



Charity number: SC053351

Riverview Community SCIO

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the period ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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Status of Charity and Governing Document

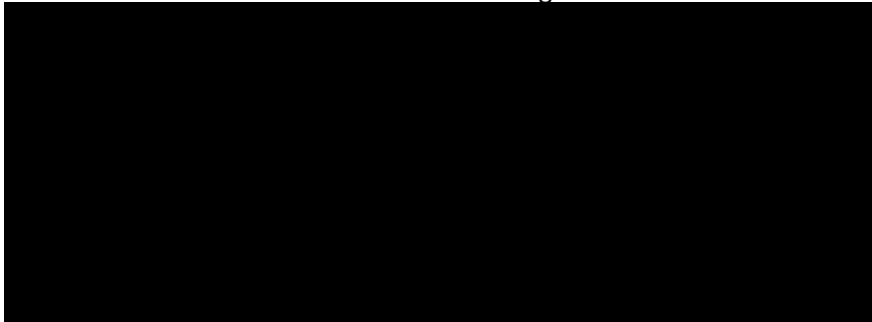
Riverview Community SCIO was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 14 May 2024. The charity registration number is SC053351.

Why Riverview Community SCIO was formed

Riverview Community SCIO was formed as a response to the growing needs within our town of Bo'ness. As many of the essential services needed by the most vulnerable and isolated people in the town are not available in the town, Riverview Community SCIO was formed to address this gap. Rooted in Christian values, our mission is clear: "to show and share the good news of Jesus Christ by actively loving and serving the people of Bo'ness." Founded by Riverview Church, but run by and for the community, our charity serves as an umbrella for a wide range of community-focused projects designed to meet real and pressing needs with compassion, dignity, and hope and without discrimination or prejudice. In a short time, we've laid strong foundations for long-term impact in the town we love. We have put in place the required governance procedures and policies and have launched our first major project, 'The Junction'.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The Trustees who served from the date of registration to the date of this report are:



Appointment of Trustees

The individuals who signed the charity trustee declaration forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the organisation shall be deemed to have been appointed by the members as charity trustees with effect from the date of incorporation of the organisation.

The board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee – by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting.

A person will not be eligible for election or appointment to the board if they are: -

- a) disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; or
- b) an employee of the organisation (unless they have previously been appointed as a Salaried Leader); or
- c) do not agree nor accept the Statement of Faith and the Purposes.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12 and the minimum number is 7.

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Objectives and Charitable Purposes

Riverview Community exists to carry the light of the good news of Jesus Christ through practical love and service. Our charitable aims include:

- Alleviating poverty and hardship in Bo'ness.
- Providing access to support and education without discrimination.
- Encouraging mental wellbeing and social inclusion within the community.

To achieve these, we work in close partnership with like-minded organisations to connect people with resources that can improve their lives. Our activities are designed to be flexible and responsive, always keeping the unique context and challenges of Bo'ness and the individual in view. We have committed to provide our essential services free of charge.

Activities and achievements

During this first year, on 23rd July 2024, we secured the lease for a standalone building in the heart of Bo'ness which now acts as a hub for many of our charitable activities. Named 'The Junction', this welcoming space enables us to run and host a range of initiatives that serve the community in a non-judgmental, relational way. During the first few months we decorated, refurbished and furnished the Junction into a welcoming, safe, café-style flexible space.

Since opening the Junction in November 2024, we have launched two regular community initiatives:

- **Warm Space:** A relaxed, café-style drop-in where anyone in Bo'ness can find a warm welcome, a listening ear, and practical support. Since launching, over 50 unique visitors have attended, not including people we already had connections with. This initiative has helped reduce social isolation and acted as a first point of contact for people in need of further support.
- **Connect2 TC Forth Valley:** A partnership programme hosted in our space, offering support, advocacy, and rehab services for those affected by addiction. A growing number of participants are finding breakthrough in their recovery journeys, with some already experiencing significant freedom from addiction and ongoing support in rebuilding their lives.

Alongside our core activities, we have developed strong and meaningful connections with local businesses, organisations, and individuals. These include our local councillor, who intends to hold his community surgeries in our building, and the Bo'ness Accordion Band, who—after struggling to find a suitable rehearsal space—will begin using our premises from June 2025. We've also partnered with Bo'ness Food Pantry and Falkirk Food Bank, both of whom have generously supplied goods that we are able to offer free of charge to anyone in need.

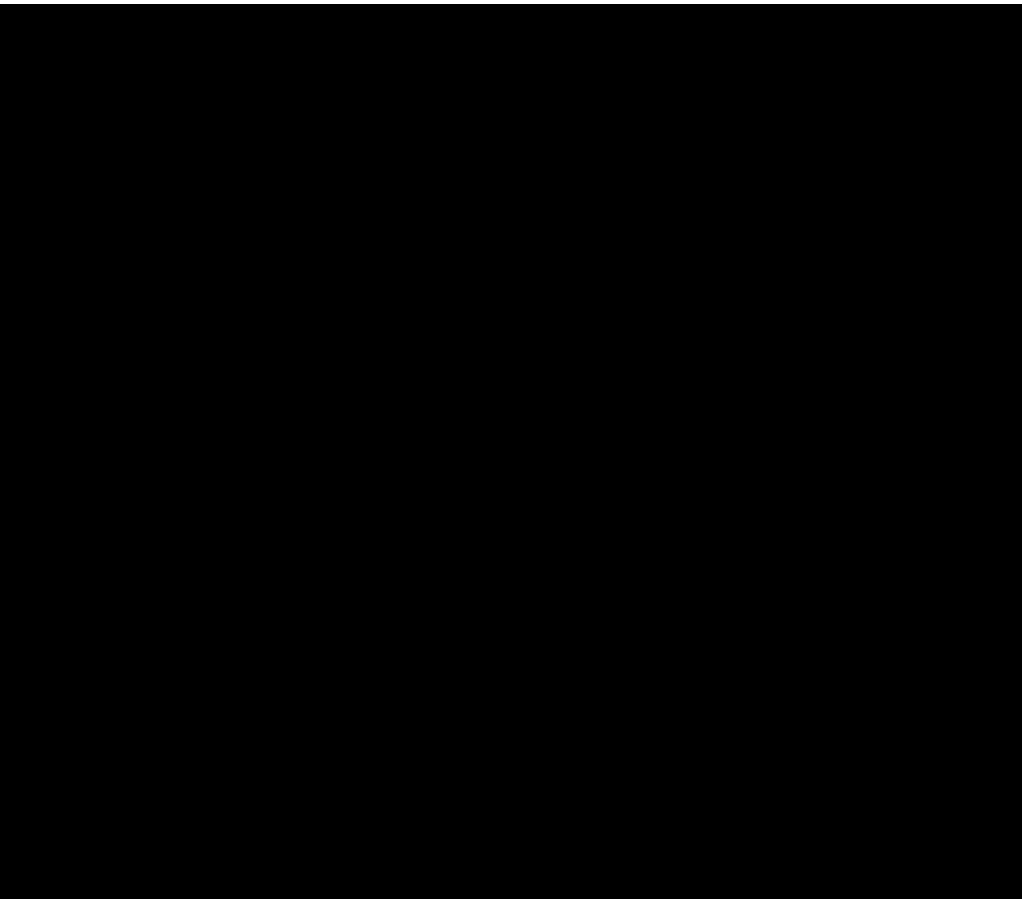
These early milestones reflect our heart to meet people where they are and journey with them towards hope and transformation. The stories emerging from these groups affirm our approach: small, community-rooted steps can lead to life-changing outcomes.

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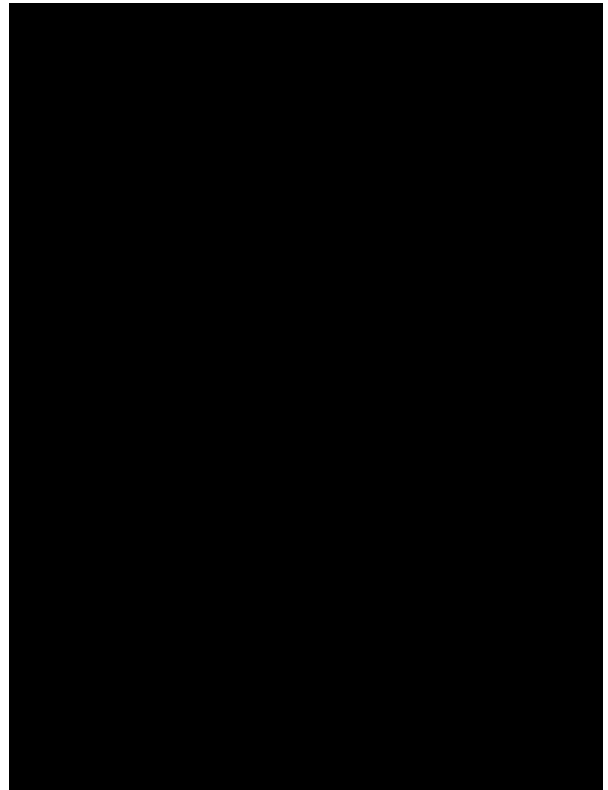
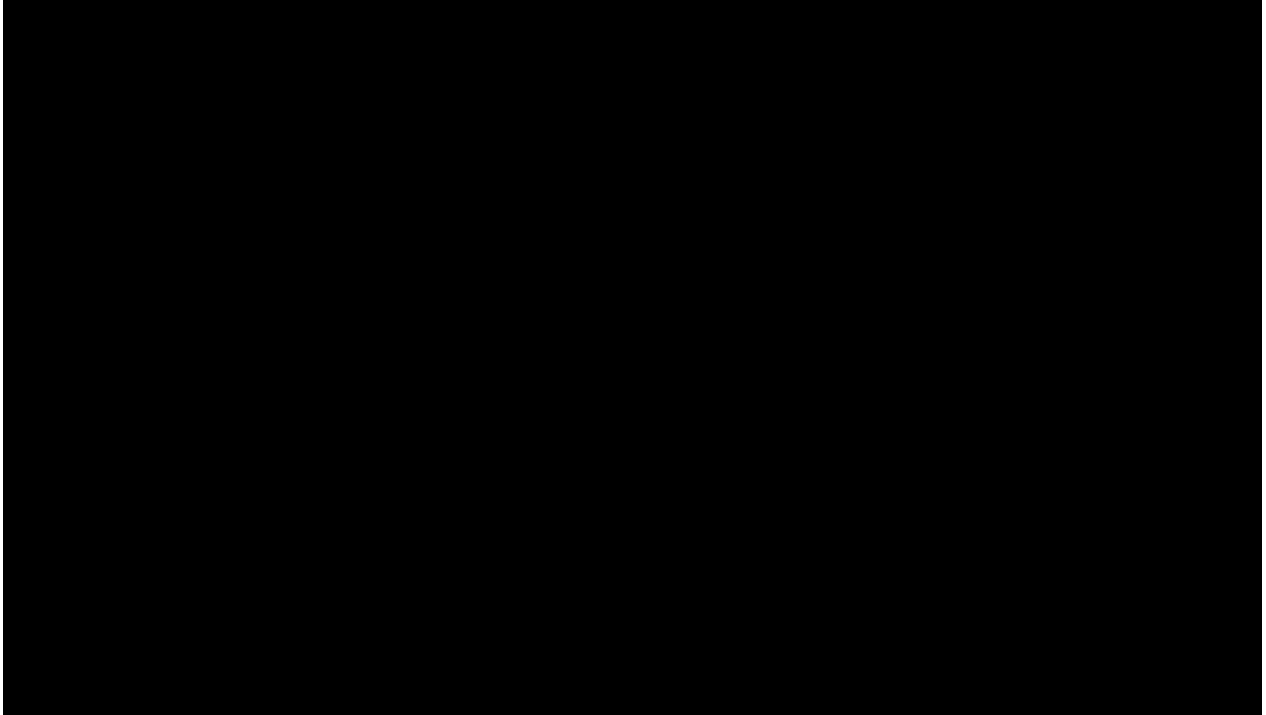
Activities and achievements (continued)

The photos below show the Junction before being transformed into a café-style centre for our charitable services to the people of Bo'ness.



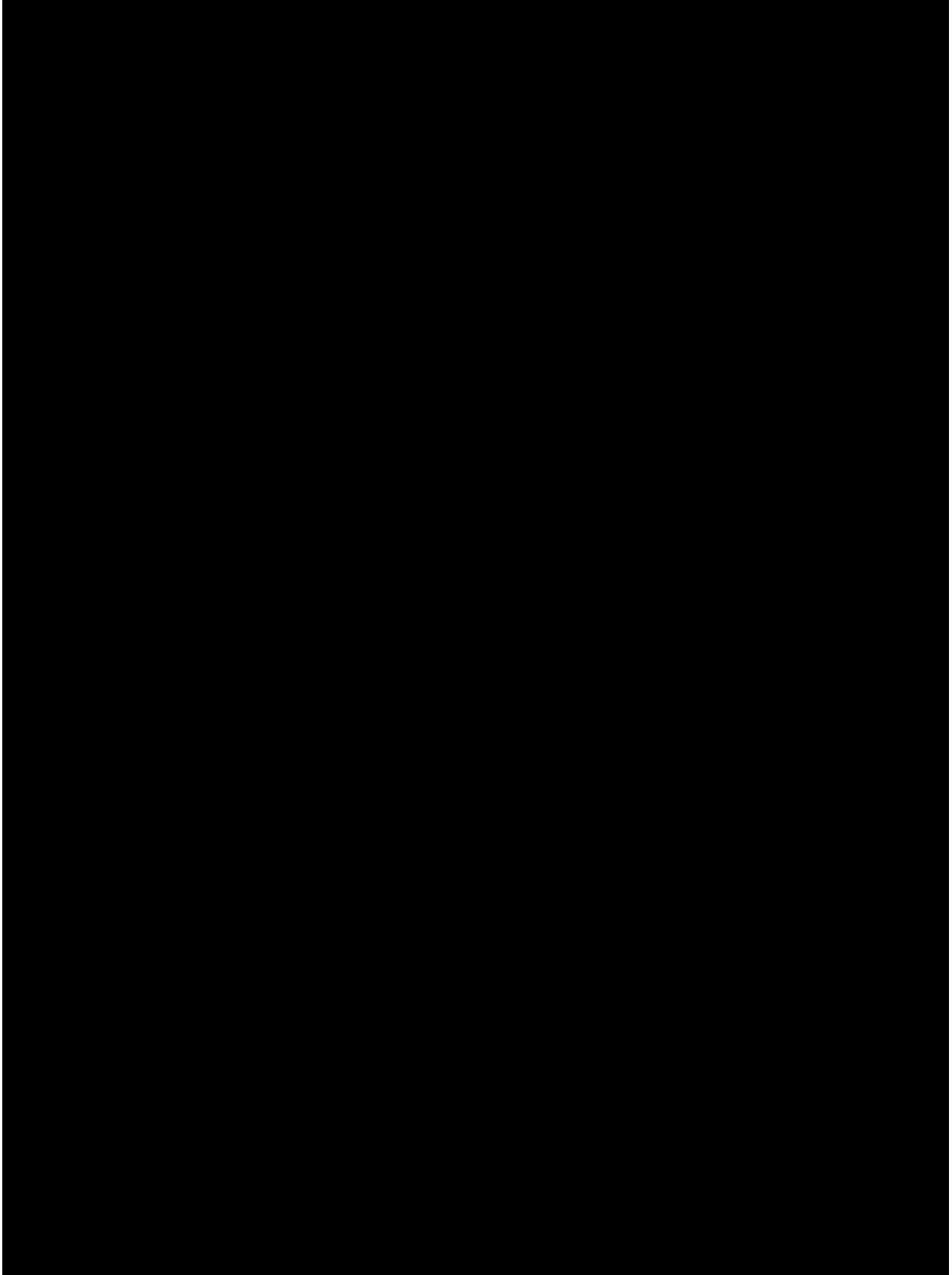
Activities and achievements (continued)

The photos below show the Junction being transformed.



Activities and achievements (continued)

The photos below show the Junction being used.



Activities and achievements (continued)

The photo below shows the outside space of the Junction being used in good weather.



Future plans – the Junction

Looking ahead, we are eager to grow our reach and deepen our impact. Our strategic priorities for the coming year include:

- **Expanding our volunteer team's hours** to increase our capacity and open our drop-in café more frequently.
- **Launching new support groups and workshops**, based on identified community needs, in particular English conversation groups for migrant workers, and a partnership with Bethany Christian Trust to help ex-offenders reintegrate into the community after prison.
- **Employing two part-time staff members** to coordinate activities, manage the premises, and strengthen local partnerships.
- **Enhancing signposting and advocacy services**, ensuring that everyone who walks through our doors can be connected with appropriate help.
- **Developing sustainable funding streams** to support our work long-term and remain a reliable presence in the heart of Bo'ness.

We remain committed to collaborative working, responding creatively to emerging needs, and offering a consistent, hope-filled presence to the most vulnerable in our town.

To strengthen the financial sustainability of the Junction and the services provided through it, we are applying to Falkirk Council to convert our current Business Lease to a Community Benefit Lease or a Community Asset Transfer. This is on the basis that we are not a business. We are a not-for-profit organisation providing essential services free of charge to the most needy and disadvantaged people of Bo'ness without discrimination, and we are dependent on volunteers to deliver these services. We are seeking letters of support from key charities and organisations of Bo'ness towards this aim.

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Other future plans

Our priority during our first year was to establish firm foundations for the charity and begin meeting the urgent needs of the town through our first major project, 'The Junction'. Our priorities beyond the Junction during our second year include:

- **Strengthening our charity foundations** through establishing a unique branding and web/social media presence and building on our relationships with like-minded local charities and organisations.
- **Preparing the way for the next major projects**, based on identified community needs through our continuous community engagement. One idea that will be explored during the year is to provide woodworking taster sessions to help young adults who are struggling with mainstream education to gain new skills and a sense of community and belonging. The aim is to give them hope and support towards a more fulfilled future.

Financial review

Results for the year

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 9 to 11. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 9 reflects a surplus for the year of £4,022. Total reserves, including restricted funds, amounted to £4,022.

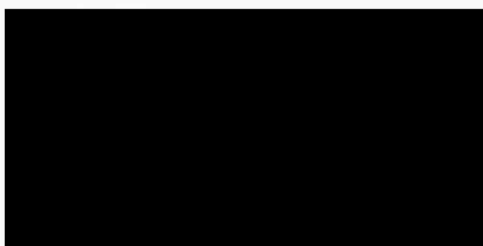
Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed during the first year of the charity as we become established, to build up reserves through unrestricted funds, and then maintain unrestricted funds reserves of between three months and six months of annual operating expenditure. This will allow sufficient unrestricted funds to enable the ongoing work of the charity.

Thanks

The Trustees are grateful for the financial support of individual donors, churches and other funders who provided us with funding during the year.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 5th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



I report to the Trustees on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on page 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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

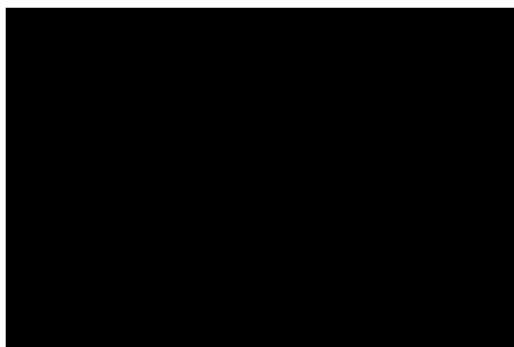
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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 Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

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.



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Date: 6 June 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the period ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £
Receipts				
Donations				
Individuals		4,992	-	4,992
Churches		5,417	-	5,417
Community organisations - Branches		500	-	500
Grant income	2	1,000	-	1,000
Fundraising income		494	-	494
Total receipts		12,403	-	12,403
Payments				
Junction expenses		744	-	744
Equipment costs		2,598	-	2,598
Insurance		395	-	395
Legal expenses		800	-	800
Printing and stationery		30	-	30
Rent		3,572	-	3,572
Repairs and maintenance		242	-	242
Total payments		8,381	-	8,381
Surplus for the year		4,022	-	4,022
Transfer between funds		-	-	-
Surplus after transfers		4,022	-	4,022
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		4,022	-	4,022

The notes on page 11 form part of these financial statements.

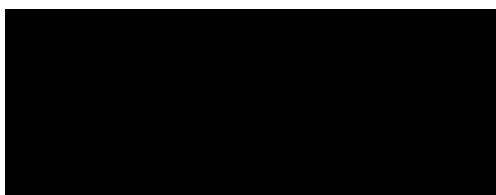
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Statement of Balances

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Opening balance £	2025 Surplus for year £	Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current account		-	4,022	4,022
Total cash at bank and in hand		-	4,022	4,022
Represented by:				
Unrestricted fund	3			
General fund				4,022
Total funds				4,022
Statement of assets at 31 March 2025				2025 £
Gift aid due				895
				895
Statement of liabilities at 31 March 2025				2025 £
Accounting and independent examination fees				100
				100

The financial statements on pages 9 to 11 were approved by the Trustees on 5th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:



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Notes to the financial statements

for the period ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 9, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise donations, grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2. Grant income

We are extremely thankful for receipts of the following grants:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>

3. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 14.05.2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.03.2025 £
General fund	-	12,403	(8,381)	-	4,022
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>12,403</u>	<u>(8,381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,022</u>

Explanation of funds

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

4. Trustee and related party remuneration and expenses

There was no remuneration paid to any of the Trustees. One trustee () was paid expenses of £81 during the year ending 31 March 2025 for buying the wood for the café refurbishment.

Unrestricted donations by Trustees of the Charity amounted to £755. Riverview Church, which founded the Charity and is considered to be a related party, donated £5,000 in the year.

5. Volunteers

The charity has benefitted greatly in its first year from the services of many volunteers: in helping with the set up of the Junction, in helping to run the drop-in café and warm space, and in being available to serve during the Connect 2 programme. We are indebted to all those who are serving the charity in this way.

6. Comparatives

As this is the first year of the organisation, no comparatives have been provided.