

KNIGHTSRIDGE ADVENTURE PROJECT

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Knightsridge Adventure Project, operating as "The Vennie," continued its vital community work throughout 2024-25, demonstrating resilience and growth despite leadership transitions. The charity received £31,463 in core funding from West Lothian Council and maintains a robust financial position with six months' reserves policy in place.

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Vision: Uplifting Community, Empowering All Young People

The organisation serves as a practical pillar of support for every community member, embracing diversity in all forms. Working collaboratively with partners, The Vennie provides relief from hardship and creates springboards for growth through:

- Relief services delivering necessities with compassion
- Educational initiatives empowering progress
- Recreational programs nourishing joy and connection
- Inclusive spaces welcoming all identities and experiences

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Following the departure of Manager [REDACTED] in August 2024, Youth Coordinator [REDACTED] successfully assumed leadership responsibilities. The Board of Trustees remains committed to sound governance, maintaining formal reserves and risk management policies to ensure sustainable operations. [REDACTED] joined the board. [REDACTED] resigned.

SERVICE DELIVERY AND IMPACT

The Food Outlet

Operating twice weekly (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-3 PM), the Food Outlet serves as a crucial community resource addressing food insecurity. The service maintains dignity-centred approaches, welcoming all regardless of ability to pay.

Impact Metrics:

- 50+ daily visitors.
- 250+ people fed daily
- Comprehensive support including financial advisors, Fuel Bank Vouchers, and School Bank services

Bicycle Lending Library

This innovative service promotes sustainable transportation, health, and community connection through accessible cycling opportunities.

Services Include:

- Daily bike borrowing with free helmet provision
- Monthly group rides led by experienced cyclists
- Ongoing maintenance and repair education
- Volunteer training in bicycle mechanics

Community Garden

Twenty-three growing beds provide therapeutic community space while addressing food security and mental health needs through horticultural therapy.

Programming Expansion:

- Weekly life skills classes teaching food growing
- Fresh produce distribution to those in need
- Therapeutic gardening reducing stress and anxiety
- Community connection through shared growing experiences

Youth Programming

All youth groups operate at full capacity, demonstrating strong community demand and effective service delivery.

Program Structure:

- Girls Group and Boys Club
- Creative Horizon program
- Age-specific Friday groups (5-11 years and 12+ years)
- Flexible indoor/outdoor programming adapting to seasonal needs and circumstances

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Volunteers form the backbone of all operations, contributing essential support across food outlet, community garden, and youth programming. Their dedication enables service sustainability and community connection while providing mentorship opportunities for young people.

OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Vennie's integrated approach addresses multiple health determinants simultaneously. Food outlet services tackle nutrition and financial stress. The community garden supports mental health through therapeutic activities while building social connections. Bicycle library

services promote physical activity and environmental sustainability. Youth programming provides safe spaces for personal development and peer support.

The organisation's flexible, responsive approach ensures services adapt to changing community needs while maintaining consistency during uncertain times. This adaptability has proven crucial in sustaining high-capacity operations across all program areas.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The charity maintains sound financial practices with formal reserves policy ensuring six months' operational capacity. Core council funding of £31,463 provides stability while additional funding streams support program expansion, particularly in community garden programming.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

With all programs operating at capacity and expanding garden programming secured, The Vennie is well-positioned for continued growth and impact. The organisation's established volunteer base, strong community partnerships, and proven service delivery model create a solid foundation for future development while maintaining focus on community-led, responsive programming that addresses real local needs.

Knightsridge Adventure Project

	£	£
Income & Expenditure		
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025		
	Restricted	Unrestricted
Incoming Resources		
West Lothian Council Core Funding		36406
Income from Summer Clubs		
Food Outlet Development		45312
Job Retention Scheme		
Income from October Holiday Period		
Inclusive Playground		
Other Income		350
Cashback Project		
Income Cycling Project		
Councillors Disbursement Fund		
Community Garden Grant		
Mini Bus Hire Income		
Outreach and Youth Forum Scheme		
Lottery Dormant Accounts Scheme		
Go Fund me donations		
Donations		950
Health Initiatives		
Total Income	0	83018
Resources Expended		
Staff Salaries/ NIC (Admin)		50424
Summer Clubs	5000	
Pension Contribution		
Events and Activities		4930
Girls Group and Volunteers		409
Food Outlet		45655
Healthy Living & Initiatives		1549
Staff Training		
Office Costs		2776
Community Garden Project	928	
Bank Charges		786
Cleaning		453
Repairs		1487
Printing and Stationery		280
Cycle Project		
Software		
Outreach and Youth Forum Scheme	1200	
Insurance		
General Expenses		408
Fuel / Oil / Vehicle Servicing Repairs		

Vehicle Insurance		
Subscriptions		680
Accountant's Fees		2755
Depreciation		1681
Total	7128	114273
Net Income Expenditure for the year	-7128	-31255
Reserves Brought Forward	3378	191105
Total Funds Carried Forward	-3750	159850

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£

2025
Total

2024
Total

36406

36463

5000

45312

77622

350

13935

102

500

432

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8305

950

232

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2755	2012
1681	
121401	154469
-38383	-11878
194483	206361
156100	194483
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Knightsridge Adventure Project
Balance Sheets as at 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
Capital Assets		
Fixtures and Fittings Purchase	13561	
Other Capital Asset Purchase	3302	
Fixtures and Fittings Depreciation In Year	-1211	
Other Capital Asset Depreciation	-470	
Net Book Value	15182	
CURRENT ASSETS		
Current A/c	145206	180903
Bank of Scotland	20531	20045
Petty Cash		15
Total Current Assets:	165737	200963
less Current Liabilities		
Pension Creditor	186	186
PAYE/NI	1781	512
Accruals	22214	5782
Other Creditor	638	
	24819	6480
Net Current Assets	140918	194483
TOTAL ASSETS:	156100	
Represented by		
Funds		
Opening Balance Restricted	3378	-623
Opening Balance Unrestricted	191105	206984
Surplus / Deficit in the Year -Restricted	-7128	4001
Surplus /Deficit in the Year - Unrestricted	-31255	-15879
Total Surplus/ Deficit in the Year	-38383	-11878
Total Funds Restricted	-3750	3378
Total Funds Unrestricted	159850	191105

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KNIGHTSRIDGE ADVENTURE PROJECT
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Charity No SCO 51959

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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 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 comply with 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.

