

Hilltown Community Larder Annual Report April 2024 – March 2025

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The trustees of the Hilltown Community Larder are pleased to present this annual report. The Community Larder has had a very stable year and much has been achieved.

The main purposes of the Hilltown Community Larder are;

- **Advancement of community development, citizenship and social welfare for all.**
- **Prevention of poverty and the relief of financial hardship.**
- **The promotion of environmentally friendly lifestyles and reducing food waste.**

To meet these objectives we operate two weekly Food Larder sessions. These sessions, on a Thursday evening and a Friday daytime, provide opportunity for those available day time and for those where evening is the best option. We aim to provide local residents access to low cost ambient and fresh food as well as fruit and vegetables. We target specifically the Coldside area of Dundee, but also have access time for those who live out with our geographic area. In addition to the food larder, we signpost members to services which will provide support to other areas of their lives eg. Benefits, housing and health. Reducing food waste is important to us and we used local suppliers for fresh produce and Fareshare to prevent food waste.

Funding

Our funding has come from a variety of sources during 2024-2025:

- Dundee Partnership provided us with grants for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, a Winter grant to help our members with the Cost of Living and a small grant to buy a new larder freezer for the store.
- We received several cash donations, including from; local trusts, churches and individuals.
- We were supported through the Fans Supporting Foodbanks project.
- We have had a very successful fundraising partnership with the Hilltown Community Centre Management group, having monthly prize bingo sessions.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported us financially during the year.

Membership and Larder Sessions

We have been working with 2 sessions per week. We operate a Thursday evening to allow access to those who are working or unavailable during the day, this session is for those with a Coldside ward postcode. Our Friday session is over 2 hours and the first hour is for Coldside residents and the second hour is for any other addresses in Dundee. Both sessions offer a healthy, diverse range of food, which they can choose themselves for a cost of £2.50 basic and £5 for ambient and fresh. Every session has free fruit and vegetables.

Over the course of the year our numbers have stabilised and we have a regular weekly membership of 50 with a wider benefit of approx 150. We endeavour to only take Christmas off and so our service over the year will provide 2550 bags of food and has the capacity to reach 7,650 people.

Working Together

Working with others is at the core of what we do. We have a very strong relationship with the Hilltown Community Centre Management Group. The centre provides storage, support with admin and we share one of our main fund raising activities every month, we also have strong links with the

Wee Bonnet Cafe and the Community wardrobe at St. Martins Church. We also have links with the Maxwell Centre, the local primary schools and work regularly with Dundee Food Network to promote and sustain food larders/projects across Dundee. We value the support received from all avenues.

Volunteers

There is a core group of 13 volunteers. Everyone has their roles and 5 volunteers are also Trustees. The volunteers work tirelessly for the benefit of our members and jobs range from service at sessions, shopping, handling cash, sorting stock, ordering food and fundraising. Everyone is a member and has a say in how we operate. Our volunteers make people feel welcome and contribute to making it an enjoyable and friendly experience for everyone.

Future

- **Moving forward we aim to continue to provide a sustainable service to our members, offering 2 sessions per week with a range of food at a reasonable price. This is a challenge as the costs of foodstuffs continue to rise.**
- **We will continue to apply for funding to help improve the offer to our members.**
- **We will continue to work with others to improve services to our members and to help those who are socially isolated, in poor health or struggling to make ends meet.**
- **We will continue to work to reduce food waste and to use local suppliers when we can.**
- **We will strive to improve the offer to members, including good quality food to reduce hunger and promote friendship to reduce loneliness.**

Signed

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Hilltown Community Larder

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Accounts For The

Year Ending March 2025

Hilltown Community Larder SC052021

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Trustees



Treasurer

Chairperson

Secretary

Registered Address
Hilltown Community Centre
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DD3 7DL

Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Hilltown Community Larder, registered charity number SC052021.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, set out on pages.1-5

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee 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 Regulation10(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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 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 the2005 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.

Signed



Independent Examiner




Date 23/10/25

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
From Period 1/4/2024 to 31/03/2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds Last Period £
Receipts				
Donations	4651		4651	3343
Grants		3599	3599	16903
Receipts from Fundraising Activities				842
Gross Trading Receipts	10228		10228	15947
Gross Receipts from other Charitable Activities				1353
 Total Receipts	<u>14879</u>	<u>3599</u>	<u>18478</u>	<u>38388</u>
Payments				
Gross Trading Payments	8646	6365	15011	30006
Payments Relating to Charitable Activities				2928
Other	359		359	80
 Total Payments	<u>9005</u>	<u>6365</u>	<u>15370</u>	<u>33014</u>
Net Receipt/ Payments	5874	(2766)	3108	5374
 Surplus for the Year	<u>5874</u>	<u>(2766)</u>	<u>3108</u>	<u>5374</u>

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Statement of Balances

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Current	Total last Period
	£	£	£	£
Transfer from LMG	10750		10750	
Cash and bank balances at start of year				4573
Surplus/Deficit on Receipts and Payments	<u>5874</u>	<u>(2766)</u>	<u>3108</u>	<u>5374</u>
Cash and Bank Balances at the end of year	<u>16624</u>	<u>(2766)</u>	<u>13858</u>	<u>9947</u>

No Trustee has received any remuneration during the year.