

WIGTOWNSHIRE AND STEWARTRY PARTNERSHIP

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information for the period ended

30 June 2025

Registered Charity No: SC051090

Trustees:

Joe Gough - Deceased 23.01.25
James Rice - (Chairperson)
Isabel Milroy (Co-treasurer)
Gordon McCracken (Co-treasurer)
Julie McCarroll (Secretary)
Gail Dougan
Maria McTeir - resigned 11.08.25
Barbara Rogers
Mark Tingley
Elizabeth Tomlinson - resigned 31.07.24
Rab Wright (Vice chairperson)
Robert McQuillan
Liz Wilson - appointed 29.05.25

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended

30 June 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted at our AGM on 3rd September 2025

Trustees Recruitment & Appointment

The affairs of the charity are directed and managed by a Board of Charity Trustees. The members shall elect up to thirteen elected trustees. New trustees are inducted by the more experienced trustees. At each AGM, all of the charity trustees elected/appointed shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election. A charity trustee retiring at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless:

- (a) they advise the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that they do not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
- (b) an election process was held at the AGM and they were not among those elected/re-elected through that process.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has been formed to benefit the community of younger adults with support needs across Wigtownshire and the Stewartry in Dumfries and Galloway. Younger adults will predominately consist of individuals from 16 up to their early 30s. There may be some situations where individuals out with these age ranges would also be supported. These support needs will include, but not be limited to, adults with Learning Disabilities, Learning Difficulties, Physical Disabilities, Autistic individuals including people with Asperger's, individuals with ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, individuals with visual impairments, people who are deaf or hard of hearing, individuals with Acquired Brain Injury, people with Mental Health Issues and Individuals Leaving Care.

Charitable Objectives

- The advancement of citizenship or community development,
- The development of a range of opportunities in areas such as employment, training and learning, leisure and social activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation,
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Achievements and Performance

Over the period between 1st July 2024 and the 30th of June 2025, Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership suffered the major blow of the very sad and sudden death of our lead Project Development Officer, Joe Gough, in January 2025. This put on temporary hold some of our expansion plans as trustees stepped in to manage projects until a new Lead Project Development Officer could be appointed. All existing projects have been successfully maintained to keep in line with the aims and objectives of the charity, namely, to develop a range of opportunities for younger adults with support needs. Importantly though has been

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the fact that the ethos of ensuring that the individuals and their families are the driving force behind the opportunities and projects that are developed has been maintained.

All the projects that Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has either continued with or developed as new ones during this period have borne testimony to this statement.

Project Lead Officer. As funding for this position was due to end in June 25 the board of trustees decided to ensure we had a full years funding in place in the hope to attract a good candidate for this extremely important position. We have now secured funding for a part time position of 21 hours a week. Once a new person is in post this will allow WASP to drive forward again with all our projects rather than just maintaining them.

The Friday Group, our original project, continues to be hugely popular with members with around 60 people attending on a Friday, these include individuals with support needs, their support staff for those that need support, Carers and other members of the community. The mix of people that attend on Fridays makes it quite unique across Dumfries and Galloway. We continue to meet in Stranraer Parish Church Hall which is the perfect venue to meet the needs of running the group.

We continue to be led by our members when it comes to activities. We continue to have two employed group coordinators, one of whom is a young adult with additional support needs, ensure the group is achieving our core values putting the wishes of the members first as well as four volunteers and two members with additional support needs are now also full volunteers for the group. They also help organise fund raising events such as Christmas Fairs, bingo nights, car boot sales as well as keeping our social media accounts up to date to raise awareness of the group activities. During group time we also run quizzes and bingo which are amongst the many activities that the adults with support needs, with appropriate support, take the lead on. This is also true, amongst other activities, such as the walking group, the music on offer, the lunch order takers as well as the drinks available throughout the session. This has helped people build confidence, develop skills, become more independent and develop friendships. These alongside arts and craft activities, card, and other board games, music and dancing, make-up, a games console make for very busy active Fridays for everyone.

The group also organises one off events with our own in house summer festival and summer party night being planned for the summer.

The "Cycling for All" continues to be very popular with a wide range of individuals with support needs accessing the bikes; these have included individuals supported by local support providers as well as a couple of private sessions for local primary schools. Funding from the Dumfries and Galloway Regionwide Community fund has helped secured the staffing costs of our two part time employees again including people with additional support needs to run the twice weekly bike sessions. We also have 5 regular volunteers who assist the staff, four of whom have achieved a First Aid Certificate in April. The bike sessions continue to take place in the excellent location of Agnew Park in Stranraer. We had hoped to expand the bike project to either Newton Stewart or Castle Douglas thanks to funding received from Agnew Hunter Trust. Open days were held in both locations and it was decided the best location, bearing in mind storage of bikes and possible cycle routes, was Castle Douglas. The development worker who was responsible for this part of the project left WASP in April just as the weekly sessions were due to start. This was very disappointing. The trustees made the difficult decision to suspend the expansion of this project until a new Project Lead Officer was in post and to concentrate on supporting the existing staff and volunteers running our Cycling for All in Stranraer. We received part funding for a new platform bike from Bruce Wake Trust.

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The good weather we have had this year has given a great opportunity for participants to enjoy the cycling experience which promotes some many positive health and well being outcomes that cycling gives as well as the project giving people with additional support needs a very valuable volunteering opportunity whilst being mentored by our highly experienced and qualified staff.

"Let's Eat Tuesdays," project gives members of Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership the opportunity to gain real life training and skills working in the kitchen and out front to offer quality meals at a reduced cost to customers. Each of the individuals involved have been mentored by staff from Papa Rabs. This has provided the individuals with the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience by making food and serving customers, Funding from The Hollywood Trust and Dumfries and Galloway Regionwide Fund has ensured the continuation of this very worthwhile project. One participant of the training project has now progressed into paid employment and we have two new participants taking part at the restaurant. "Let's Eat Tuesday continues to be very successful with excellent feedback from both participants, Papa Rabs staff and customers.

Our Wednesday social evening which meets between 7-9pm weekly at Papa Rabs in Stranraer continues to be very popular with our members. This social evening provides an opportunity for members of Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership, their family and friends to get together and have fun. Traditional pub games, such as darts and dominoes, are very popular as well as just having time to meet up for a drink and a blether. Most weeks sees around 25 people enjoying this very socialable Wednesday evening. A very positive aspect of the social evening has been the growing confidence of the individuals that attend the evening sessions.

Stewartry Action Support group continues to meet in St Ninians Church Hall in Castle Douglas on a Thursday with around 15 members attending weekly. Like the Friday group it is very much led by what activities the members with additional support needs would like to do. The focus of the group remains social with lots of arts and crafts. We had a series of sessions from Heather Taylor at Commingled around video making which were very well received.

Whole Family Approach. This was a new pilot project working with Dumfries and Galloway Council Employability Team. Two Project Workers were employed to work with families to identify and help with issues they are experiencing that stop members of the family being able to enter into employment due to restrictions caused by a member of the family having additional support needs. This project was quite a challenge which our staff undertook with great skill and empathy managing to engage with some very hard to reach families. The project included "Stay Play Chat" where families could come together and we provided a selection of toys for children to play with whilst adults could chat to each other and our staff. We engaged with over 30 families during this pilot. Our Lead Project Officer was also heavily involved in the project and sadly following his death the other members of staff struggled to progress this project without his support and it came to an end in May. A lot of learning has been taken from this project which identified a lot of issues and needs in our community which Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership hope to be able to address in coming years under the guidance of a new Lead Project Officer.

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Financial Review

During the year the charity made a surplus of £9,797.

Reserves Policy

Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has a reserves policy that outlines to cover a minimum of three months of free reserves. As unrestricted spending is quite minimal, the figure is estimated at £400.

This level of reserves was achieved at 30 June 2025.

Future Plans

Our new Lead Project Officer. We have interviewed and a new lead project officer is due to start work in November for 21 hours a week. We have other funding secured to make this a full time position and employ an assistant when the required match funding in place.

Caring for Carer is one of these projects that we hope to progress. Working in collaboration with the Carers Centre the aim of this project is to offer support to Carers with some basic tasks that caring for someone makes difficult for them to complete. It is planned that some of our members and volunteers could offer support with certain tasks that would be of individual need to carers. This wouldn't only benefit the carer needing support but also benefit our members in terms of increasing their confidence and self-esteem, their life experiences and their skill set. It's an approach that promotes equality and inclusiveness demonstrating innovation through new ways of working and through collaborative partnerships.

AGM also saw board members elected. These board members have a great deal of experience and skills across a wide range of sectors. They include Carers, business professionals and two treasurers, both with a financial background. It will be essential that training is provided to the Board members to ensure that they have the necessary knowledge to drive the charity forward. Staff training will also be vital to support them in their work.

With the right support for both the staff and the board the charity will seek to enhance its growing positive reputation.

As Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership, progress into another year it will do so retaining its core values, there is every confidence that the charity can make a significant difference to the lives of many adults with support needs across the localities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees dated 4-3-26

..... Isabel Milroy Isabel Milroy (Treasurer)

..... Julie McCarrol Julie McCarrol (Secretary)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

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) 2005 Act 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

My examination is carried out in accordance with the 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirement
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation and,
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.have not been met
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Date

5/3/26

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 30th June 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations		6,768	-	6,768	1,210
Donation from previous entity		-	-	-	425
Grants	2	88,117	500	88,617	56,315
Fundraising		5,251	2,726	7,977	10,585
HMRC maternity repay		5,507	-	5,507	-
Consultancy income		-	-	-	6,025
Total receipts		<u>105,643</u>	<u>3,226</u>	<u>108,869</u>	<u>74,560</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable activities	3	95,410	2,840	98,250	49,107
Fundraising expenses		-	-	-	-
Governance costs	4	-	822	822	1,359
Total payments		<u>95,410</u>	<u>3,662</u>	<u>99,072</u>	<u>50,466</u>
Excess/(deficit) of receipts over payments		£ <u>10,233</u>	£ <u>(436)</u>	£ <u>9,797</u>	<u>24,094</u>

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Statement of Balances

as at 30th June 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Bank balance		
Opening balance - Current account	46,658	22,564
- Movement in year	9,797	24,094
	<u>56,455</u>	<u>46,658</u>
 Closing balance - Current account	 56,455	 46,658
	<u>56,455</u>	<u>46,658</u>
 Fixed Assets		
Equipment	8,960	11,200
 Debtors		
Co-Op Community Fund	1,154	-
PAYE	-	2,300
	<u>1,154</u>	<u>2,300</u>
 Creditors		
Accruals	1,888	600
PAYE	132	-
	<u>2,020</u>	<u>600</u>
 Total funds	 <u>68,589</u>	 <u>60,758</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 4-3-26

For and on behalf of the trustees

..... Isabel Milroy Isabel Milroy (Co-chair & Co-treasurer)

..... Julie McCarrol Julie McCarrol (Secretary)

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Notes to the Accounts for the year 30th June 2025

1 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They consist of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the charity during the financial period, along with a statement of balances. No adjustments have been made for any income due but not received, or any expenses incurred but not yet paid at the period end.

2 Grants Received

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Foundation Scotland	-	500	500	9,857
Hollywood Trust	36,075	-	36,075	24,900
Co-Op	500	-	500	-
EDF Energy	671	-	671	-
D&GC	50,871	-	50,871	19,471
Anges Hunter Trust	-	-	-	8,112
	<u>88,117</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>88,617</u>	<u>62,340</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Project coordinator	19,582	-	19,582	9,606
Insurance	-	2,167	2,167	1,337
Friday group expenses	12,000	-	12,000	10,151
Bike project expenses	18,810	-	18,810	88
Room hire	-	199	199	-
Café expenses	7,585	-	7,585	10,213
Subsistence	-	-	-	27
Stewartry Action Support expenses	3,214	-	3,214	2,753
Whole Family expenses	34,218	-	34,218	-
Legal fees	-	252	252	-
Bank charges	-	71	71	72
Website expenses	-	33	33	300
Development Officer	-	-	-	14,356
Miscellaneous	-	118	118	17
	<u>95,410</u>	<u>2,840</u>	<u>98,250</u>	<u>49,107</u>

4 Governance Costs

Accountancy & bookkeeping fees	-	822	822	1,359
	<u>-</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>1,359</u>

5 Trustees

No remuneration or other benefits were paid to any charity trustee or to a person connected with them, other than as noted below.

Joe Gough, who was the co-chair of the charity during the year, received a salary of £16,640 for his role as the development officer. This payment is admissible under the Constitution.

No expenses were paid to trustee during the period.

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5 Trustees (cont)

The charity has Trustees Liability insurance in place.

6 Key Management Personnel

The charity considers that its key management personnel comprise of the trustees and the development officer.

The total employment benefits include employers National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions of the key management personnel were £22,750.

7 Movement - Bank Funds

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Unrestricted general fund	5,535	3,227	(3,662)	-	5,100
Friday Group	4,759	12,818	(12,000)	-	5,577
Bike & development officer	19,366	11,665	(18,810)	-	12,221
Café project	922	13,135	(7,585)	-	6,472
Project officer	10,542	24,900	(19,582)	-	15,860
Caring for Carers	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Stewartry Action Support	1,534	8,172	(3,214)	-	6,492
Whole Family Approach	-	34,280	(34,218)	-	62
Girls Group	-	671	-	-	671
	<u>46,658</u>	<u>108,869</u>	<u>(99,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,455</u>

Unrestricted funds are available to use at the trustees discretion.

Friday Group funding covers the cost of staff to run thr group, hall hire and group activity costs as well as days out in the summer for young people with additional needs.

Bike equipment and development officer funding from The Holywood Trust, D&G Council & Quarries to employ staff to run and develop the bike project to offer cycling opportunities for all and ensure policies and procedures to support these endeavours are in place.

Café project, Lets Eat Tuesdays, the funding from The Holywood Trust & D&G Council provides funding to pay for mentors to provide real training opportunities for young people with additional support needs in a real restaurant situation.

Development officer funding received from The Holywood Trust to employ a development officer.

Caring for carers funding received from Dumfries & Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership The Lens to create a new project to offer support to carers.

Stewartry Action Support - is a group in Castle Douglas running a weekly activity session for young people with additional support needs.

Whole Family Approach funds are to with families to help identify and help with issues they are experiencing that stop members of the family being able to enter employment due to restrictions caused by a member of the family having additional support needs.

Girls Group is to help fund to create a safe, nurturing environment for women in the area.

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8 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

9 Going Concern

The trustees have prepared a budget, which indicates that the charity would be considered a going concern.