



Stirling Community Media SCIO

Seventh Trustees Annual Report

1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025

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Another successful “Community and Media Matters” graduate:

Trustees' Annual Report

Trustees

The Trustees of Stirling Community Media SCIO present to the members its seventh annual report:

The current Board of Trustees as of 31 December 2025:

- Ryan Cotter (elected to serve until 2027)
- Geoff Leask, Chairperson, (elected to serve until 2026)
- Alison Taylor (elected to serve until 2026)
- Grant Thoms, Treasurer, (elected to serve until 2028)
- Ian Mitchell (elected to serve until 2027)
- Jennifer Tervit (elected to serve until 2028)

Changes to Trustees since the last annual general meeting:

- No changes to report

There are three vacancies for Trustees as of 31 December 2025.

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

We work to enjoy a world where media provides a way to build stronger communities through giving a voice to all sectors of society and through the promotion of the arts.

Mission

We will work to develop media platforms as a way for communities to express themselves. We will support the development of participatory radio as a tool for social cohesion, community engagement, artistic endeavour, and civic development.

Values

- We value radio because it is easy to produce, free to consume, and accessible to more people than any other mass media.
- We believe in participatory radio because it is a proven tool for community engagement and cultural expression.
- We will always be a friendly media organisation – accessible to all, inclusive, honest and fun-loving.
- We will ensure that we are securely and prudently run, but we will never do anything, purely for the money.

Our Objectives and Activities

Stirling Community Media is a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO) recognised by OSCR on 19 November 2018. We use media to support communities, promote the arts and provide educational opportunities across Central Scotland.

Our principal activity is to manage Stirling Community Radio – a volunteer-run, participatory radio station, broadcasting on the internet from our base in centre of Stirling. Stirling Community Radio was our brand relaunch on 14th February 2024.

Our goals include:

- Developing our digital broadcast capacity,
- Creating employment courses based on broadcasting and production skills.
- Becoming a voice for young and local artists and performers and supporting voluntary organisations by promoting their work in communities.

Our Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Stirling Community Media is a SCIO based on the SCVO Tier II model Constitution with amendments.

Membership is open to:

- anyone over 16 years of age who lives, works or studies in the City of Stirling and surrounding areas;
- anyone who volunteers at least one hour per week with Stirling Community Media;
- and organisations closely associated with the aims of Stirling Community Media.

The SCIO is managed by a Board of Trustees elected from the membership or co-opted by the Board.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

SCM was founded by four Trustees who then recruited primarily from within the volunteers and membership. The Trustees conduct an annual review of board skills with a view to informing they skills and experience required to be both an effective charity Trustee and complement the existing Board composition.

Charitable Purposes

Our charitable purposes are

- The advancement of education,
- The advancement of citizenship or community development,
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture, or science

Achievements and performance

During the financial year ending on 30 November 2025, the Trustees have continued their work to build the reach of Stirling Community Radio, enhancing our connectivity to local businesses and the Third Sector and building our engagement with new volunteers to enhance the diversity and inclusivity of our radio presenters.

Since the AGM on 25 July 2025, the Trustees have continued efforts to build recognition and knowledge of Stirling Community Radio as we approach two years since the rebranding of the station.

There has been real success in broadening the demographic of the volunteer radio station presenters and it is through the hard work of the very successful Community & Media Matters (CMM) Programme that we have a good number of CMM graduates now presenting on a regular basis.

Our alliances with key local private and third sector member organisations continue to flourish and bring value to all parties. In particular, our partnership with Forth Valley Chamber of Commerce is helping us to make connectivity with local businesses and we now have a small number of advertisers.

The Community and Media Matters (CMM) programme continues to be hugely successful with young people, who want to enhance their employability skills, increase confidence in presenting, speaking and group work in a flexible, dynamic and creative way. Now in its third year of delivery, the programme has evolved to meet young people's needs in an ever-changing world and meet future career opportunities locally and further afield.

Our website and App continue to give us a very strong and professional public presence. The investment in technology made by the organisation gives us a strong base from which to build even greater online activity through our enhanced social media campaigning that is coordinated by a new volunteer.

A huge credit must be given to our volunteers who have been critical in our progress throughout the last year. We have created a new technical remote support role, a social media administration position and given support and training to new volunteers to be able to contribute radio shows from external locations all supported by our volunteer Studio Manager.

Our ultimate ambition is still to become a digital radio station and expand the ease of accessibility of listening to our programmes. This in turn will aid our ability to promote community engagement and be attractive to sponsorship support.

Financial review

Statement of on relationship between Stirling Community Media SCIO and Creative Stirling SCIO

Stirling Community Media SCIO became a tenant of Creative Stirling SCIO in November 2019 leasing space for the building of our two studios. In March 2023, both SCIOs signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set out how the charities would work together in partnership to deliver the Community and Media Matters (CMM) Project. The CMM Project was awarded a Young Start grant for three years to 9 April 2026 by the National Lottery Community Fund. Creative Stirling are the award holders and employers of all staff contracted to deliver services. We are now working with Creative Stirling to try and secure alternative and additional grant funding sources to maintain and further develop this area of impactful work.

VAT

The receipts and payments accounts are net of VAT; VAT inputs and outputs are accounted for as separate items of income and expenditure. Whilst the receipts and payments are accounted for in cash terms, VAT is reconciled quarterly in accordance with VAT requirements.

Surplus in 2024-25

The charity made a surplus for the twelve months to 30 November 2025 (previously a deficit in 2023-24). The charity has no significant debtors or creditors at the year end and all assets are fully expended in their year of purchase.

Donations and Fundraising

The charity was successful in receiving unrestricted grants from The Robertson Trust (£2,000) and the Corra Foundation (£2,810). One-off donations and regular giving continue to increase, though fee-paying membership remains at similar levels to previous years.

The sustainability challenge for radio operations requires enhanced sources of funding from sponsorship and promotion activities, if regular grant funding is not available.

Future Plans

The trustees are currently in discussions with Creative Stirling with whom we partner on delivery of Community & Media Matters and where our Radio Station is located, to seek to integrate our work. This will help us even more in our ambitions wards becoming a Community Digital Sound Programme (an Ofcom-licensed DAB radio station).

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Geoff Leask

Name

Geoff Leask

Designation

Chairperson

Date

15 December 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the year ended 30 November 2025.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 30 November 2025	Year ended 30 November 2024
Receipts				
Donations & Gift Aid	£1,220		£1,220	£410
Grants	£4,810		£4,810	£750
Membership Fees	£115		£115	£115
Income from charitable trading activities	£9,304		£9,304	£3,290
Fundraising	£326		£326	£256
VAT due on Sales (outputs)	£1,861		£1,861	£658
VAT Refund	£940		£940	£955
Total Receipts	£18,586	-	£18,586	£6,434
Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	£5,068		£5,068	£5,862
Rent	£6,622		£6,622	£6,767
Insurance Premium	£284		£284	£267
VAT paid on Purchases (inputs)	£1,795		£1,795	£1,364
VAT Payment	£380		£380	£198
Total Payments	£14,149	-	£14,149	£14,458
Net Receipts/(Payments)	£4,437	-	£4,437	(£8,024)

Statement of Balances as at 30 November 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025
Opening bank balance	£1,376	-	£1,376
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	£4,437	-	£4,437
Closing bank balance	£5,813	-	£5,813

Figures may be rounded up or down to the nearest £

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis, in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment Act (Scotland) 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) 2006 as amended.

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted Funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related Parties

The organisation's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all trustees. There were no payments made to Trustees in the financial year ended 30 November 2025.

The partnership arrangement between the Charity and Creative Stirling, as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (dated 1 March 2023), enables the Charity to charge Creative Stirling for use of the studios, its equipment and related expenses in carrying out C&MM project activities. In the financial year 2024-25, this amounted to £7,812. The Charity, as a sub-tenant of Creative Stirling, paid £6,622 in rental charges in the year to 30 November 2025.

4 Donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 30 November 2025
Individual Regular Giving	£720	-	£720

5 Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 30 November 2024
Robertson Trust	£2,000	-	£2,000
Corra Foundation	£2,810	-	£2,810
	£4,810	-	£4,810

Report of the Independent Examiner

Report to the Trustees and members of Stirling Community Media SCIO
(Registered charity number SC048849) on the accounts of the charity for the
period 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025; set out on pages 9 and 10.

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.

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, 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: Lynsey Orbegozo Date: 15 December 2025

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