

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	06	2024	To	31	05	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Biggar Area Climate Care
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC051804
Charity's principal address	

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1		Chairperson		
2		Treasurer		
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

BACC's governing document is a Constitution setting out its purpose and structure and describing how it operates.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

There are currently 5 Trustees on BACC's Board. Trustees may be co-opted as required, to widen the diversity of the Board and to widen the skills and experience of the charity to increase its ability to meet its aims.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

BACC's purposes are to advance environmental protection or improvement by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, to advance citizenship or community development by helping local communities to deal with the impact of climate change, and to advance education with regard to tackling the climate crisis.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Our main activities are:  
Regular repair cafes in community halls across the ML12 6 area to reduce landfill through waste reduction, repair, reuse and recycling  
Home retrofit support and domestic energy reduction through thermal imaging and home energy assessments  
Bicycle repair clinics  
Information dissemination and community and individual engagement on climate care themes at public networking and information events as well as through website development

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Six Repair Cafes in Biggar (3), Broughton, Tweedsmuir and Crawford, fixing jewellery, electrical equipment, clothing, toys and furniture; dvd and cd recycling; phone repair workshop  
 22 free home energy assessments by specialists John Gilbert Architects and 25 thermal imaging assessments by BACC volunteers;  
 Home Energy Efficiency public information events at Biggar Rugby Club, Biggar Community Market Garden Open Day, and at Biggar Science Festival;  
 2 pop-up bicycle clinics in Biggar in association with Biggar Bike Shed;  
 Public screening of Riverwoods film with Tweed Forum;  
 Impartial advice on grants and trusted traders for retrofitting work in association with LocoHome CIC;  
 Progressed potential community solar project towards feasibility study;  
 Together with VASLAN, considered options and needs for Community Transport;  
 Built links with Climate Action Strathaven, Sustainable West Linton and District, LocoHome, and Tweed Forum;  
 Networking event for volunteers, fixers, and beneficiaries.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees regularly review reserves. A risk-based approach is used to calculate an optimal level of reserves, taking into account reliability of income, potential costs for re-organisation of activities, and specific liabilities. Amounts are included for risks we are aware of as well as contingencies to allow BACC to cope with unexpected costs and opportunities. We principally hold reserves to protect the continuity of BACC's work against uncertain income streams; to cover for specific liabilities and identifiable risks; to allow BACC to respond to unexpected opportunities that can further our aims; and to allow BACC to meet contractual obligations.

### Details of any deficit

No deficit

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	<div></div>	
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chairperson
Date	13/11/2025	10/12/25

# **Biggar Area Climate Care Trustees' Annual Report**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

## **Biggar Area Climate Care**

Scottish Charity Number: SC051804

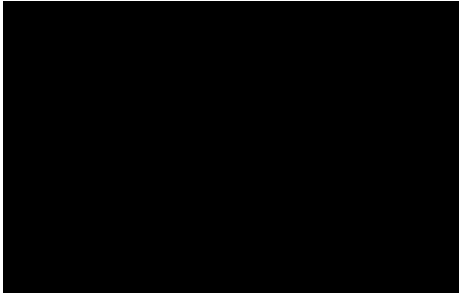
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<https://www.facebook.com/BiggarAreaClimateCare>

Funded by South of Scotland Electricity Sustainable Development Fund, the National Lottery Awards for All, South Lanarkshire Council Community Led Local Development Fund and by individual donations from the Biggar Area

## Charity Trustees



## Objectives and activities

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Biggar Area Climate Care (BACC) was first established in 2021, building on the work of the 2008 study, Carbon Neutral Biggar. In June 2022 the group was set up as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). BACC's purposes are to advance environmental protection or improvement by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, to advance citizenship or community development by helping local communities to deal with the impact of climate change, and to advance education with regard to tackling the climate crisis.

“Biggar Area” extends to the towns, villages and settlements surrounding Biggar, broadly encompassing the ML12 6\_\_ postcode area but also including Dolphinton.





Our main projects in 2024-2025 have continued to be Repair Cafes, the home energy efficiency project and bike repair clinics, although we have also been developing ideas for new projects and reaching out to people in our area. Our key achievements have been:

- six Repair Cafes in Biggar (3), Broughton, Tweedsmuir and Crawford. These have been very popular, providing a social event (and cake!) as well as keeping items out of landfill. Our fixers have been able to repair a wide range of objects including clothing, jewellery, electrical and electronic equipment, toys and furniture. Thanks to a kind donation from a supporter, we have been able to offer DVD and CD recycling at these events. We have been awarded a further two years' funding from the National Lottery Awards for All Community Grants to fund a consultant Project Officer for the Repair Cafes and to pay for hall hire.
- a phone repair training workshop looking at how to fix common issues such as batteries and charging, water submersion and overheating.
- 22 free home energy efficiency assessments carried out by specialists from John Gilbert Architects and 25 thermal imaging assessments carried out by volunteers. The number of thermal imaging assessments was limited by the number of volunteers able to dedicate time to this. This work was funded by the SSE Sustainability Fund.
- joined forces with Scottish Gas for a Home Energy Efficiency event at the Rugby Club in March. This gave householders information on heat pumps, insulation, air-tightness tests, zonal heating systems, thermal imaging and funding for energy efficiency projects.
- linked with LocoHome CIC to provide impartial advice on grants and "trusted traders" for retrofitting working.
- two pop-up bicycle clinics in Biggar in association with Biggar Bike Shed.
- a screening of the film Riverwoods in association with the Tweed Forum. The film looks at how changes in land management can store carbon and improve river quality.



- attended Biggar Science Festival with a stall demonstrating “climate change in a pop bottle” and showcasing our thermal imaging camera.
- attended Biggar Community Market Garden’s Open Day.
- continued to progress a potential community solar project. Dialogue with SLC regarding a former dump site has been slow, but they have indicated that a Community Asset Transfer could be considered if a feasibility study was positive. Several other potential sites have also been identified. A potential funding source for feasibility work has been identified.
- participated in a steering group set up by VASLAN looking at needs and options for Community Transport. This is at an early stage, and is still to secure funding, but is looking to set up pilot projects for various types of community transport.
- Continued to build links with other organisations including Climate Action Strathaven, Sustainable West Linton and District, LocoHome, and The Tweed Forum.
- Held a social event to allow supporters to network.

Plans for 2025-2026 include:

- Further Repair Cafes with the next cafes scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 in Biggar and September in Abington (exact date tbc).
- Energy Efficiency networking event for householders and funders in October.
- Further thermal imaging from late October, and more energy efficiency assessments by architects early in 2026. We will run a training course for anyone who would like to volunteer to help us undertake thermal imaging for those who want it.
- Organising a bike mechanic course in association with Biggar Bike Shed.
- Feasibility study on a community solar project.
- Outreach activities at Biggar Little Festival and Biggar Science Festival.

- Continued engagement with VASLAN's Community Transport project.
- Continuing to build links with other groups doing similar projects.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Constitution**

BACC's governing document is a constitution setting out its purpose and structure and describing how it operates. A Board of trustees ensures that the charity complies with its constitution.

### **Trustee recruitment and appointment**

There are currently five Trustees on BACC's Board.

Trustees may be co-opted as required, to widen the diversity of the Board and to widen the skills and experience of the charity to increase its ability to meet its aims.

## Financial review

### Overview

This has been a year of financial consolidation for BACC, embedding our main programmes of home energy assessments and repair cafes, and establishing reserves to support further initiatives in the year ahead. We have also been able to undertake promotional activities, attending a range of partner events, purchasing promotional materials and hosting an open evening for volunteers, fixers, households who have used our services, and others interested in becoming involved.

### Income

In June 2024, the Home Energy project received the second instalment of funding, £22,500, from the SSE Renewables Sustainable Development Fund (Clyde Windfarm (Scotland) Ltd) to enable continued assessments to be undertaken. The Repair Café project received a continuation grant of £17,400 from the National Lottery Awards For All programme in December 2024 which will enable the work to continue for a further 18 months to December 2026. In addition, donations of £729.66 were made at the cafes over the past year, bringing our total unreserved funds in our bank account to £1,629.79.

### Expenditure

The main outgoings in 2024/5 have continued to be consultants' fees. The Home Energy project applied almost all of its funding of £22,500 to professional fees to deliver the outcomes of the project. Additional input, principally thermal imaging, has been provided on a voluntary basis. However, given the required time commitment, training and skill level, we will review this for the coming year.

The key outlays for the Repair Café project have been venue hire, consultants' fees, insurance and first aid service provision. In the year ahead we will increase our in-house first aider training so that a team of qualified volunteers will be available for the cafes. In addition, it is anticipated that higher levels of volunteer/fixer expenses may be

incurred as travel and other costs increase. However, other costs should decrease as less first-time preparation is required.

### **Petty Cash**

Petty cash payments totalled £44.20 for volunteer expenses in 2024/5, leaving a balance of £30.80.

### **Reserves Policy**

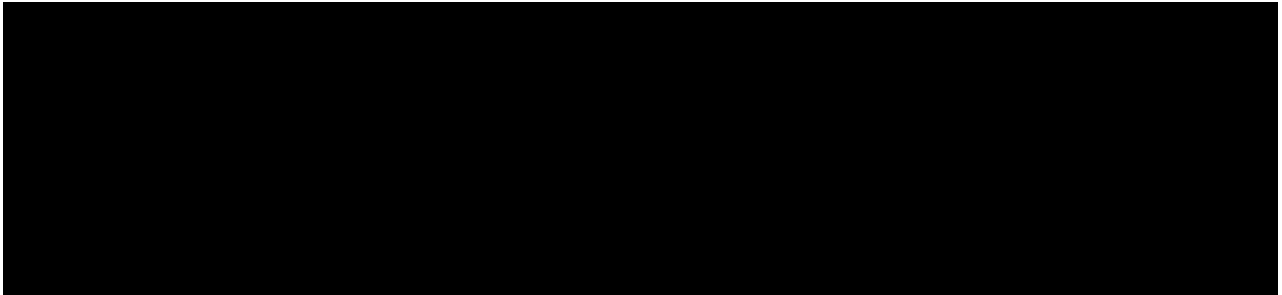
It is anticipated that in the year ahead, we will set aside £1,000 for contingencies in our reserved fund. The remaining £600.00 in our unreserved fund will be available to support the sustainability of our existing projects and to pilot new initiatives in the year ahead.

### **Our Thanks**

We are indebted to our principal funders – the SSE Renewables Sustainable Development Fund (Clyde Windfarm (Scotland) Ltd), the National Lottery Awards for All programme, and South Lanarkshire Council. Our thanks also to Biggar Co-op who provided in-kind support for our open evening. We are most grateful to all of our individual donors at the Repair Cafes, the bicycle clinics, our AGM and open evening over the past year. Finally, we are extremely appreciative of the backbone of our organisation, the volunteers who so generously and enthusiastically give their time, skills and energy as fixers, thermal imagers, bakers, first aiders, drivers, committee members, administrators, welcomers, fundraisers...

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Designation

Treasurer

Date

11/11/2025

## Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	1,011	5,151			6,162	18,600
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	650	11,011			11,661	(12,438)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	1,661	16,162	-	-	17,823	6,162
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets		Restricted thermal imaging			2,766
		Restricted-retrofitting			1,000
		Total	-	-	3,766

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature\*

Print Name

Date of  
approval

11/11/2025

## APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>		Charity name Biggar Area Climate Care						
<b>Registered charity number</b>		SCO51804						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		01	06	2024	to	31	05	2025
<b>Set out on pages</b>		7-9						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>		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.						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>		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.						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>		<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention <del>{other than that disclosed on the attached page*}</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <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> </li> </ol> <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ol>						
<b>Signed**:</b>								
<b>Name:</b>								
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>								
<b>Address:</b>								

\*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.

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**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