

PLEAN'S VOICE

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the period ending 31 January 2026



Scottish Charity No SC052272



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2026

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The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 January 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	Plean's Voice
Charity Number	SC045898
Principal Address	Pleanbank Farmhouse Plean Stirling FK7 8BB
Current Trustees	
Robert McWilliam	Chair
Robert Jack	Vice Chair
Wendy McAlpine	Treasurer
Zoe Nolan	Secretary & Membership Secretary
Leah Easton	Minute Secretary
Natasha Bruce	
Paul Robertson	
Catherine Ann Robertson	
William Silvestro	
Bankers	The Cooperative Bank PO Box 4931, Swindon SN4 4PL
Independent Examiner	Lee Stevenson 22 Adam Grossert Court Stenhousemuir Falkirk FK5 4QT

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Plean's Voice is a Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO) registered on the 24th of January 2023

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the AGM, or co-opted during the accounting year.

Organisational Structure

The structure of the organisation consists of:

- the MEMBERS, who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual members' meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself; and
- the BOARD, who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The charity's objects are:

- the advancement of citizenship or community development through the organising of community-based activities that foster pride in the community of Plean and surrounding areas.
- 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 charity's activities include:

- Assisting local people to live better, safer, or more fulfilled lives by encouraging social interaction through community events, Plean in Bloom, fundraising events, guided walks, etc.
- The recruitment of volunteers who wish to make a difference in their community, to help fundraise, run events and activities.
- Working in partnership with other organisations such as Stirling Council, PTA's, Schools, the local TSI and local businesses to achieve the purposes outlined in our governing document.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Year three has been a period of growth, refinement, and exciting new partnerships. By listening closely to our community, we improved our existing programs and introduced fresh initiatives, adapting smoothly whenever unexpected challenges arose.

Our community stands strong with nine Trustees and around 100 members. We are always looking for new faces to join us, and we currently have four trustee vacancies open for members eager to step into leadership roles. This year, we also opened some of our Trustee meetings to the public to ensure everyone has a voice in our future.

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors, local and external businesses, grant funders, and event attendees, we raised over £31,000 this year. Here is how we turned that support into meaningful action for Plean

Events, Activities and Projects

From the start we have been guided by the results of the community survey we carried out in 2022 prior to becoming a charity. Sometimes we have collaborated in projects initiated by other organisations. We have continued to listen to the community and welcome suggestions and ideas.

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Stay n' Play Café

This *family and toddlers plus* group was originally established by Inspiring Communities SCIO, and we are proud to continue supporting them in running it. Over the last year, we have been working closely with their team to move the project over to Plean's Voice.

Monday Soup and Sandwiches

Operating since the inception of Plean's Voice, this event provides participants with a high quality meal, social interaction, and regular entertainment. The program engages a diverse audience, including consistent attendees, occasional participants, and new visitors. In 2025, the event relocated to William Simpsons Care Home.

This move has proved highly beneficial, fostering strong social connections and new friendships between our *Monday Soup and Sandwich* group and the care home residents.



Easter Fun Day.



Our annual Easter Fun Day remains a major highlight on our calendar, brought to life through a fantastic partnership with the Friends of Plean Country Park. The park grounds came alive on the Sunday before Easter with traditional holiday activities, funfair rides, local stalls, and a bustling children's tombola.

Attendees stayed warm and well-fed with plenty of hot dogs, soup, tea, coffee, and delicious home-baked treats. It was a wonderful, memorable day for everyone involved, and we are excited to make our upcoming celebrations even more spectacular!

Plean in Bloom

Our Plean in Bloom committee pours their hearts into keeping the village looking its best all year long. This year, they brightened up the colder months by introducing winter planting in our communal tubs, and they did a spectacular job making the cenotaph look beautiful for Remembrance Day. Intensive summer chores like keeping the hanging baskets watered were made so much easier by our incredible team of volunteers. It is a true team effort that keeps Plean blooming beautifully all summer!



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Plean Summer Fun Day

The sun shone brightly on Sunday 27th July for another incredible Fun Day, which brought even more stalls, games, and activities to the village than in 2024! The turnout was absolutely fantastic, and we completely lost count of the crowds who came along to join the fun. For the very first time, we hosted a dedicated morning ASN session, which was a wonderful success. We are thrilled with how well it was received and plan to make this inclusive session a staple of the event for years to come.



Christmas Festive Lighting

Growing our village light display is a major investment, but our community and local businesses stepped up yet again, to bring the vision to life. We are thrilled to share that the festive lights now stretch down the entire length of Main Street!

The transformation was absolutely magical, bringing an undeniable lift to everyone's spirits, and adding so much extra joy to our holiday season.



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Breakfast and Lunch with Santa

A refresh to our festive formatting this year saw the launch of our first-ever "Lunch with Santa" event, which completely sold out. Attendees had a wonderful time, and the roaring cheers when Santa emerged from his grotto were the perfect measure of the children's excitement. Earlier that same day, we also hosted a dedicated ASN (Accessible / Additional Support Needs) Breakfast with Santa, ensuring that the magic of the holidays was fully inclusive and accessible to all families in our community.



Christmas donation to each resident of William Simpsons Home

In recognition of the exceptional support provided by the care home, and to guarantee that every individual was included in the seasonal celebrations, Plean's Voice once again distributed a small gift to every resident. This initiative aimed to bring festive joy to all members of the care home community.

Weekly Community Lunch

Supported by grant funding from the Community Health & Wellbeing Fund, we successfully delivered a well-attended weekly community lunch program throughout the winter months. To extend our support, attendees were also provided with take-home bags containing essential food items and toiletries each week. Participant feedback highlighted profound social benefits, including the formation of new friendships, reduced anxieties surrounding food insecurity, and the simple comfort of enjoying a freshly prepared meal. We extend our sincere gratitude to our primary funders, as well as to Inspiring Communities, whose critical top-up funding allowed us to extend this vital project well beyond its initial 10-week timeline.

Membership

At the end of January 2026, the charity had 100 members.

Social Media

Plean's Voice has its own Facebook page and currently has over 1,200 followers.

Website

Our New Website is Live! <https://pleansvoice.org.uk>

We're delighted to share that our new website is now live, and we've begun transferring content from our old site. To keep the project progressing, our website committee meets regularly to oversee the migration and introduce new features. While there is still work to do, we are making good progress and expect to have a fully developed, user-friendly online hub in place over the next 12 months.

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Our Supporters and our Partners

We have received extraordinary financial and practical backing from nearly all of our local businesses, and it truly feels like every resident has played a part in our activities this past year. Our milestones and achievements are a direct result of this combined generosity. We simply could not have done it without you.

Please accept our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.



We have benefited greatly from the advice and encouragement of our partners: Thank you and we look forward to continuing our partnerships.

- Stirling Voluntary Enterprise
- Stirling Council and Elected Representatives
- Active Stirling
- Development Trust Association of Scotland
- Community Ownership Support Service
- "Resonate Together"
- William Simpsons Home
- East Plean Primary School and Parent Council
- Plean Community Council
- Plean Football Club
- Friends of Plean Country Park
- The Clansman Bar, Keystore Plean, Shop
- Local Plean
- Plean Library
- Plean Parish Church (Rev Alison Grainger)
- Inspiring Communities
- Cowie Rural Action Group
- Fallin Community Voice
- Community Enterprise

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The charity's income for the accounting year was £33,270 (2025: £24,122), expenditure was £34,954 (2025: £25,513). Total funds as of the 31st January 2026 was £3,040 (2025: £4,724). The charity had a deficit of (£1,683) (2025: (£1,392)). This was due to the purchase of equipment during the year.

FUND RAISING

During the accounting year we received just over £31,756 in income through donations from individuals and businesses both within and beyond Plean, as well as from grants and fundraising events. Please see **Note 11 for the Purpose of Funds**.

Please see Note 7 for details of Fundraising activities. The charity is also registered for the Stirling Lottery.

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RESERVES POLICY

Trustees maintain that they need £1,500 for normal day to day running of the charity for a three-month period. As of the 1st of February 2026, there is £2,586 (2025: £230) in reserves. Trustees will actively look at ways to increase their reserves in the next financial year.

FUTURE PLANS

Looking to the Future: What's Next?

Exciting major projects are on the horizon! We are currently in ongoing discussions with Stirling Council to officially take on the management of The Balfour Centre. To make the centre even more supportive during emergencies, we plan to install a battery storage system. If the village experiences another power cut, we will be able to open the doors as a fully powered warm hub, providing hot meals, warm drinks, internet connection and a safe place for everyone.

We have also teamed up with the Friends of Plean Country Park for an incredible new initiative: transforming the beautiful walled garden into a thriving community garden space. Keep a close eye on our Facebook page for updates as this plan comes to life!

Our organisation is growing steadily, and we want you to be a part of it. If you have ideas, feedback, or a little time to spare, please contact any of us, we would love to welcome you aboard.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 29th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr Robert McWilliam, Chairperson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Plean's Voice

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2026, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 2006 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter came 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 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave 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.



Lee Stevenson

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30th August 2026

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations	5	2,765	4,312	7,077	6,718
Grants	6	-	9,740	9,740	5,256
Fundraising	7	12,869	240	13,109	12,148
Trading Income - Room Hire		1,498	-	1,498	-
Stirling Lottery		1,830	-	1,830	-
Other Income		16	-	16	-
		<u>18,978</u>	<u>14,292</u>	<u>33,270</u>	<u>24,122</u>
Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	8	10,765	12,984	23,749	18,104
Fund Raising Costs		1,873	87	1,959	872
Governance Costs		350	-	350	350
		<u>12,987</u>	<u>13,071</u>	<u>26,058</u>	<u>19,326</u>
Cost of Equipment	9	3,629	5,267	8,895	6,187
		<u>16,616</u>	<u>18,337</u>	<u>34,953</u>	<u>25,513</u>
Net movement in funds		2,362	(4,045)	(1,683)	(1,391)
Transfers between funds		(6)	6		
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>2,356</u>	<u>(4,039)</u>	<u>(1,683)</u>	<u>(1,391)</u>

The Notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Funds Reconciliation		£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1st February 2025		230	4,493	4,723	6,116
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		2,356	(4,039)	(1,683)	(1,392)
Balance as at 31 January 2026		2,586	454	3,040	4,724

Bank & Cash Balances

Cash at Bank	3,040	4,724
Cash in Hand	-	-
	3,040	4,724

Other Assets

Large Fan	110	-
Amberol Planters	3,519	-
Baskets (this year)	1,943	-
Command Sockets	524	-
Table & Chair Covers	217	-
Rope Lights	250	-
Santa Suit	72	-
Microwave	95	-
Dryers x 3	890	-
Cenotaph	400	-
Xmas Lights (est)	2,500	3,000
Changing Table	184	-
Catering Equipment (est)	700	700
Baskets & Fixings (est)	400	600
Laptop (est)	180	350
Banners (est)	100	200

Liabilities

IE Fee	350	350
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Plean's Voice has no other material contingent liabilities

The Notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 29th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr Robert McWilliam
Chairperson



Wendy McAlpine
Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

2. Fund Accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the trustees have set aside for particular purposes. The designation is administrative only and does not restrict the trustees' ability to apply the funds.
- (c) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- (d) Endowment funds (permanent) are those where the capital cannot be spent but the income arising from the funds will be either restricted or unrestricted, depending on the terms of the endowment.
- (e) Endowment funds (expendable) are endowment funds where the trustees have the power to convert the capital into income, but are not required to do so.
- (f) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 11.

3. Taxation

- (a) The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

- (a) No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the accounting period (2025: NIL).
- (b) No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the accounting period (2025: NIL).
- (c) No travelling expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the accounting period (2025: NIL).
- (d) The charity's insurance policy includes trustee indemnity insurance cover for all of its trustees.

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5. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Plean in Bloom	-	2,249	2,249	1,262
A McPherson	720	-	720	-
BOA Round Table	500	-	500	-
Clansman Donation	120	-	120	-
Cenotaph	-	963	963	-
Walls Donation	60	-	60	-
M Paterson	200	-	200	-
Funday Precast Donation	-	500	500	-
McQ's	-	-	-	200
Village Shop Donation	-	-	-	350
Highland Broadband	-	-	-	250
Boom Power (Fun Day)	-	-	-	250
Lothian Broadband	-	-	-	500
Baynes	-	-	-	50
Fairdeal Autos Xmas Event	-	100	100	200
Plean Precast	165	-	165	797
West Fraser	1,000	500	1,500	1,000
Basket Donations	-	-	-	1,650
Miscellaneous Donations	-	-	-	209
	2,765	4,312	7,077	6,718

6. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Inspiring Communities	-	205	205	-
Premises Improvement Grant	-	9,535	9,535	-
Stirling Council	-	-	-	1,500
Robertson Trust General	-	-	-	500
Round Table	-	-	-	350
CFSLA	-	-	-	600
SVE CMHWF/III	-	-	-	2,306
	-	9,740	9,740	5,256

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7. Fundraising

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Other Fundraisers	2,018	-	2,018	-
S & S Fundraiser	447	-	447	-
Plean in Bloom Sponsored Walk	-	-	-	1,661
Easter Events	1,504	-	1,504	909
Santa's Sleigh	-	-	-	458
Scratch Cards	150	-	150	-
Clansman Fundraiser	-	-	-	1,725
Stalls	440	-	440	571
Easy Fundraiser	148	-	148	-
Raffles	-	-	-	80
Xmas Fayre	2,026	-	2,026	-
Calendars	270	-	270	30
Santa's Lunch	405	-	405	-
Plant Baskets	1,080	240	1,320	-
Charity Collections	252	-	252	180
Brass Band	120	-	120	-
Light Switch On	599	-	599	-
Funday Fundraising	3,185	-	3,185	3,761
Stirling Lottery	-	-	-	2,359
Xmas Baubles	225	-	225	414
	12,869	240	13,109	12,148

8. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Admin	12	-	12	49
Marketing	508	-	508	191
Catering	960	2,459	3,418	2,943
Hall Rental	1,560	518	2,078	3,668
Maintenance Costs	330	8,374	8,703	-
Consumables	2,797	17	2,814	5,323
Training	50	-	50	-
Sundries	-	-	-	20
Donations	700	-	700	30
Contractors	-	-	-	2,136
Event & Activity Costs	1,089	1,497	2,586	3,331
Contractors	2,336	120	2,456	-
Insurance	424	-	424	413
	10,765	12,984	23,749	18,104

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9. Equipment

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Changing Table	184	-	184	-
Microwave	95	-	95	-
Fuel Can	20	-	20	-
Smoke Machine	58	-	58	-
Fan for Balfour	110	-	110	-
Sum Up Machine	-	-	-	47
Xmas equip	83	-	83	17
Electrical boxes and cables	524	-	524	-
Christmas Lights	250	-	250	3,164
Catering Equipment	259	196	455	352
Cenotaph	-	400	400	-
Plant Baskets, Fixings & Plaques	2,046	3,782	5,828	1,343
Cooker	-	-	-	724
3 x Dryers	-	889	889	-
Airfryer	-	-	-	144
Freezer	-	-	-	196
Bin Store	-	-	-	200
	3,629	5,267	8,895	6,187

10. Movements in Funds

	As at 24/01/2025	Receipts	Payments	As at 31/01/2026
	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
General Fund	230	18,979	(16,616)	(6) 2,586
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
Plean in Bloom	1,039	2,489	(3,518)	- 11
Fun Day Fund	-	500	(500)	- -
CMHWF Inspiring Communities	-	205	(211)	7 -
Stirling Council Community Grant	1,500	-	(1,500)	- -
Premises Improvement Grant	-	9,535	(9,536)	1 -
Cenotaph	-	963	(520)	- 443
Xmas Event	-	600	(597)	(3) -
SVE CMHWBF 2024	1,954	-	(1,955)	1 -
	4,493	14,292	(18,337)	6 454
Total Funds	4,723	33,271	(34,953)	3,040

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11. Purpose of Funds

General Fund - An unrestricted fund that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees, in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Plean in Bloom - A restricted fund to pay towards hanging flower baskets for the main street in Plean.

Fun Day Fund - A restricted fund to pay towards the cost of the Plean's Voice Fun Day.

Premises Improvement Grant - A restricted fund to pay towards the cost refurbishment and equipment.

Xmas Event - A restricted fund to pay towards festive events

SVE CMHWF - A restricted fund to pay for family dinners

Cenotaph - A restricted fund to pay towards the repair of the Cenotaph.