

The Central Park Community Trust (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC050887

Details

Known as	Cowden in the Community
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-04-06
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address
The Central Park Community Trust
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Fife
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Website www.cowdeninthecommunity.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', '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: We are based in Cowdenbeath, Fife, and cover the local community from Crossgates to Ballingry and Cardenden. Our aim is make football and physical activity accessible to all. Breaking down barriers, and promoting physical, social and educational benefits to football and sport in general to change lives positively. Our football philosophy is fun and enjoyment and by implementing this into our sessions, we ensure participants no matter the age, gender or ability can develop, learn and want to come back.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4. The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, its objects are: 4.1 the advancement of public participation in sport by encouraging and providing opportunities for football and other sporting activities. 4.2 the provision of recreational facilities with the object of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended. 4.3 the advancement of health (including

mental health and wellbeing) by promoting the benefits of physical activity 4.4 the advancement of citizenship to encourage literacy, numeracy, employment skills, life skills, social inclusion, and social activities. 4.5 the advancement of education by providing a range of programmes and activities which have educational value. 4.6 the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. 5. The area within which the organisation shall operate (in this constitution referred to as the 'Area of Benefit') shall mainly but not exclusively be Fife, particularly Cowdenbeath and surrounding communities.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	2
2025-03-31	£99,206	£75,636	-	2
2024-03-31	£67,811	£71,298	-	2
2023-03-31	£53,371	£59,606	-	1
2022-03-31	£37,091	£16,339	-	2

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Accounts



**The Annual Trustees Report and
Financial Report
For
Central Park Community Trust (SCIO)
SC050887
For the Period
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

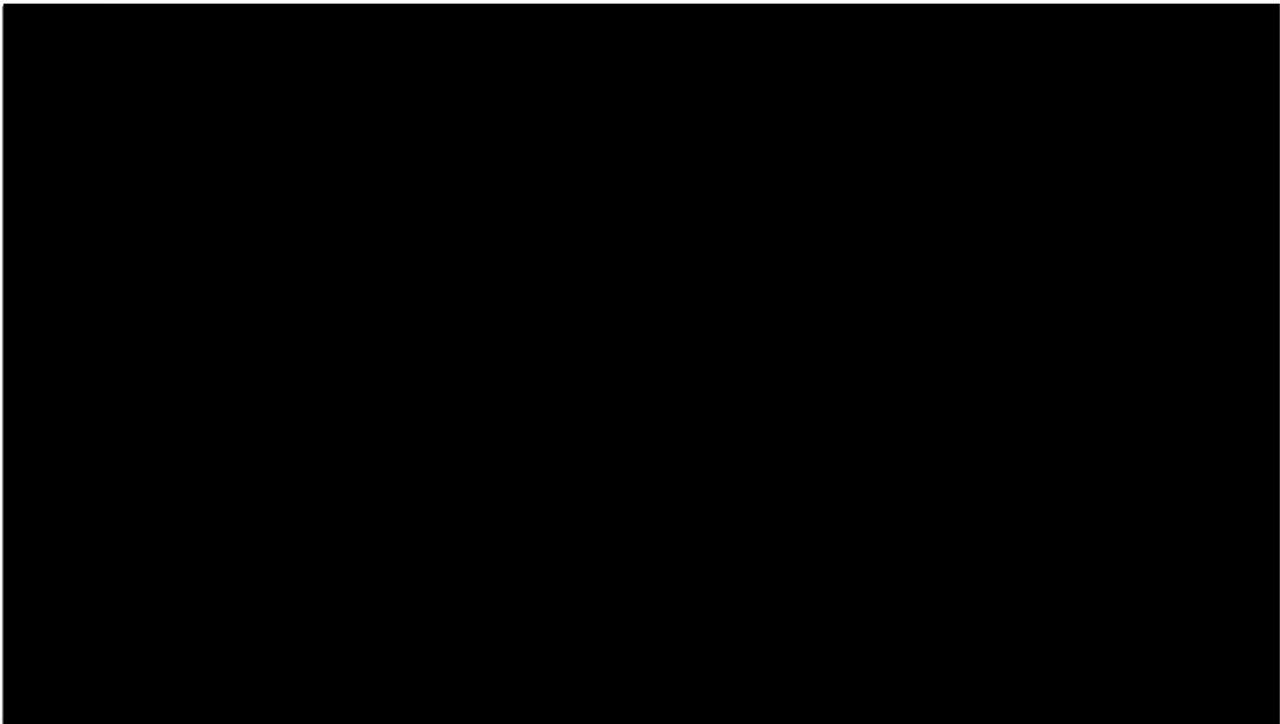
The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the twelve months period from 1st April 2024 until 31st March 2025.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name: Central Park Community Trust

Charity is known by: Cowden in the Community

Charity registration number: SC050887



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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Central Park Community Trust is governed by its constitution which was first adopted in April 2021.

The current Board of Trustees meet on a routine basis where formal minutes are taken. The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of the Trust. Specific duties have been delegated to certain Trustees so as to allow the Trust to progress.

Objectives

The Board of Trustees have continued to work towards the agreed six broad objectives set in 2017.

The objectives are:

The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objectives are:

- 1.1 to provide football and other sporting activities for children and young people; and
- 1.2 to promote participation by providing activities designed to encourage physical activity and to improve health and wellbeing; and
- 1.3 to promote equality and inclusion by encouraging participation in programmes that target the disadvantaged and vulnerable; and
- 1.4 to advance education in the community by providing a range of projects and activities designed to assist in the learning and development of life skills; and
- 1.5 the provision of recreational facilities with the object of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended; and
- 1.6 the advancement of citizenship to advance literacy, numeracy, employment skills, life skills, social inclusion and social activities.

The area within which the Trust shall operate to as the "Area of Benefit" shall mainly but not exclusively be Fife, particularly Cowdenbeath and surrounding communities.

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Activities

The application by Central Park Community Trust for registration with OSCR was formally made effective on 6 April 2021. The Constitution for Central Park Community Trust was comprehensively prepared so as to define the areas of benefit that the Trust would seek to promote in Cowdenbeath and surrounding areas.

Central Park Community Trust was fortunate to have the legacy of a community programme, which had varying success, operated by the Cowdenbeath Football Club Ltd over several years. The formal structure of the Central Park Community Trust provides an independence from Cowdenbeath Football Club Ltd and establishes a platform for future growth.

In the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, the Trust has been able to move forward in conjunction with Active Fife and Fife Leisure Trust in providing various age programmes using their sports facilities. We have been well served by those programmes. Reference is made to this in the Trust's activities in a separate Annual Report.

The comprehensive programme of activities across various age groups has been prepared for 2024 to 2025 by our Development Manager, [REDACTED] in conjunction with our new coaching staff. We continue to seek to expand the activities we can provide to encourage physical activity and health and wellbeing in the Community.

Central Park is the registered address of the Trust. We also utilise the facilities provided there. There is a lease arrangement between Landlord and Cowdenbeath Football Club Ltd which enable our use of the facilities at Central Park with a nominal rent payable by the Trust to Cowdenbeath Football Club Ltd.

A formal agreement with Blue Brazil Boys Club to enable them to operate under the umbrella of Central Park Community Trust has now been terminated at their request.

All Trustees attended Board meetings in the reporting year when called. Central Park Community Trust Board members are extremely grateful for the continuing efforts of a trustee, Tom Ewing, who's daily input has helped to grow the expanding activities of the Trust. I also take this opportunity to thank the other Trustees in the work they do to support the continuous improvement of the Trust.

The trust has entered into dialogue with Fife Council to explore the opportunity of taking a lease of a site within Cowdenbeath which was formerly used by an amateur football club. We believe that in obtaining this site this would offer more control of cost and also provide a facility to the wider community.

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The Trust is indebted to the following organisations who provided funding to enable the Trust to run programmes for the benefit of the people and communities in the Cowdenbeath Area: -

Cowdenbeath Football Club	Multiple Community Use Schools
Scottish Football Association	Fife Council
Beath High School	Lochgelly High School
Exxon Mobil	Fife Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund
Tesco	COOP
Fife Voluntary Action	Fife Sports and Leisure Trust
Cowdenbeath Community Council	Fife College
Fife Sports and Leisure Trust	Active Fife
Adult Social Care	Lochgelly Lunches
Wee Jimmies Bar	Wee Jimmies Cowdenbeath Supporters Club
The Purvis Group	4 Winds Trust
Fife Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	Cowdenbeath Civic Week
McDonalds	Active Schools

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Risk Management

The Central Park Community Trust Board of Trustees acknowledges their responsibility to identify, access and manage risks, in particular in identifying any potential risks that could prevent the Trust from meeting its aims and objectives and to put processes in place to assess and manage those identified risks.

The Board has identified two risks that could potentially impact on the Trust, and may have to put procedures in place to mitigate the potential impact.

Financial Risk

Insufficient funds to meet the needs of the Trust resulting in lack of growth and development. The Trust continue to investigate and to draw in areas of funding from the Local Authority, Local Community and other charitable institutions so as to meet any shortfall.

We are pleased to report that with the introduction of additional grant funded programmes we have considerably improved the financial position reducing our risk.

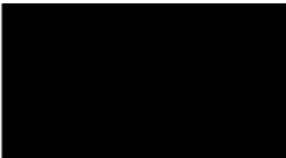
Liability Risk

Public and Employers Indemnity insurance is now provided by ourselves.



Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at around 3 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. This has now been increased and equates to approximately £21,000.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Central Park Community Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2025 which are set out here.

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 (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.

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 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.

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 20/12/2025

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Receipts & Payments Account – Year ended 31 March 2025

RECEIPTS	Note	2024	2025
		£'s	£'s
National Lottery Grant			12000.00
World Strides		684.86	
Fees from Course Participants	2	13127.30	14648.98
Fife Council Grant			2425.50
Fife Voluntary Action Grant		12000.00	11000.00
Scottish Action For Mental Health		800.00	
SFA Grants		3400.00	14500.00
Scottish Professional Football Foundation		1400.00	
SFA McDonalds Programme		900.00	
Tesco Stronger Starts		1000.00	
Warm Spaces – Fife Council Grant		3050.00	3750.00
Exxon Mobil Grant		1500.00	
Scottish Football Partnership Tr. Club Dev. Grant			1000.00
Shell Mossmorran Grant			7200.00
Fife Sports & Leisure Trust		748.40	1049.90
Fife Council - Active Fife		9888.00	6018.00
Fife Council – Active Schools		970.00	3767.00
Fife Council/Purvis – School of Football		7800.00	5000.00
Cooperative Society Local Fund		1123.80	500.00
Postcode Lottery Grant			1000.00
Four Winds Trust			5500.00
Foundation Scotland		1000.00	
SCVO Employment Scheme		919.28	
Donations		4393.00	6030.00
Sported Foundation Grant		3040.00	1000.00
Miscellaneous Income		66.44	187.92
Fife Housing Ass Grant			2000.00
C,beath Comm Council			629.53
Total Receipts		<u>67811.08</u>	<u>99206.83</u>
PAYMENTS			
Employee Remuneration	3	33298.05	49287.50
Payments for Coaching Services	4	13772.00	7928.10
Facilities Hire	5	10176.08	8447.03
Rent	6	2520.00	2880.00
My Club	7	2424.00	2424.00
Course Refunds		264.89	311.37
Equipment and Kit Purchase		5431.88	2594.85
Insurance		214.48	214.48
Festive Friends			
Miscellaneous Expenses	8	2197.37	1549.52
Foundation Scotland Grant - Blue Brazil 2010s		1000.00	
Total Payments		<u>71298.75</u>	<u>75636.85</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>(3487.67)</u>	<u>23569.98</u>

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Receipts & Payments Account – Year ended 31 March 2025

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Other Assets

The Trust owns various pieces of sporting, coaching and office equipment valued at £4200

Liabilities

The Trust has no other material liabilities or obligations.

The notes on the following pages form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees of the Central Park Community Trust on

and signed on its behalf by:

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Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year other than any actual expenses incurred and repaid as detailed below.

2. Fees from Course Participants

Fees paid by users/their parents to participate in the various courses run by the Trust. These include Walking Football, Summer and other football Camps, Boys and Girls football classes, Coaching classes. Fees are paid electronically via electronic payment system (Stripe) and payments via this system are included net of the commission deducted for processing by Stripe. Stripe Fees received totalled £14648.98 (£13127.30). Note that course refunds were made in respect of cancellations totalling £311.37 (£264.89).

3. Employee Remuneration

██████████ has been the CPCT's full-time Community Development Manager since 2022. An additional full-time employee was subsequently engaged after the 2023/24 year end – on 1 May 2024 – ██████████ as full-time Football Development Officer. Remuneration includes PAYE/NIC and Pension Contributions.

4. Payments for Coaching Services

Payments made to coaches engaged on a time-to-time basis to assist in delivering our classes and programmes.

5. Facilities Hire

Payments for hire and use of pitches and indoor sports halls to Fife Council and Fife Sports & Leisure Trust.

6. Rent

Paid to Cowdenbeath FC for hire of premises at Central Park, Cowdenbeath for administration purposes, storage and use of rooms.

7. My Club

Commission/Fees for My Club Hub via Go Cardless system – website, information and payment platform for the CPCT.

8. Miscellaneous Expenses

£1549.52 (Coaching Course £550.00, Season Tickets £320.00, PVG Fees £211.00, Living Wage Joining fee £82.80, Petty Cash £385.72).

9. Blue Brazil Football Club

On 14 August 2023, the CPCT signed a partnership agreement which brought the Blue Brazil Football Club under the umbrella of the CPCT. Work was underway to fully integrate the Blue Brazil Football Club financial operations, systems and processes into those of the CPCT but instead the partnership agreement was dissolved at the instigation of the Blue Brazil FC in November 2024. As at financial year end 2025 there was an outstanding debt of £960 due by the Blue Brazil Football Club to CPCT – this remains unpaid at date of audit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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).

Transaction with trustees or connected persons

No charity trustee or person connected with a charity trustee received remuneration during the period. No charity trustee received expenses during the period.

Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities. The charity is also not registered for VAT, and any expenditure includes any VAT charged.


Treasurer