

Best Way Community Development

Scotland · Charity number SC052379

Details

Known as	Best Way CD
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-03-03
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Jerviston Community CentreCoalhall Avenue Motherwell Lanarkshire Motherwell ML1 4BU
Website	www.bestwaycd.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty','the advancement of education','the advancement of citizenship or community development','the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science','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 advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation','the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: Bestway Community Development is a community-led charity established to relieve poverty, reduce social isolation, and advance community development, particularly within African and ethnically diverse communities in North Lanarkshire. We improve wellbeing and promote inclusion through family support, digital inclusion activities, wellbeing and health awareness sessions, community meals, and advice and signposting services. Our work supports New Scots, refugees, carers, and families affected by drug and alcohol misuse, as well as people living with long-term health conditions such as mental health challenges, diabetes, and disability. We provide safe and inclusive spaces where people can access practical support, build confidence, and reduce isolation. We work in partnership with statutory services, health providers, and local organisations to improve access to support and help individuals and families achieve greater independence and resilience.

Beneficiaries: 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Motherwell and surrounding areas with the following purposes: the prevention or relief of poverty the advancement of education the

advancement of citizenship or community development the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation the promotion of equality and diversity

Geography

- **Main operating location:** North Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	4
2025-03-31	£54,018	£54,291	-	4
2024-03-31	£18,950	£21,275	-	0

Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	to	to
01	04	2024
31	03	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	18,950
Grants	-	54,018	-	-	54,018	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total	-	54,018	-	-	54,018	18,950
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	54,018	-	-	54,018	18,950
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	53,891	-	-	53,891	21,275
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	-	400	-	-	400	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	-	54,291	-	-	54,291	21,275
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	54,291	-	-	54,291	21,275
Net receipts / (payments)	-	(274)	-	-	(274)	(2,325)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	(274)	-	-	(274)	(2,325)

Section B Statement of balances

B2 Investments

Details	

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

B3 Other assets

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Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Total			

B4 Liabilities

Details

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

B5 Contingent liabilities

Details	

Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Total		

Date of approval

24/12/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	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 £
Total						

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Impact Funding Grant		£2,045.00	£2,045.00	
Robertson Trust				2,500
Scottish Refugee				950
NHS Grant		£6,240.00	£6,240.00	
H O Donation		£4,850.00	£4,850.00	
NLC Grant		£6,830.00	£6,830.00	500
The Corra Foundation Grant		£10,000.00	£10,000.00	10,000
LAF Funded Grant		£3,984.00	£3,984.00	
Community Main Grant		£20,069.00	£20,069.00	5,000
Total	£0.00	£54,018.00	£54,018.00	£18,950.00

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	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 £
Total						

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	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 £
Venue Hire		£15,065.00			15,065	5,550
Food & Refreshment		£12,520.00			12,520	3,737
Travel					-	732
Staff Expenses		£5,721.00			5,721	5,417
Accountant Fee		£400.00			400	200
Cloth Materials for fashion					-	925
Publicity					-	550
Website Cost		£194.00			194	564
Voucher					-	3,600
Event Cost		£20,391.00			20,391	
Total		£54,291.00			54,291	21,275

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - income from fund raising	Unrestricted fund 2 - income from fund raising	Unrestricted fund 3 - income from fund raising	Unrestricted fund 4 - income from fund raising	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total					-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total					-	
Total receipts					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total					-	
Total payments					-	
Net receipts / (payments)					-	
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year					-	

Nature and purpose of funds

APPENDIX 3

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	BEST WAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
	Registered charity number	SC052379					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
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 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	- 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 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 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed:				Date:	24/12/2025		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	IFA						
Address:	GLOBAL ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICE 10 ALLISON STREET GLASGOW G42 8NN						



*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.

BESTWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SC052379)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Governing Document and Management

The business of Bestway Community Development (Bestway CD) is directed by a Management Committee comprising between three and five members, appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to serve for a period of one year. All members are eligible for re-election.

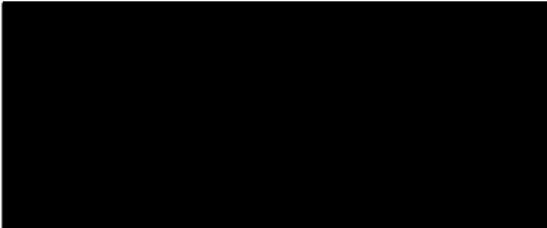
The Management Committee meets at least four times per year.

A Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer are appointed by the Management Committee. No individual may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.

The Management Committee may co-opt up to three additional members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

Trustees and Office Bearers

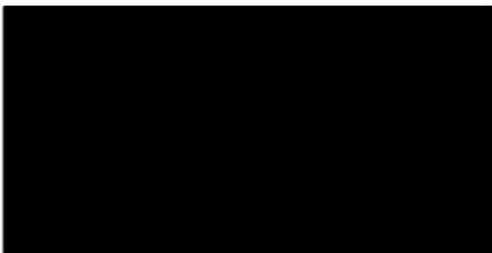
The following individuals served as members of the Management Committee during the reporting period:

Name	Role
	

Resignations:

None during the reporting period.

Contact Address



Charitable Purposes

The charitable purposes of Bestway Community Development are:

The charity's purposes are:

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of education
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture, or science
- The provision of recreational facilities or activities aimed at improving quality of life
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution, and reconciliation
- The promotion of equality and diversity

In particular, the charity seeks to relieve distress and financial hardship, promote and preserve good health, and support minority ethnic communities through befriending, outreach services, alternative therapies, and access to advice and support from mainstream services.

Activities and Achievements

During the reporting year, Bestway Community Development delivered a range of impactful projects supporting individuals, families, and communities across North Lanarkshire.

LAF Fund £3,984

Bestway Community Development received £3,984 from the LAF Fund to deliver three community events in Jerviston and Motherwell. These events supported local people with housing, health, employment, and poverty-related issues. Approximately 90 people attended, with many accessing advice and support from organisations such as the NHS, housing services, and Citizens Advice. A food bank supported around 120 individuals. The project strengthened community connections, increased awareness of local services, and improved wellbeing. Volunteers played a vital role in organising events, supporting food distribution, and signposting participants to relevant services.

Corra Foundation £10,000

Bestway Community Development received £10,000 from the Corra Foundation to support African families affected by drug use. The project aimed to reduce stigma, tackle discrimination, and minimise drug-related harm within the African community. Funding supported staff salaries, venue hire, travel expenses, and refreshments, enabling culturally sensitive support and engagement.

North Lanarkshire Council £830

The charity received £830 from North Lanarkshire Council to deliver a Refugee Festival Event in Motherwell. The event celebrated diversity and supported refugees to feel welcomed and valued within the community. Participants shared culture, music, dance, and personal stories while building confidence and social connections. Community organisations also attended to promote their services and strengthen local partnerships.

Community Fund £20,068.50

Bestway Community Development received £20,068.50 from the Community Fund to deliver the *Bridge to New Scots* project. The project supported New Scots through:

- Financial assistance
- Signposting to essential services
- Digital inclusion activities

Funding covered staffing, venue hire, volunteer expenses, payroll costs, digital tools, pension contributions, and National Insurance. The project helped families feel more connected, supported, and confident in accessing services.

Anti-Racism Community Engagement Fund £2,045

The charity received £2,045 to deliver a community engagement. The event brought together 10 participants, including New Scots, community leaders, activists, and residents with lived experience of racism. The aim was to inform the development of the Anti-Racism Observatory for Scotland (AROS) and strengthen community collaboration. All funds were used in line with project objectives.

North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership NLADP £6,240

The charity received £6,240 supported the Supporting African Families project, addressing drug and alcohol misuse within African communities. The project provided one-to-one support, guidance, and signposting to specialist services. It addressed barriers such as stigma, language difficulties, and limited awareness of available support. Funding covered staff salaries enabling families to access help, reduce isolation, and build resilience.

North Lanarkshire Council £1,000

Bestway Community Development received £1,000 from North Lanarkshire Council to celebrate International Women's Day the funding covered venue hire, music equipment, publicity, and entertainment. Activities included workshops, cooking demonstrations, fitness sessions, and peer support. The event promoted health, empowerment, and social connection among African women.

Growth Pot Fund – £5,000

The charity received £5,000 to support New Scots families affected by drug and alcohol misuse. Funding covered food preparation, counselling fees, venue hire, supplies, and contingency costs. Weekly gatherings provided meals, counselling sessions, and drug awareness workshops delivered by a professional substance misuse counsellor. Developed stronger relationships, improved understanding, and reduced isolation.

Aberlour Children's Urgent Assistance Fund – £4,850

Bestway Community Development received £4,850 from the Aberlour Children's Fund to support African families experiencing extreme hardship. The funding provided essential assistance, including food, clothing, and heating support. Bestway Community Development acted as the sponsoring organisation, managing applications for individual families and submitting them to Aberlour Children's Fund for approval. Once applications were approved, the funds were released and distributed directly to the families in need

Finance

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves policy and consider the current level of reserves to be appropriate for the size and nature of the organisation. Reserves are held to support cash flow, manage unforeseen costs, and ensure continuity of services while future funding is secured.

Reserves at 31 March 2025

The balance held at the year-end was: **£1,755**

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

