEES REPORT 2025



Spateston
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST SCIO

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL

The trustees present their report, incorporating their strategic report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the charities governing documents and all relevant legislation and guidance.

Registered Charity Name: Spateston Community Development Trust SCIO

Charity Registration Number: SC050863

Company Registration Number: CS005103

Address:

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Highlights

This year has been one of realism, reflection, and renewed focus. As work continued on The Spey Community Development Centre, the scale and complexity of the project became clearer. Rising costs, a changing economic climate, and the need for specialist oversight have underlined the importance of strengthening our governance, skills base, and strategic capacity before progressing further. The vision remains compelling, and this year has reinforced that major capital projects must be built on solid, sustainable foundations.

At a steadier pace, our purpose has stayed constant. We prioritised what our community consistently asks of us: meaningful local activities that bring people together. Our Easter Egg Hunt continued, supported by Tesco Linwood, and remains a highlight for families. We also returned to smaller projects that had slipped from view as The Spey evolved. With more time available, we worked with Renfrewshire Council and Wooden Spoon to secure investment for new lighting and deliver a zipline in Spateston Park – practical improvements shaped by local voices.

We were heartened to see residents step forward to help care for the park. These acts of stewardship reflect genuine civic pride and show how deeply valued our shared spaces are. We also secured funding for a community fun day through the Tesco Stronger Starts programme, and preparations are underway to deliver our first Wee Free Library, widening access to books for all.

Looking Ahead

This quieter period has allowed us to reassess our ambitions and direction. The post-pandemic landscape differs greatly from when The Spey was first imagined, and our plans must adapt. Our priority for the year ahead is renewal: strengthening the board, retaining experience, and welcoming new members who bring fresh skills and strategic insight. This is essential groundwork for sustainable progress and will ensure that large-scale developments such as The Spey can be taken forward with confidence and clarity.

Our mission endures: to champion the voices of Spateston, build connection, and nurture a community defined by resilience, fairness, and pride. Look out for us, our consultations and our meetings, as your voice always counts. Thank you to all who continue to support us – funders, partners, families, and residents. Your belief in what we can achieve together remains our greatest strength.

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Title]

May 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Vision

Our vision is for the community we serve to be connected, supported, and fairly resourced so that local people can discover their potential and achieve their ambitions.

Mission

Our mission is to provide our community with the skills, confidence, opportunities, and support to be able to best participate, contribute and change society for good.

Values

We employ a community learning and development approach to all our work in which empowerment, self-determination, inclusion, collaboration, and life-long learning are central.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



Continued development work on The Spey project, recognising its scale and refining our approach by identifying the need for strengthened governance, specialist expertise, and clearer strategic planning before progressing to delivery.



Re-centred activity around the priorities expressed by local residents, sustaining well-attended events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and widening engagement through direct community conversation and consultation.



Secured funding and worked in partnership with Renfrewshire Council and Wooden Spoon to deliver practical improvements to Spateston Park, including lighting and a children's zipline.



Strengthened community ownership of local spaces, with residents proactively supporting upkeep of the park, demonstrating pride, shared responsibility, and investment in their environment.



Prepared for the year ahead by focusing on board renewal, organisational resilience, and future capacity – including planning the introduction of the Wee Free Library and securing resources for wider events and initiatives.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

This charity is a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation (SCIO) incorporated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on 25 March 2021. A constitution governs the charity. The constitution remains unamended at present.

Board of Trustees

Trustees are responsible for the appointment of additional trustees to the board of trustees. There are currently 5. Trustees should consider additional trustees to further the charity's aims and objectives. They must ensure a strong and capable board with a wide and varied skillset. There may be up to 9 trustees or a minimum of three. Prospective trustees must serve a minimum time of two years as members of the SCIO before they are eligible for appointment to the board. This provision is to ensure local beneficiaries retain a foothold of how the charity should run.

Prospective trustees will go through the standardised application and interview process. If successful, the trustee must stand for election at an AGM - simple majority rule applies here. The organisation's AGM takes place in May of each year. The quorum for member meetings is 20 members.

External bodies like housing associations and local authorities can apply for a co-opted trustee role. No more than one per organisation is permitted and they must not be more co-opted trustees than non-co-opted. Before AGM, time permitting, the board of trustees must arrange for prospective trustees to attend an independent training session which covers the legal structure of the organisation as well the responsibilities of trustees. Ongoing training is provided as required.

Financial Controls

Sufficient financial controls by way of a two-signatory system are in place. We have a cash handling policy which mandates that cash handling should be minimised in favour of payments using cheques or debit cards to mitigate risk.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees are pleased to record that income for the period amounted to £3,000. The charity's principal funding source is donations and legacies.

Reserves Policy

Much of our funding is restricted; therefore, there is no major risk of having underspend. If underspending does occur, the board should review the grant guidance and should spend appropriately. If this is not possible, the funder should be contacted, and the remedy sought.

As we seek to obtain more unrestricted funding as a social enterprise, we will work to maintain an overhead surplus. This should be limited to three months of core spending. This time frame will remain under review as we grow.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Spateston Community Development Trust
(A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The 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

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 Trust and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 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
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 04/12/2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and Legacies	3,000	-	3,000	3,105	-	3,105
Grant - Renfrewshire Council	-	-	-	-	1,375	1,375
Grant - The National Lottery - Communities Fund	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Grant - CORRA Foundation	-	-	-	-	1,900	1,900
Other Income	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total Receipts	3,000	-	3,000	3,106	7,275	10,381
Payments						
Raising Funds	-	(46)	(46)	-	(673)	(673)
Office/General Administrative Expenses	(289)	-	(289)	(292)	(100)	(392)
Computer Costs	(10)	(199)	(209)	(10)	(16)	(26)
Insurance	(79)	-	(79)	(96)	-	(96)
Other Professional Services	-	(180)	(180)	(400)	(350)	(750)
Office Equipment	-	(989)	(989)	-	(540)	(540)
Play Park Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Independent Examiner's Fee	-	-	-	(1,260)	-	(1,260)
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	(209)	(225)	(434)
Donations Made	-	(50)	(50)	-	(1,900)	(1,900)
Total Payments	(378)	(1,464)	(1,841)	(2,267)	(3,804)	(6,070)
Excess of receipts over payments/ (payments over receipts)	2,622	(1,464)	1,159	839	3,471	4,311

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cash and Bank Balances				
At 1 April 2024	1,497	3,471	4,969	658
Excess of receipts over payments/(payments over receipts)	2,622	(1,464)	1,159	4,311
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2025	4,120	2,008	6,127	4,969

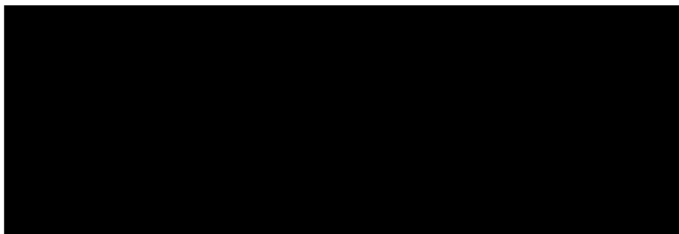
Liabilities

Accountant's fee 2024 and 2025: £2,460

Fixed assets

The charity has paid Kompan Scotland Ltd a total of £60,144 for playground equipment which is the equivalent of a fixed asset within the charity.

Approved by the Trustees on04/12/2025..... and signed on their behalf by:



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted income consists of £nil (2024: £1,375) received from Renfrewshire Council towards the Spateston Community Play Park Improvement Plan Project. Expenditure on the Project in the year totalled £nil (2024: £nil) and there was a transfer from unrestricted funds of £nil (2024: £nil). The carried forward balance of the fund at the year end is £1,375 (2024: £1,375).

Restricted income also consists of £nil (2024: £4,000) received from The National Lottery: Communities Fund towards the Trust on Tour Project. Expenditure on the Project in the year totalled £1,464 (2024: £1,904) and there was a transfer from unrestricted funds of £nil (2024: £nil). The carried forward balance of the fund at the year end is £632 (2024: £2,096).

Restricted income also consists of £nil (2024: £nil) received from The CORRA Foundation towards the Klas Care Community Transport Bus. Expenditure on the Project in the year totalled £nil (2024: £1,900) and there was a transfer from unrestricted funds of £nil (2024: £nil). The carried forward balance of the fund at the year end is £nil (2024: £nil).

All other funds are unrestricted subject to their application in achieving the objects of the charity.

2 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2024: one trustee received reimbursement of expenses £350).