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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	North Glasgow Community Food Initiative
Registered Office and Operational Address:	St Andrew's Church Liddesdale Square Milton Glasgow G22 7BT
Charity Registration Number:	SC036842
Company Registration Number:	SC290958
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TRUSTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note one to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The legal and administrative information on page one forms part of this report.

Structure, governance and management

NGCFI's Board of Directors meets six-weekly to review the project's progress and make strategic and organisational decisions. Additionally, there are sub committees for Finance and Fundraising and the Human Resources. The Chairperson line manages the Project Manager, who in turn are responsible for other project staff and volunteers. We have appropriate policies and procedures in place.

NGCFI has an annual open recruitment process to attract Directors with the skills we need. Those applying are interviewed and receive an introduction to the organisation. Our Food Hubs can also nominate Directors who act as a link or representative of the Food Hub on the Board. NGCFI believes it is vital to have this direct relationship with the communities we work with. Training is available to Directors as appropriate.

The process of the setting of pay for key personnel is undertaken by the board of directors with advice and guidance from People Services at Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector as well as the Living Wage Foundation on an annual basis.

Governing Documents and Objects

Our work commenced in 2001. The charity was incorporated as a private limited company on 28th September 2005. In compliance with the Companies Act 1985 we have Articles of Association and a Memorandum of Association. These were last altered by special resolution on 15th November 2019.

The Objects of the company / charity, within our operating area of North Glasgow, are:

a) The prevention of or to relieve poverty, particularly among the residents of north Glasgow ("the operating area") including through promoting and taking action to address food justice and food insecurity.
b) To advance education amongst residents.
c) To preserve, protect and improve the mental and physical health of individuals to assist in the relief of ill health, and the provision of health education for such individuals.

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d) To promote the physical and mental health of people who suffer from mental and/or physical disability, illness or impairment or have particular needs by reason of current or past drug, solvent and/or alcohol abuse.
e) To promote training […] and skills which assist participants in obtaining paid employment.
f) To encourage, stimulate and support volunteering.
g) To promote the rehabilitation of offenders and ex-offenders by the provision of education and training and activities which help prevent same.
h) To work towards the elimination of discrimination (whether on the grounds of race, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation or otherwise) to promote and support equality of opportunity for all residents of the operating area irrespective of race, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation and to promote harmony between peoples of different ethnic racial, social, religious and other groups within the framework of a multi-racial and inclusive society.
i) The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

The main activities we undertake to deliver on our objects are summarised in the Strategic Goal below.

Our Vision

To contribute to the development of a society where health, well-being, and harmony are supported within active communities.

Strategic Goal

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative's Strategic Goal is to empower individuals and communities to lead practical and sustainable food related projects. These projects inspire and improve overall health and well-being, promote community cohesion, and celebrate the diverse nature of the communities in North Glasgow. Our projects include nutritional education, healthy cookery classes, growing food, and providing access to affordable fruit and vegetables in the local community.

Our Values

Equality:	We will promote creative positive action to improve the position of people within the communities of North Glasgow and surrounding areas who are marginalised and who experience oppression.
Collaboration:	We believe the voluntary and community sector is strongest when it works together, and that our strategic goal will best be delivered through collaborative working.
Passion:	We believe voluntary action is built on the passion of individuals and communities to make a positive difference.
Participation:	We value and recognise the contribution our volunteers and members make to our service delivery, and in influencing the way we do things.

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Quality: We are committed to providing high quality services, improving our services by listening to service users and stakeholders.

Team Working: We are committed to working in a happy and healthy organisation, in which we respect each other, offer feedback, and work to improve the experience of our staff and volunteers.

Ethical Business: We will act in a socially responsible way, doing what is right, even if it is not required to do so by legislation or in order to maximise our income. Our business activity involve our key stakeholders including service users, staff, and suppliers to enhance our social responsibility.

Executive Summary

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative (NGCFI) has continued to play a vital role in working with the communities of Milton, Springburn, and Royston over the past year. Our organisation remains committed to improving health, wellbeing, and social cohesion through community-led food and wellbeing programmes, while strengthening our capacity to act as a trusted Community Anchor Organisation. Despite challenges in staffing, infrastructure, and funding, we have sustained essential services and taken strategic steps to ensure long-term resilience and sustainability.

Key Achievements

Food Access and Community Resilience:
Development of the Royston Community Pantry, Milton Community Fridge, and Community Café, providing dignified access to nutritious food for families and individuals facing food insecurity and social isolation. Our Community Food Truck project progressed toward full operational rollout, enabling wider distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables across North Glasgow. These services have strengthened community networks and fostered social inclusion, helping residents develop practical skills, confidence, and healthier lifestyles.

Community Engagement and Volunteering:
Over 100 volunteers and board members contributed to the delivery of our programmes, many of whom face complex challenges such as trauma, mental health issues, or physical disabilities. Through structured guidance, training, and wellbeing support, we have nurtured their personal growth and enhanced their capacity to contribute meaningfully to community initiatives.

Capacity-Building and Organisational Development:
Strategic investment in staffing and systems has strengthened NGCFI's governance, operational resilience, and strategic planning. Key developments include reviewing the Milton Food Hub and Community Garden team structure, recruiting for critical posts, and

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supporting the community ownership of St Andrew's Church. This work has positioned us to manage assets effectively, expand services, and deliver sustainable income-generating activities.

Income Generation and Enterprise Development:
We have developed plans for hall hire, garden hire, catering services, and cookery and gardening courses. Implementation of these plans will create sustainable revenue streams, reducing reliance on short-term grants and supporting the delivery of community programmes.

Infrastructure and Accessibility Improvements:
Investments were made to improve accessibility and facilities across community sites. Projects included plans for wheelchair-accessible toilets, enhanced pathways at Milton Community Garden and Milton Memorial Garden, and repairs to storm-damaged structures.

These improvements create safer, more inclusive spaces, enabling greater participation and generating future opportunities for income and community engagement.

Challenges and Strategic Focus:
NGCFI has faced pressures from staff absences, food supply chain issues, and funding constraints. Despite these, frontline services were maintained, and strategic projects progressed. NGCFI continues to prioritise staff retention, governance strengthening, and capacity-building to enable sustainable growth and long-term impact.

Looking Ahead:
With continued support, NGCFI is well-positioned to expand its services, deliver sustainable income, and embed systems that strengthen organisational resilience. Our focus remains on empowering local residents, enhancing community-led initiatives, and tackling food insecurity, poverty, and social isolation across North Glasgow. We are committed to fostering vibrant, inclusive communities where all residents have the opportunity to thrive.

Core Developments

Community Buy-Out Process

A major milestone has been achieved this quarter with the successful completion of the community buy-out. Milton Food Hub and Community Garden are now the owners of the building, securing it as a long-term community asset.

Since acquisition, the Milton community have begun establishing a clear identity for the space, including new external signage and a community noticeboard. Internally, the former vestry has been adapted and renamed "Rachel's Room" in memory of a valued board member who passed away in December, creating a meaningful and lasting legacy within the building.

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Alongside this, we are already progressing the next phase of development. Funding applications have been submitted to support a full retrofit of the building, internal painting, and the replacement of outdated curtains and blinds. These improvements will enhance the quality, accessibility and sustainability of the space, supporting increased community use and future income generation.

Staff and volunteer, Training and Wellbeing

Leadership development has been strengthened, with two managers completing the GCVS Emerging Leaders Programme.

Staff and volunteers have also undertaken First Aid and outdoor pizza oven training, expanding skills required for safe, high-quality community delivery.

We also completed a Learning Exchange trip to Milk Café. This quarter we took part in a Community Learning Exchange visit to MILK Café, which provided valuable learning for our income-generation plans, particularly around catering.

MILK demonstrated that their successful catering business operates entirely separately from community activities and is delivered only by trained staff. They highlighted that this model is essential for:

– maintaining professional standards and food safety
– ensuring dignity by keeping volunteer roles focused on community activities
– building a strong commercial reputation and generating reliable surplus income

This learning aligns with NGCFI's own experience and confirms that developing income-generating catering or café activity requires dedicated staff, clear role separation and time to build systems and reputation. These insights will directly shape our approach as we develop sustainable income streams in the year ahead.

HR Development

A major organisational achievement this quarter has been finalising and signing 60 updated policies and completing an accessible staff handbook. The Board has reviewed HR software options, and BreatheHR will be implemented in 2026 to streamline leave management, sickness reporting, and sessional hours.

The vacancy in the Milton Community Garden Manager post allowed a full review of the management structure, ensuring that future roles and responsibilities are aligned with the organisation's long-term service and income ambitions. We completed a staff consultation and the outcome concluded to keep the current structure.

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Business Plan

Following extensive consultation, the 2025–2028 Business Plan is now complete and is actively guiding the organisation's next phase of development. It provides a clear framework for income generation, service development, and long-term sustainability.

Board Strength and Governance

Governance has been strengthened with the addition of three new board members from the Milton community, bringing valuable local knowledge and skills. These members are settling in well, with one taking on the role of Secretary and another as Vice Chair.

This strengthens leadership capacity at a critical time, supporting the organisation as it moves into asset management, income generation, and long-term planning. We completed a successful AGM in March with around 40 attendees.

NGCFI's new Community Food Truck- Fruity LuLu

Funding from The Clothworker's Foundation, The Robertson Trust, WA Cargill Trust, Allied Vehicles, Springburn / Robroyston Area Partnership, enabled North Glasgow Community Food Initiative to purchase and develop FruityLuLu, our community food truck. The grants covered the van, renovation, essential equipment, vehicle branding, and driver costs, creating a fully operational mobile service. Since launch, FruityLuLu has collected surplus food, transported fresh produce for our community pantry, and supported food programmes, increasing the reliability and efficiency of food redistribution across Royston, Springburn, and Milton.

Following community-led branding in February 2026, FruityLuLu has become a welcoming and recognisable presence. The van delivers fruit and vegetable barras, supports community events, and can provide hot food alongside affordable fresh produce. These services reduce travel costs, improve local access to nutritious food, and create spaces where residents can gather, connect, and strengthen community ties.

Several factors have amplified the impact of this project. Owning a dedicated vehicle has made food collection and distribution more flexible and responsive. The mobile nature of FruityLuLu brings services directly into neighbourhoods with limited food access. The visible, welcoming design of the van attracts community participation, and ongoing engagement with residents and partners ensures services meet local needs.

Community involvement has been central to FruityLuLu's success. Children contributed ideas for the van wrap, fostering a sense of ownership. Input gathered at our AGM and food hub meetings has guided service locations, highlighting priority areas for future food deliveries and community engagement.

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Building on this learning, our plans for the coming year include expanding the reach of FruityLuLu, increasing the number of fruit and vegetable barras in community-identified locations, offering mobile deliveries for those unable to travel.

Volunteer Programme: Building Skills, Confidence, and Community in North Glasgow

During 2025 and 2026, our volunteer programme has continued to grow and develop, creating meaningful opportunities for local people to contribute to their communities, build confidence, develop new skills and improve wellbeing.

With support from the Agnes Hunter Trust, we have further strengthened and developed our volunteering programme to better support adults with disabilities through flexible, person-centred volunteering opportunities and tailored support.

This year, we supported:

• 112 total volunteers across our projects and services
• 67 active regular volunteers
• 42 volunteers with disabilities
• 20 company volunteers
• 8 student placement volunteers from the University of Strathclyde and Kelvin College

Volunteers contributed thousands of hours across our Community Café, Pantry Shop, Community Fridge and Freezer, Community Meals, Gardening and Cookery Projects, Fruit and Veg. Barras as well as wider community activities.

Our 2025–2026 Volunteer Survey demonstrated the significant impact volunteering continues to have on participants:

- 94% of participants reported increased confidence
- 97% reported improved self-esteem and feeling better about themselves
  96% reported learning new skills, including communication, teamwork, organisation, leadership, customer service and problem solving
- 100% reported improved mental wellbeing
- 100% reported feeling part of a community
- 97% reported that volunteering gave them a stronger sense of purpose
- 40% accessed additional support services through volunteering, including mental health support, housing advice, energy support, financial advice and education or training opportunities
- 100% feel appreciated as a volunteer

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Volunteer Programme: Building Skills, Confidence, and Community in North Glasgow (continued)

Volunteer feedback highlighted the importance of social connection, routine and purpose.

The best part of volunteering for them is:

“Meeting others and reducing isolation.”

“Feeling part of a team and being more confident and happier in my life.”

“Helping people, making sure they are happy – it’s good for my mental health.”

“Being able to stick to a routine and overcome debilitating conditions: anxiety and agoraphobia.”

Inclusive and Flexible Volunteering

We continue to provide a range of volunteering opportunities that allow individuals to participate in ways that suit their needs, interests and abilities. Our food projects, including community meals and pantry shops, provide highly social environments where volunteers can build relationships and confidence, while our gardening projects offer quieter and more independent volunteering opportunities.

Practical adaptations and tailored support continue to play an important role in enabling participation for volunteers experiencing poor mental health, neurodivergence, physical disabilities, long-term health conditions and social isolation.

Volunteers are supported through regular check-ins, flexible roles, wellbeing activities and opportunities for progression into training, leadership and further opportunities.

Volunteer Wellbeing, Events and Training

Alongside day-to-day volunteering, we delivered a wide range of wellbeing activities, social opportunities and training sessions to support volunteer development and reduce isolation.

Wellbeing activities delivered during the year included:
• Canal boat trip along the Forth and Clyde Canal
• Group volunteer visit to the MILK Café
• Seasonal wreath-making workshop
• Pottery workshops delivered by Glasgow Ceramics Studio
• Gardening workshops including Seed Growing, Rain Gardens, Container Planting and Orchard Pruning
• Arts and crafts activities and volunteer celebration events

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Two volunteer celebration events were also held during the year, including a New Year Celebration Party and a Summer Volunteer Celebration following Volunteer Week, recognising the contribution volunteers make to our organisation and local communities.
Training opportunities delivered to volunteers included:

- Customer Service
- Naloxone Training
- Saving Energy at Home
- REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene
- First Aid at Work
- Introduction to E-Bikes

Board Training

This year our board members were able to strengthen their governance skills by attending specific training sessions on safeguarding and sexual harassment.

These opportunities enabled volunteers to build confidence, gain qualifications, improve employability and develop practical life skills.

Building Partnerships and Volunteer Pathways

Over the past year, we have strengthened partnerships to improve volunteer recruitment pathways and connect with individuals who may benefit from volunteering opportunities. This has included partnership working with the Scottish Refugee Council and attending the Department for Work and Pensions volunteering fayre as well as Springburn Job Centre's Over 50s MOT events.

We have also continued to build strong community partnerships with organisations including the Spirit of Springburn, Springburn Unity Network, St Rollox Job Support, local Community Links Practitioners and Connecting Milton parters. These partnerships have helped us reach people experiencing social isolation, poor mental health, unemployment and other barriers to participation.

Company Volunteering and Student Placements

We were delighted to welcome several company volunteer groups throughout the year, including teams from Skyscanner, Mears and Glasgow Caledonian Rugby Club. Company volunteers supported practical projects within our gardens and community spaces, helping improve local environments while strengthening connections between businesses and the community.

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We also continued to support student placements, welcoming three students from the University of Strathclyde and five students from Kelvin College. Student placements provided valuable hands-on experience within community development, food projects and volunteering support, while also bringing new ideas, skills and energy into the organisation.

Community Leadership and Progression

Volunteering continues to provide opportunities for individuals to progress into leadership roles, training, education and employment. Volunteers have moved on to further training opportunities, joined the board of local organisations and taken on increased responsibilities within projects and activities.

By creating supportive and accessible opportunities for people to contribute meaningfully within their communities, volunteering continues to play a vital role in improving wellbeing, reducing isolation and strengthening community connections across North Glasgow.

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Milton Food Hub

Milton Community Café

The Community Café is a fully volunteer-led initiative providing a welcoming, inclusive, and dignified space for all visitors. Frequently described as resembling a "professional café," it offers a high-quality environment where people can connect, socialise, and access support.

In the year 2025-2026:

- 5,224 café customers attended
- 5,566 meals were served

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The café attracts a diverse mix of local residents, families, Health and Social Care staff, and individuals from nearby retirement housing and care homes. It plays a significant role in reducing social isolation and fostering intergenerational and cross-cultural connections, acting as a vibrant community hub.

Volunteers are central to the café's success, leading service delivery with support from a Volunteer Coordinator who provides regular one-to-one sessions, identifies training needs, and delivers tailored development opportunities.

During the past year:

- 24 volunteers contributed 3,361 hours
- A large proportion of volunteers are local residents
- 75% of the staff team are also locally based

Volunteering opportunities support individuals to build confidence, develop skills, strengthen social networks, and improve overall wellbeing.

Groups and Community Use of the Building

The Food Hub building provides a flexible, welcoming, and accessible space that supports a wide range of community-led groups and activities. It has become a well-used hub where local people come together to build skills, improve wellbeing, and strengthen social connections.

A number of regular groups are now established within the space:

- The Sewing Bee has grown from 3 to over 15 members, offering clothing repairs, participating in annual sewing fairs, and supporting local residents with personal projects, including tailoring a wedding dress.
- A "Learn to Sew" club has been established, expanding opportunities for people to develop practical skills.
- The Walking Group is diverse and inclusive, led by two Paths for All-accredited leaders. Walks are designed to suit different abilities, promote physical and mental wellbeing, and encourage social connection.
- The Milton Cookery Club is a drop-in group where community members share skills, cook together, and support one another and their families.
- The Art Group has welcomed new members from a local care home, supported by care staff through a strong partnership. A key highlight has been intergenerational sessions, where Kelvin College student volunteers worked alongside care home residents to create artwork together.
- The Parent and Toddlers Group is now well established, with 12 regular families attending.

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All groups are community-led, with members setting their own agendas, organising resources, and independently applying for funding. Coordination is supported through informal communication channels such as WhatsApp groups, encouraging ownership, confidence, and sustainability.

In addition to regular groups, the building has hosted a range of wider community uses, including:

- Children's birthday parties
- Teenage celebrations
- Memorial gatherings
- Regular services for two church groups
- Community engagement events with partner organisations

Community Meals

Community Meals are a key part of the café's offer, bringing people together in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

During 2025–2026:

- 18 community meals were delivered
- 762 people attended

These meals provide not only access to nutritious food but also valuable opportunities for social connection, helping to reduce isolation and strengthen community relationships.

Events and Activities

A diverse programme of events is delivered throughout the year, co-designed with community members and shaped by local feedback.

Events included:

- Community Consultation and Pizza Event
- Games and Pizza Evening
- Milton Garden Pizzeria (alfresco dining event)
- Sewing Bee and Art Club Auction
- Young Planters-led Garden Meal
- Annual Milton Harvest Festival

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- October Holiday Community Meal with Bingo
- Volunteer Celebration Party
- Kids Halloween Disco
- Volunteer Community Meal and Dance
- Community Takeover Launch Event

These activities encourage participation, strengthen relationships, and provide inclusive opportunities for people of all ages.

The People's Fridge

The Community Fridge plays a vital role in improving access to food while reducing environmental waste.

In the year 2025-2026:

- 1,494 people accessed the Community Fridge
- Approximately 7 tonnes of food were redistributed, preventing it from going to landfill

The People's Fridge supports individuals and families experiencing food insecurity while promoting sustainability and reducing waste within the community.

Partnerships

The Community Café works in partnership with a range of organisations to provide essential services and promote economic wellbeing. These include:

- People Plus Employability
- Age Scotland
- Home Energy Scotland
- The Wise Group Advocacy

Through these partnerships, local residents are supported to access employability services, financial advice, energy support, and advocacy. The café provides a trusted, accessible base for these services, helping individuals engage with and navigate available support.

Cookery Classes

We ran cookery classes from May 2nd through until June 27th in Milton Food hub as a drop-in class where participants were encouraged to develop skills and ideas for dishes to cook.

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Key themes include:

- Creating a friendly welcoming environment for new cooks to join in and feel part of the team
- Using up waste produce form the Fruit and Veg barra and also any residual Fareshare produce. By using existing food supplies we were able to reduce waste and also costs. The same approaches could be used by the service users at home in order to reduce the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis.
- Volunteer-led Community Cooking Sessions, where participants prepare food together and share recipes using seasonal ingredients.
- Promoting the other food support that we offer to help those service users who required it with reducing the negative impacts of rising food costs and also to promote well-being and positive mental health.
- “Fake-aways”, taking common dishes from take aways and cooking them form scratch, thus reducing the salt, sugar and calorie load and increasing the healthy balance of the dish.

The focus was on healthy eating, increasing cookery skills and breaking down the various stigmas that can surround cooking, such as the fear of the unknown ingredient. The worry over energy, acceptance in a group setting and many others.

The cookery classes had 46 participants who would attend at least 3 sessions. Some continued to attend for the full 8-week term of the cookery club. (32%) Service users were asked to complete a survey to reflect their experiences, some responses include:

“Learning things to cook that you may not know or frightened to try”

“Learning a new skill making new friends”

“Get to meet new people and lots of new ideas and tips on what food to use cooking a meal.”

“I Learnt how to put something together from food you have left over in kitchen.”

“Learning to buy from the local veg barra.”

“The best part of the course is that it is in person and interactive so can rescue dish or ask for help. It increases my confidence and am more likely to try this at home.”

“I like how we can discuss and make suggestions about what we might cook next time and also how we use up surplus from the fareshare produce”

“Try cooking other countries traditional foods.”

“Now I Tend to use up leftover food which I may previously have discarded.”

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"Helps with my overall social anxiety as well as learning new recipes, fresh! & fun for me and my family."

"I can cook more with my family and show them ways to incorporate healthy foods into the kind of foods we used to eat. I've been able to vary our diets more I loved the company and learning to use ingredients that I haven never used before! and it's so helpful to learn how to make a tasty meal out of what looks like nothing in the pantry!"

"I now recycle my food waste."

Only 56% of the service users reported feeling "confident to cook from scratch, this increased to 98% at the end of the experience.

59% reported being open to trying new foods, increasing to 98% a completion.

91% said they would cook with more fresh ingredients as a result of this course.

94% said they would budget and plan more.

Milton Community Garden

Milton Youth and Family Gardening

Our Youth Gardening programme continues to grow in popularity and reach. In 2025-2026, over 200 children and young people engaged in activities at Milton, including our *Young Planters Club*, *Teeny Greenies* under-5s group, and seasonal holiday programmes.

Children are introduced to planting, harvesting, cooking, and nature-based play in our dedicated Children's Garden, a space designed for hands-on exploration and creativity. One parent described how much her child looks forward to attending:
"It's been amazing to see how much more confident he is now in the garden and how he talks about where his food comes from. He's even teaching us at home!"

We also worked with three local nurseries and three primary schools. Activities include apple pressing, soil science workshops, seed sowing, and food tastings.

Intergenerational events such as seasonal harvest celebrations and storytelling in the garden bring families together and support community cohesion. Over 100 families attended these gatherings throughout the year.

Programme Delivery

Weekly Group Sessions

- Young Planters:
    - Tuesday group: 48 sessions (1 cancelled due to storm warning)
    - Wednesday group: 50 sessions
    - Total: 97 sessions

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- Teeny Greenies:
    - Tuesday group: 48 sessions (1 cancelled due to icy weather)
    - Wednesday group: 49 sessions
    - Total: 97 sessions

Holiday Programmes

- Easter 2024: 4 sessions
- Summer 2024: 12 sessions
- October Week 2024: 2 sessions
- February Mid-Term 2025: 2 sessions
- Total Holiday Sessions: 20

Impact and Participant Feedback

Engagement with Nature and Outdoor Play:

Participants consistently demonstrated curiosity and joy when engaging with natural elements. Examples of informal feedback include:

- "*This garden is brilliant*" – Young person, open session
- "*Look at the sunset – it's all pink and purple!*" – Participant, age 11
- During sensory play with pine wood: "*Smells like honey… cinnamon… flowers… tastes like jam*" – Multiple children

These moments reflect the value of unstructured, sensory-rich outdoor experiences that promote both emotional expression and cognitive development.

Health and Wellbeing:

The garden has continued to support healthier lifestyles and eating habits:

- "*She won't eat soup in the house but will in the garden*" – Parent
- "*Soup tastes better than the word better*" – P5 pupil, Chirnsyde
- "*See the things I learn in this garden? You can do them in your own garden!*" – Parent

Sessions helped increase access to fruit, vegetables, and cooking experiences in an accessible, family-friendly environment.

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Social Development and Confidence:

Children and young people developed friendships and communication skills through group activities and collaborative play:

- "*Can we team up for the bug hunt?*"
- "*I'm staying with James – I'm his emotional support animal*"
- "*Leah taught me to spread my toast*" – Age 7 participant

These interactions highlight the role of the garden as a safe, inclusive space for building positive peer relationships.

Family Bonding and Community Involvement:

Parents and carers actively participated in sessions, strengthening attachment and intergenerational learning:

- "*Can we play the Country Game? I brought my mum to play!*" – Age 8
- "*I just love coming here with the wee ones*" – Caregiver
- "*Even if I was running it myself, I'd feel confident – all of the families are so at home here*" – Angela, Community Gardener

Safety and Responsibility:

Health and safety procedures continue to be embedded in all activities:

- "*You carry your fork pointing down, don't you?*" – Participant, age 7
- "*We don't lie tools on the ground*" – During a 'Tool Talk' session

Children demonstrate growing awareness of boundaries, tool safety, and shared responsibility.

Royston Food Hub

Royston Community Pantry

We have continued to operate the Royston Community Pantry which has recently signed up our 1000th member. We serve an average of 120 customers over 3 days per week. We have also continued to provide nutritious homemade food in the deli counter, prepared weekly by a group of volunteers. We have welcomed a total of 18 volunteers who have been involved with the running of the pantry, cooking meals for our deli counter and growing food at our Gardening for Wellbeing sessions.

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We have taken referrals from Glasgow Helps, Govan Community Project and local housing associations, providing those in urgent need of help with free shops.

In addition, we hosted group volunteer days with Lidl graduates and Heriot-Watt University students, and supported placement students from Kelvin College and Strathclyde University.

Reducing Food Poverty

100% of pantry members indicated that the pantry helps them save money, demonstrating its importance as a support system for individuals and families facing rising living costs.

We have worked closely with Glasgow Helps, welcoming 64 new members through their referral system this year, alongside taking referrals from local housing associations, Govan Community Project, and establishing a referral pathway with Wallacewell Medical Centre. We have also referred members to Home Energy Scotland, helping to link them up with energy advice and fuel vouchers.

The pantry provides consistent access to affordable food, helping to reduce financial pressure and improve food security for our members.

One member shared - *'The pantry is very cost effective – especially at a time when everything is getting more and more expensive. Helps you save money so you can focus on other bills – rent/electricity etc.'*

Improved Mental Health and Well-Being

The pantry has had a positive impact on members' mental health and wellbeing. Access to affordable, nutritious food, alongside signposting to NGCFI and other support services, helps to ease financial pressures and reduce the stress and anxiety associated with hardship.

One member noted an appreciation for the fresh produce on offer - '*I'm really grateful for the fact that you have healthier options.'*. 77% of pantry members reported increased access to fresh fruit and vegetables, contributing to healthier diets and overall wellbeing.

Members are also encouraged to participate in our other activities, notably our Gardening for Wellbeing sessions in our community allotment, as well as activities within the adjoining Roystonhill Community Hub. These opportunities help reduce isolation, build confidence, and strengthen connections to wider support services, including financial advice. We have also provided volunteering opportunities for local people, providing experience and access to training such as food hygiene and first aid. Volunteers are further supported through regular social events and trips, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging.

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Enhanced Skills and Knowledge

The pantry supports members to develop new skills and knowledge around food, cooking, and sustainability.

In partnership with Royston Primary School, we delivered 7 in-school cookery classes and 24 parent and children cookery classes with local families during the funding period.

In partnership with students from Heriot-Watt University, we delivered a 'Stock the Pantry' event which raised awareness locally and included a cooking demonstration to encourage healthy, affordable meal preparation with stock available in the pantry. Our deli counter offers freshly prepared meals, giving members the opportunity to try new foods and experience different cuisines. One member shared: *"It's great trying new foods that I wouldn't usually try."* 45% of pantry members highlighted the benefit of trying new foods through the pantry, and 25% of respondents reported benefiting from being introduced to new recipes.

Strengthening Community Connections

The pantry plays an important role in bringing people together and strengthening community ties.

Our weekly volunteer cookery club hosted 12 volunteers, preparing healthy ready meals for pantry members. This multinational group is representative of Royston's diverse community and offers participants the opportunity to celebrate their cultural heritage by preparing dishes from their home countries, whilst developing and sharing their cooking skills.

Royston Food Hub (continued)

33% of pantry members reported that the pantry provided opportunities to meet new people, helping to reduce social isolation. - *'I come at the same time every week and enjoy catching up with people in the queue.'*

67% of members valued the convenience of the pantry's location within the community hub, which encourages wider participation in classes and support groups.

We were also delighted to take part in the Royston Heritage Art Project, where pantry members shared their handwritten recipes reflecting their cultural heritage. These were transformed into a collaborative fabric artwork, now displayed in the community hub, celebrating the diversity of the local community.

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Long-Term Empowerment and Sustainability

The project aims to empower individuals by improving food security, mental health, and overall wellbeing. As members become more confident and self-reliant, they are better equipped to manage financial challenges and make positive lifestyle changes. Many members go on to participate in additional activities, including volunteering and community programmes, contributing positively to the wider community.

We monitor long-term impact through annual membership renewal forms, comparing responses from when members first joined.

Daily Portions of Fruit & Veg

Renewal Forms 25/26		**Joining Forms**
Quality of Diet	**%**	**%**
Very good	12%	2%
Good	53%	16%
Average	35%	53%
Poor	0%	23%
Very Poor	0%	5%

	%	**%**
5+	6%	0%
5	6%	9%
4	35%	14%
3	29%	20%
2	16%	27%
1	4%	23%
0	4%	7%

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The data shows a clear improvement in both diet quality and fruit and vegetable intake, with more members reporting ‘good’ or ‘very good’ diets and a visible increase on the daily portions fruit & veg consumed.

Environmental Impact

The pantry has made a significant contribution to reducing food waste and promoting sustainable practices.

Through our partnership with Fareshare, Lidl and Marks & Spencer, we divert approximately 14.5 tonnes of food waste annually from landfill. 64% of members reported that they value the opportunity to reduce food waste. We also operate a zero-waste refill station, offering pantry staples such as rice and lentils, and introduced a ReCirculate homeware and cookware shelf, enabling community members to donate unwanted household items for redistribution.

The project has been affected by rising food costs for the fresh produce we supply, and we have had to adjust our stock and monitor spending more closely. We have also continued to experience a reduction in donations from retailers, as more surplus stock is being sold rather than donated. Despite these challenges, we continue to carefully manage our resources and ensure we support as many people as possible.

Royston Community Pantry Cookery Club

Royston Community Pantry delivered a weekly cookery club from July 2025 to February 2026, supported by funding that enabled the employment of a Community Cook for seven hours per week over a six-month period. The project aimed to develop cooking skills, build confidence, encourage community participation, and provide healthy prepared meals for pantry members.

Activity Delivered

Over the course of the project, 12 volunteers participated in weekly cooking sessions. Volunteers worked alongside Community Cook Stuart, preparing take-home meals and deli counter items for the pantry. Participants were encouraged to submit recipes from their own backgrounds, with ingredients sourced by the project. New volunteers were supported to develop their skills before progressing to leading their own dishes.

The club celebrated the cultural diversity of Royston, with dishes including lentil curries, chicken biryani, vegetable soups, and apple crumbles. Fresh produce from local community gardens was used whenever possible, and halal and vegetarian options were always available to ensure meals were inclusive and culturally appropriate.

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Achievements and Successes

The project successfully:

- Engaged 12 volunteers in regular weekly activities.
- Provided free Food Hygiene and First Aid training opportunities.
- Increased participants' cooking skills, confidence, and employability.
- Created opportunities for social connection and cultural exchange.
- Supported people who had recently moved to Scotland by providing opportunities to practise English and build local networks.
- Produced healthy, affordable meals for community pantry members.

An average of 110 local households benefited each week from the prepared meals, with members particularly valuing the convenience, variety, and opportunity to try new foods.

Challenges and Learning

As interest in the cookery club grew, the budget for ingredients became increasingly stretched. To address this, more cost-effective alternatives to meat, such as lentils and tofu, were incorporated into recipes. While some participants were initially disappointed, many found these alternatives equally enjoyable. This also led to positive discussions about healthy eating and the environmental benefits of reducing meat consumption.

Community Impact

The cookery club provided a welcoming environment where participants could develop practical skills and gain experience in a professionally equipped kitchen. The project fostered confidence, independence, and stronger community connections.

One volunteer experienced particularly significant personal development through the programme. Following their involvement, they went on to volunteer with several other local projects, complete accredited training courses, and join a community gardening group. Participation in the cookery club helped increase their confidence, expand their social network, and strengthen their engagement with the local community.

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Employment Outcomes

Funding supported the creation of one paid role, enabling the employment of a Community Cook for seven hours per week over six months.

Participant Feedback

Volunteers and pantry members shared positive feedback about their experiences:

“I enjoy coming here – I can practise my English and share the dishes from my home country.”

“I think my confidence has definitely improved since coming here; it's helped me get back into cooking again.”

“It's good to see what others are cooking, seeing the spices they use and quantities.”

“It's always something different each week and I've tasted lots of dishes I've never tried before. It's helping me to eat more healthy foods.”

Royston Gardening with Children aged 4-11 with Additional Support Needs at Royston Primary School

Trefoil funded a gardening programme for children aged 4-11 with additional support needs, delivered in partnership with Royston Primary School. It covered staff and materials for weekly sessions with small groups of pupils selected by the school’s teachers.

The aim was to provide specialist sessions that the school would not otherwise have the capacity to offer. Royston is a deprived urban area, and many of the participating children have complex support needs. The programme enabled them to spend time outdoors, connect with nature, learn about plants and healthy eating, and benefit from a supportive learning environment beyond the classroom.

We delivered 51 sessions over 17 days, working with six small groups of 5 pupils with various additional support needs. The small group format provided a consistent, supportive environment in which children felt safe, engaged and able to participate at their own pace.

Activities included creating chestnut ‘emojis’ as a mood barometer, building bird feeders, constructing indoor greenhouses and moss gardens, arts and crafts using natural and recycled materials, sprouting lentils and peas, and creating a seed mandala and pollinator area in the school garden. These activities were carefully designed to support sensory regulation, fine motor development, communication, teamwork and confidence-building, alongside nature and food education. Opportunities to express emotions and reflect on feelings were embedded throughout.

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Royston Gardening with Children aged 4-11 with Additional Support Needs at Royston Primary School (Continued)

The hands-on, outdoor learning approach proved particularly effective in engaging children who may find the traditional classroom environment challenging. One child reflected, '*This is amazing - so much better than being in the classroom all day.'* The sessions also encouraged curiosity, with children asking questions such as, '*What do sprouts taste like?'* and showing pride in their achievements: *'We are all real apple monsters!*' and *'I'll try this out at home!'*

As part of each session, children were offered fruit and encouraged to try new foods, including lentil and pea sprouts they had grown themselves. This supported positive experiences around food, exploration and choice in a low-pressure setting.

Session reports indicate strong outcomes in terms of engagement, social interaction and confidence. Children worked collaboratively, shared materials and supported one another. The session lead noted: *'It's beautiful to witness children who were a bit shy during the first sessions come out of their shell.'*

Overall, the programme provided an inclusive, nurturing environment tailored to the needs of the children, supporting their social, emotional and developmental growth.

Youth Gardening and Cooking in Royston: Growing Together

Building on the success of a previous Development Grant from Warburtons, the Growing Together in Royston project combined gardening and cookery activities to support disadvantaged families in the Royston area. Through a programme of family gardening clubs, holiday activities and parent-and-child cookery classes, the project provided opportunities for families to improve their health and wellbeing, develop practical life skills and strengthen community connections.

Activities took place at Germiston Allotments, Royston Primary School and partner venues, creating safe and welcoming spaces where families could learn together, spend quality time outdoors and gain confidence in growing and preparing healthy food.

During the second year of delivery, the programme expanded beyond its original plans. While three of four planned blocks of parent-and-child cookery classes were delivered during the first year, five blocks were successfully delivered during the second year, increasing participation and impact.

Teeny Greenies and Young Planters

Weekly gardening clubs were delivered throughout school term time, with a break during December and January.

- **Teeny Greenies** supported pre-school children and their parents/carers.
- **Young Planters** was aimed at primary school-aged children and their families.

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Youth Gardening and Cooking in Royston: Growing Together (Continued)

Many families with children of different ages chose to attend together at the after-school sessions, creating valuable opportunities for whole-family participation.

The project also welcomed regular visits from Royston Nursery and Bonnybroom Nursery, enabling children whose parents or carers could not attend sessions to benefit from the programme.

Participation

Over the funding period:

- 48 children participated in gardening clubs.
- 26 parents and carers participated in gardening clubs.
- Additional nursery children attended through organised visits.

Holiday Programmes

Additional gardening sessions were delivered during school holiday periods:

- Two sessions per week during the summer holidays.
- Extended sessions during Easter and October holidays.

These programmes provided continuity for families and maintained engagement with outdoor learning throughout the year.

Parent and Child Cookery Classes

A total of **32 cookery sessions** were delivered across **eight blocks of four sessions**.

Working closely with Royston Primary School, families who would particularly benefit from the programme were identified and invited to participate.

Sessions focused on:

- Cooking healthy meals from scratch.
- Reducing food waste.
- Understanding where food comes from.
- Building confidence in preparing affordable family meals.

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Youth Gardening and Cooking in Royston: Growing Together (Continued)

Participation

Over the funding period:

- 42 children attended cookery classes.
- 38 parents and carers attended cookery classes.

Feedback showed that families valued taking prepared meals home and that children were more willing to try unfamiliar foods within the supportive group environment.

Intergenerational Learning

A key feature of the programme was its emphasis on intergenerational learning. Parents and children participated side-by-side in gardening and cooking activities, allowing families to:

- Learn practical skills together.
- Spend meaningful time together.
- Build confidence and independence.
- Develop a stronger connection to nature and healthy food.

Families Reached

Royston is an area experiencing significant economic deprivation, and many participating families live in flats without access to private gardens or outdoor growing spaces.

The project provided a safe, familiar and welcoming green space where children and families could experience nature, contribute to growing food and observe seasonal change throughout the year.

Many participating families were already connected to the organisation, while partnerships with local schools and nurseries enabled the project to reach additional children and families who may not otherwise have accessed these opportunities.

Measure	Planned	Achieved
Direct beneficiaries	120	154
Indirect beneficiaries	240	308

The project exceeded both its direct and indirect reach targets.

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Youth Gardening and Cooking in Royston: Growing Together (Continued)

Outcomes and Impact

The project fully achieved its intended outcomes and generated meaningful improvements in participants' quality of life.

1. Improved Health and Wellbeing

Through regular gardening activities, holiday programmes and family cookery classes, children and parents increased their engagement with healthy eating, outdoor activity and nature-based learning.

The gardening sessions helped children develop confidence outdoors and build positive relationships with nature.

One parent commented:

"At home she is terrified of bugs and insects; here she wants to go look for them and picks them up with a spoon!"

Growing and harvesting produce also encouraged healthier eating habits.

Another parent shared:

"She didn't use to like potatoes, but now she does. Last time we harvested potatoes here, she asked me to cook them straight away when we got home – and they tasted brilliant."

By combining food growing, outdoor play and healthy cooking, the programme supported both physical and emotional wellbeing.

2. Stronger Family Relationships

The programme created valuable opportunities for families to spend quality time together.

Gardening sessions encouraged exploration, learning and play in outdoor environments, while cookery classes promoted teamwork and shared achievement.

Participants highlighted the importance of these shared experiences, commenting that they enjoyed:

"Cooking with my daughter and other parents at school."

and

"Spending time with my son doing something together."

For families without outdoor space at home, the allotment provided a particularly valuable opportunity to enjoy time together in nature.

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One parent explained:

"We've no garden space ourselves – it's nice they get to play together."

3. Increased Skills and Positive Behaviour Change

Participants developed practical skills in:

- Food growing and gardening.
- Healthy meal preparation.
- Reducing food waste.
- Understanding food production.
- Cooking from basic ingredients.

Children developed a stronger connection to fresh produce by planting, nurturing and harvesting crops themselves. Parents reported increased willingness among children to try new foods and eat vegetables they had helped grow.

The impact of the cookery programme was particularly strong:

- 100% of surveyed participants reported feeling very confident cooking with basic ingredients after taking part.
- 100% stated they intended to cook more meals from scratch at home.

Participants reported intentions to:

"Cook more with my daughter."

and

"Do more cooking from scratch."

These findings demonstrate how learning gained through the programme translated into positive and sustainable changes within the home.

Springburn Food Hub

Springburn Community Meals

Over the past year, Springburn Food Hub has delivered weekly community meals across multiple locations, reaching a diverse range of residents facing food insecurity, poverty, and social isolation. These meals are more than just food- they act as hubs for wellbeing, social connection, and access to support services.

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Springburn Food Hub

Partnerships with local organisations have strengthened service delivery, extended reach, and supported holistic responses to financial and social challenges.

In numbers:

- 47 weekly community meals delivered across 5 locations.
- 1,253 sit-in portions and 1,069 take-away portions provided.
- Additional 136 meals supplied to partner organisations during weeks we were not on site, ensuring continuity of provision.
- Average weekly engagement: 52 meals, with peak sessions serving over 40 individuals.

Through ongoing engagement with our community via our Food Hub steering group, surveys, partner feedback, and daily conversations, we consistently hear that residents are struggling to afford basic essentials. Rising food and energy costs mean many individuals and families are skipping meals, relying on low-cost, low-nutrition options, or unable to cook due to fuel poverty. Our community meals directly address this, providing accessible, nutritious food in a way that reduces both food and energy costs. As one participant shared:

"I've got COPD; I've lost 2.5 stone. I'm trying to build myself back up, but I don't have an appetite. But that's amazing, can I have some away too? That'll build me up, it's just what I want to eat."

Food insecurity is closely linked with wider issues including poor physical and mental health, social isolation, and financial instability. Our weekly community meals, serving an average of 52 meals, provide far more than nutrition—they create safe, welcoming spaces where participants can build relationships, feel valued, and regain confidence. Attendees describe these meals as a vital source of connection and routine:

"This is the highlight of my month… I look forward to it all month."

For some, attending is a first step towards re-engaging with their community, accessing additional support, and improving overall wellbeing. One participant explained:

"This is my first week sober, you know? Off the sauce. Looking for things to do, chatting to you and learning about the gardening, that's it. I'll go. It'll keep me off."

The combination of reliable food provision, supportive staff and volunteers, and strong partner involvement allows our meals to tackle multiple dimensions of poverty and trauma simultaneously. They offer practical relief, social inclusion, and emotional support, empowering people to regain stability and confidence while fostering resilience in the wider community.

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Springburn Food Hub (Continued)

Partnership Working

Our success relies heavily on strong partnerships, which enable integrated, dignified support across multiple dimensions of poverty:

- Spirit of Springburn, BCDC, St Rollox, Tron St Mary's: Collectively purchase our prepared soups, enabling them to deliver meals independently in weeks we are not present.
- Cannae Sing Choir & Chinese Recreation Group: Deliver wellbeing, social development, and cultural activities during meal sessions.
- SAMH: Provides mental health support during meals, ensuring attendees access specialist care in a familiar and welcoming setting.
- Wheatley Outreach: Offers housing and financial advice on-site.
- Community Info Source: Provides refugee and advocacy support, linking participants to specialist services.

Springburn cookery classes

In Springburn we delivered two 'pop-up' cookery and nutrition sessions with 16 adults and 8 children. These sessions focused both on cookery skills and menu planning, as well as food miles, food waste, environmental impact of food choices and cultural food traditions.

In Elmvale Primary we worked with the nurture group children, inviting the parents in to the school to join in, encouraging closer relationships between school and parents/carers, as well as fostering inter-generational engagement:

'The nurture children can experience challenges in classroom settings, so seeing them engage with tasks which can be challenging in such a enthusiastic manner has been gratifying. They lit up and behaved in such a positive manner.'

Some of the children had sensory challenges with food textures and unfamiliar tastes. Gently exploring these challenges with support from parents and teachers, it was rewarding to see hesitation change to excitement and exploration.

We also delivered a broader food-focus session, looking at the many and disparate factors impacting food choices, ingredients, health and well being, and environmental impact. Whilst teaching usable skills and easily repeatable recipes, we also looked at cost, focusing on healthy eating on a budget.

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Springburn Youth Gardening

'" I love this garden" " I can count 10 potatoes"

Springburn Teeny Greenies continued weekly, attended both by independent families, and Elmvale Nursery and Primary Nurture Group (inclusion children). This local school and nursery have no outdoor green space, with an asphalt playground within the inner city environment. Due to the popularity of the garden sessions with the nursery group, our Youth Gardener has started a second afternoon session, to facilitate attendance from afternoon attendees.

When the weather became such that the children's garden was flooded and inaccessible in the garden, our Youth Gardener delivered sessions within Elmvale Nursery, to continue and grow their learning about nature and the outdoors.

Regular attendance was 14 children and 4 adults; with another 2 children and parent/carer attending independently of the groups.

Additionally, Family Fun Days were delivered in the spring, summer and October school holidays, with an attendance of 87 over the seven sessions.

Sessions are designed, developed and delivered around Forrest Kindergarten principles, prioritising independent exploration of nature, free pay, 'accidental' learning, and confidence growing:

'"I have never seen a caterpillar before" "they're awesome" "I count 5 potatoes I have found" "Why are your nails so dirty"

Family Fun Days were focused this year on food growing, with planting in spring, abundant harvest in summer, and apple harvest in October. Additionally, we celebrated harvest with 12 children:

'"the cucumber is very prickly" "my potatoes is the biggest" "I want to find a bigger potato" "my carrot is very small"

'"the beetroot is amazing I loved it, can I have some more to take home" "the garden is amazing" "the size of the cabbage is huge"

Gardening for wellbeing in Milton, Royston and Springburn

The Glasgow Wellbeing Fund and Peoples Health Trust funded weekly therapeutic gardening sessions across three community gardens in Springburn, Milton, and Royston. Each four-hour session, including a lunch break, adopted a flexible, person-centered approach, offering participants the opportunity to engage in seasonal gardening tasks, green gym activities, carpentry, plant propagation, and creative workshops.

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Gardening for wellbeing in Milton, Royston and Springburn

In Springburn and Royston, additional workshops were delivered, including Seed Growing, Rain Gardens, Grow Your Own Gourmet Garden, Container Planting, Wreath Making, Building bird boxes, bug hotels, raised beds, and learning Hügelkultur techniques. We hosted Harvest Events across the three sites in October and ran workshops, such as

Sessions were highly participatory, allowing attendees to choose activities that aligned with their interests. In Springburn, demand led to the introduction of a second weekly session for light gardening tasks, accommodating volunteers who wished to engage more frequently.

Participation and Volunteers

- Weekly gardening attendance (150 sessions across all there hubs): Springburn – 13 participants (54 workshop attendances), Milton – 21 participants, Royston – 21 attendees
- Volunteers: 25 new volunteers were recruited across the sites, supported by 17 existing volunteers.

The project primarily supported low-income communities in North Glasgow, including refugees and asylum seekers, individuals recovering from addiction, people experiencing social isolation, and those facing mental health challenges or trauma. Participants highlighted the social and therapeutic benefits of attending sessions:

- “Volunteering in the garden is not about food production; it is about socially coming together. Coming here every Thursday is the highlight of some volunteers’ week.”
- “As an asylum seeker currently staying in a hotel, spending time outdoors benefits my wellbeing. Access to warm meals and engaging in creative activities also positively contribute to my health.”
- *“It feels good when you finish a task.”*
- *“It’s good to be out. I don’t feel good being in the house a lot - I want to go outside.”*
- *"You show me once then I can do the rest. I like learning."*
- *“I think gardening is good for depression.”*

The project contributed to the Fund’s objectives of increased mental wellbeing, enhanced community resilience, and reduced poverty and inequality. Through gardening and cookery sessions, participants developed mindfulness, social skills, and emotional resilience.

Volunteers reported a sense of purpose and pride in contributing to physical improvements in the gardens, including the creation of accessible raised beds, children’s garden spaces, and improved paths. In Springburn, 5 volunteers have gone on to own their own plots.

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Gardening for wellbeing in Milton, Royston and Springburn

Approximately 118 individuals experienced measurable improvements in mental wellbeing, with benefits captured through a combination of attendance tracking, informal feedback, structured volunteer questionnaires, behavioral observation, and engagement with follow-on support services.

Physical Garden Developments in Milton, Royston and Springburn

Significant progress has continued across all garden sites, supporting both community use and future income generation.

In Milton, Wheatley Housing's £100,000 investment in accessibility improvements is nearing completion, with works expected to finish in April. We have also invested in additional garden furniture and are exploring further improvements to make the space more suitable for hire and events.

Future developments, including a stage area, outdoor lighting and a kitchen garden, are currently being costed, with potential funders identified. These improvements aim to create bookable outdoor spaces from 2026–2027.

In Royston, the children's garden has been developed, with major groundwork undertaken including drainage systems, levelling the ground, installing a mud kitchen and a shelter. Furthermore, a compost toilet installed, has been installed this year which has transformed the accessibility of the space, majorly increasing our reach and length of sessions. We are looking forward to sharing a year-round space for youth and family wellbeing activities. Volunteers transformed a waterlogged, unused area into a children's garden by improving the ground, adding raised beds, and planting fruit trees and sensory plants. In the main garden, several improvements were made, including installing drainage, building new raised beds, and raising the height of existing ones.

In Springburn, climate-resilience work has been completed such as installation of French drains and new raised beds which are higher and more accessible. These developments ensure that key physical assets required for expanded services and income generation will be fully in place moving into the next phase.

Contributions of Volunteers

Volunteers play a crucial role in the operation of NGCFI. Their contributions are essential for the daily functioning of the organisation, which include;

Community Pantry, Fridge, and Fruit & Veg Barra volunteers who have a hands-on role in the day-to-day running of our food projects, helping us create a welcoming shopping experience for local residents.

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Volunteer Buddies are working alongside our Drivers, and help collect and deliver fresh food and produce, assist with loading and unloading, and represent NGCFI when liaising with supermarkets and partners.

Garden Volunteers help grow fresh fruit and vegetables across our gardens and allotments in Springburn, Milton, Royston, and Germiston.

Cookery Club Volunteers help prepare delicious meals and dishes for the Royston Community Pantry Deli, a place where local residents can access healthy, affordable food. This is a hands-on, practical role for anyone who enjoys cooking, working as part of a team, and supporting their community.

Social Media & Content Creator volunteers help us share the amazing work happening across our food hubs in Milton, Springburn, and Royston. They play a key role in capturing and promoting the stories that inspire local people to get involved.

Community Meal Volunteers help create a welcoming, friendly space where local residents can come together, enjoy a hot meal, and learn about the activities and support services.

Risk Management

NGCFI recognises there are five key types of risk that can affect our organisation:

- Governance risks affect how the board or management committee makes decisions. They include problems with organisational structure, conflicts of interest or lack of skills.
- Financial risks affect the money available. They include problems with financial information, insurance cover, reserves, cash flow and fraud.
- Operational risks relate to the daily running of the organisation. They include problems with staff, pricing policy, safeguarding and assets.
- External risks are outside our control and are more difficult to expect and manage. They include events like the cost of living crisis.
- Compliance risks happen when your organisation does not follow essential regulation such as Charity and Employment law.

The purpose of this statement is to provide guidance regarding the management of risk of the NGCFI to support its charitable aims and purposes, safeguard the charities assets, ensure financial stability and protect the staff and volunteers of NGCFI.

The statement reflects the Trustee Duties contained in Section 66 of The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act).

All trustees of NGCFI have a duty to act with care and diligence in the best interests of NGCFI. Trustees will act with a higher level of care than they may do with their own finances and

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affairs and this will be reflected in the duty of care they exhibit with respect to the assets of NGCFI. The Board is responsible for receiving risk reports, reviewing the reports, approving actions and managing the appropriate subcommittee which has responsibility for Risk Management.

The Project Manager is responsible for ensuring that risk management is incorporated in the day to day activities of NGCFI. Steps taken are to identify the types of risks faced, establish the context, analyse and evaluate the risk prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, identifying means of mitigating the risk and monitor and review the risk. The risk management will be reviewed by the Project Manager and by the Board at each board meeting. Where a risk is identified that is deemed to be of a critical nature a special meeting of the Board will be convened.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows total incoming resources of £508,255 (2025: £453,592), £451,107 (2025: £422,114) being restricted income funding to be spent on a specific purpose. At 31 March 2026 there was a deficit of £5,420 (2025: deficit of £23,877), which is represented by a surplus on unrestricted funds of £27,123 and a deficit of £32,543 on restricted funds.

A total of £191,160 was retained in accumulated funds at the year-end (2025: £196,580).

The retained funds are made up of £101,698 (2025: £134,241) of restricted funds and £89,462 (2025: £62,339) within unrestricted funds of which £57,272 (2025: £41,996) is tied up within the charity's fixed assets and the remaining £32,190 (2025: £20,343) are general reserves. The restricted funds of £101,698 are expected to be spent in the next financial year.

Reserves Policy

Based on an estimated level of 3 months' worth of expenditure being approximately £128,419, unrestricted general reserves are currently £89,462 which is below the desired level.

There is an action plan to address the shortfall in reserves including employing an income generation & partnerships manager with this project funded by National Lottery Strengthening Organisation over the next 2 years.

We are receiving support from capacity building grant funding of the Project Manager including a focus on fundraising activity. The fundraising activity is led by a professional fundraiser employed part-time basis aims to secure grants from charitable trusts to address the shortfall.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the North Glasgow Community Food Initiative for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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TRUSTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Esperance Kaneza
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Name: Esperance Kaneza

Date: 16 September 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH GLASGOW COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North Glasgow Community Food Initiative (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section below, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2026, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; an
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

Limitation of Scope

Arising solely from a limitation on the scope of our audit work relating to income, we have been unable to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the completeness of income from donations and the sales of fruit & vegetables. The audit evidence available to us was limited, owing to the nature of the charitable company's accounting records. We have therefore been unable to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the completeness of income received.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report & financial statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

As described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, we were unable to satisfy ourselves regarding the completeness of income from donations and fruit & vegetable sales. We have concluded that where the other information refers to income, it may be materially misstated for the same reason.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Except for the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, in the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

Arising solely from the limitation on the scope of our work relating to income, referred to above:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- we were unable to determine whether adequate accounting records have been kept.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

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- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the accounts, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures response to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing the risks or material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations we considered the following;

- The nature of the charitable company, the environment in which it operates and the control procedures implemented by management and the trustees; and
- Our enquiries of management and trustees about their identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities. Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to, but were not limited to;

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- Regulations and legislation pertinent to the charitable company's operations

We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material impact on the accounts. We also considered those laws and regulations which have a direct impact on the preparation of the accounts, such as the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. We evaluated management and trustees' incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the accounts and determined that the principal risks were related to;

- Posting inappropriate journal entries

Audit response to the risks identified;
Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following;

- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the sector in which it operates;
- Reviewing account disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the accounts;
- Enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud as a result of management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; and, evaluating rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of operations. of journal entries included, but was not limited to, the following areas:

- Duplicate journal entries
- Journals containing suspicious words or phrases
- Assessed areas of increased misstatement and override

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH GLASGOW COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:
Wbg (Audit) Limited
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Rory McCall BAcc CA
For and on behalf of Wbg (Audit) Limited, Statutory Auditor
168 Bath Street
Glasgow
G2 4TP

Date: 24 September 2026

Wbg (Audit) Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

(Including an Income and Expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2026 £	*Unrestricted Funds 2025 £*	*Restricted Funds 2025 £*	*Total Funds 2025 £*
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	***4***	43,502	451,107	**494,609**	*22,666*	*421,964*	***444,630***
Charitable activities	***5***	12,404	-	**12,404**	*6,905*	*150*	***7,055***
Investments	***6***	1,242	-	**1,242**	*1,907*	*-*	***1,907***
Total Income		57,148	451,107	**508,255**	*31,478*	*422,114*	***453,592***
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	***8***	68,433	445,242	**513,675**	*56,774*	*420,695*	***477,469***
Total Expenditure		68,433	445,242	**513,675**	*56,774*	*420,695*	***477,469***
Net (expenditure)/income		(11,285)	5,865	**(5,420)**	*(25,296)*	*1,419*	***(23,877)***
Transfers between funds		38,408	(38,408)	**-**	*27,966*	*(27,966)*	***-***
Net movement in funds		27,123	(32,543)	**(5,420)**	*2,670*	*(26,547)*	***(23,877)***
Funds reconciliation							
Total Funds brought forward	***16***	62,339	134,241	**196,580**	*59,669*	*160,788*	***220,457***
Total Funds carried forward	***16***	89,462	101,698	**191,160**	*62,339*	*134,241*	***196,580***

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Total Funds 2026 £	*Total Funds 2025 £*
***Fixed assets*:**			
Tangible assets	**12**	57,272	41,996
Total Fixed Assets		57,272	41,996
Current assets:			
Debtors	**13**	20,281	41,678
Cash at bank and in hand		227,383	170,412
Total Current Assets		247,664	212,090
***Liabilities*:**			
Creditors falling due within one year	**14**	(113,776)	(57,506)
Net Current Assets		133,888	154,584
Net Assets		191,160	196,580
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	**16**	101,698	134,241
Unrestricted funds	**16**	89,462	62,339
Total charity funds		191,160	196,580

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to the members of the company.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Name: Esperance Kaneza

Signed by:
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Name: Linda Henderson

Date: 16 September 2026

Company no: SC290958

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
***Cash flows from operating activities*:**			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**18**	95,379	(17,810)
***Cash flows from investing activities*:**			
Purchase of fixed assets		(38,408)	(27,966)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(38,408)	(27,966)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		56,971	(45,776)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		170,412	216,188
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		227,383	170,412

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. Accounting Policies

(a) **Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**
The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) **Funds structure**
Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created funds for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed, or through the terms of an appeal.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

(c) **Income recognition**
Income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) **Income recognition (continued)**
Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met (see note 15).

(d) **Expenditure recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (e) below.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes expenditure undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure is incurred.

(e) **Allocation of governance costs**
Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination.

Governance costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on the staff time spent on each charitable activity. The allocation of governance costs is analysed in note 7.

(f) **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**
All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged as follows:

	Basis
Office Equipment	25% straight line
Furniture and fittings	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line
Milton Community Garden – Leasehold Improvements	25% straight line

(g) **Debtors**
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(h) **Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1.Accounting Policies (continued)

(i) **Creditors and provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(j) **Employee Benefits**
The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

(k) **Pensions**
Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 10. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included within costs of charitable activities set out in note 9.

There are two money purchase plans (provided by NEST and North London) and the plans invests the contributions made by the employee and employer in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan. The pension fund is then converted into a pension upon the employee's normal retirement age which is defined as when they are eligible for a state pension. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

(l) **Operating leases**
The charity classifies the lease of property as an operating lease. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

(m) **Financial instruments**
The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(n) **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**
In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period

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1.Accounting Policies (continued)

(n) **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**
in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees are satisfied that the accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently. Key sources of estimation have been applied as follows;

Estimate	Basis of estimation
Depreciation of fixed assets	Fixed assets are depreciated and amortised over the useful life of the asset. The useful lives of fixed assets are based on the knowledge of the operations team, with reference to assets expected life cycle.

(o) **Taxation**
The company is a charitable company within the meaning of Section 467 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 of Part 11 of the corporation Tax Act 2010 and section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied for charitable purposes only.

2. Legal status of the Charity

The Charity is a registered Scottish charity and a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

3. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2025 £Nil).

There were no expenses paid to the trustees during the year (2025: £Nil). There were no expenses waived by trustees during the year (2025: £Nil).

During the year no trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity (2025: None).

One trustee made a donation of £200 to the charity (2025: £5,000)

4. Income from donations and legacies

	2026	**2025**
	£	**£**
Donations	5,786	10,386
Grants	488,823	434,244
	494,609	444,630

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5. Income from charitable activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Cooking and Weaning	6,356	396
Fruit and Veg Sales	6,048	6,659
	12,404	7,055

6. Investment income

	2026 £	2025 £
Bank interest	1,242	1,907
	1,242	1,907

7. Allocation of governance costs

The breakdown of governance is shown in the table below:

Governance costs:	2026 £	2025 £
Independent Examiners remuneration	-	2,180
Audit Fee	8,495	-
	8,495	2,180

Breakdown of governance costs by activity

	2026 Total £	2025 Total £	Basis of Apportionment
Fruit and Veg sales	680	174	*Staff time*
Other Charitable Activities	7,815	2,006	*Staff time*
Total allocated	8,495	2,180	

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2026 Other Charitable Activities £	2026 Fruit and Veg Sales £	2026 Total £	2025 Other Charitable Activities £	2025 Fruit and Veg Sales £	2025 Total £
Fruit and veg purchases	-	19,691	19,691	-	20,597	20,597
Staff and volunteer costs	343,676	-	343,676	320,409	-	320,409
Cookery expenses	-	13,739	13,739	-	25,799	25,799
Legal and professional costs	6,016	-	6,016	12,238	-	12,238
Miscellaneous expenses	27,699	-	27,699	20,379	-	20,379
Office, property & van costs	70,513	-	70,513	68,008	-	68,008
Climate Change Fund - project costs	714	-	714	288	-	288
Depreciation	23,132	-	23,132	7,571	-	7,571
Governance costs (note 7)	7,815	680	8,495	2,006	174	2,180
	479,565	34,110	513,675	430,899	46,570	477,469

9. Analysis of staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

	2026 £	2025 £
Salaries and wages	292,660	276,677
Social security costs	18,040	10,858
Employer contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	18,670	18,289
Total staff costs	329,370	305,824
Key Management Personnel Remuneration	35,447	33,327

The charity made £18,670 of contributions to the pension plan operated by NEST (2025: £18,289). For more information about the pension contributions refer to note 1(k).

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2025: None).

	2026 No.	2025 No.
The average weekly number of persons, by headcount, employed by the charity during the year was:	28	25

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10. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:	2026 £	2025 £
Depreciation	23,132	7,571
Independent examiner's remuneration	-	2,180
Audit Fee	8,495	-

11. Government Grants

Income from government grants comprise:

Glasgow City Council	£80,271 (2025: £80,271)
Glasgow City Council Van	£Nil (2025: £8,700)
Glasgow City Council Garden Roof	£Nil (2025: £9,609)
Glasgow City Council GCCCPP	£5,236 (2025: £1,332)
Glasgow City Council Lets Grow	£2,504 (2025: £2,667)
Glasgow City Council Canal Fund	£Nil (2025: £1,304)
National Lottery Community	£Nil (2025: £20,000)
Scottish Land Fund	£4,960 (2025: £9,720).

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements Milton Community Garden £	Motor Vehicles £	Furniture and fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 2025	114,139	18,594	47,163	11,387	191,283
Additions	13,454	11,411	-	13,543	38,408
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	127,593	30,005	47,163	24,930	229,691
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2025	100,524	-	38,554	10,209	149,287
Charge for the year	7,353	7,500	4,305	3,974	23,132
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	107,877	7,500	42,859	14,183	172,419
Net book value					
At 31 March 2026	19,716	22,505	4,304	10,747	57,272
At 31 March 2025	13,615	18,594	8,609	1,178	41,996

At 31st March 2026 all assets were used for charitable purposes.

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13. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,650	289
Other debtors	18,340	41,132
VAT	291	257
	20,281	41,678

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors	12,346	41,257
Deferred income	89,814	10,850
Other creditors and accruals	11,616	5,399
	113,776	57,506

15. Deferred income

	2026	2025
	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2025	10,850	4,747
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(10,850)	(4,747)
Amount deferred in year	89,814	10,850
Balance as at 31 March 2026	89,814	10,850

Deferred income comprises grant income received during 2025/26 which relates to 2026/27.

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16. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of Fund movements 2025	1 April 2024 Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2025 Funds c/fwd £
Unrestricted funds					
Fixed Assets	21,601	-	(7,571)	27,966	41,996
Total designated funds	21,601	-	(7,571)	27,966	41,996
General funds	38,068	31,478	(49,203)	-	20,343
Total unrestricted funds	59,669	31,478	(56,774)	27,966	62,339
Restricted funds					
Aabie Charitable Initiative	-	2,995	(2,995)	-	-
Agnes Hunter Trust	-	10,032	(10,032)	-	-
Alliance Motors	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Arcadis	809	-	(809)	-	-
Arnold Clark	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
ASDA	896	498	(1,394)	-	-
Aviva	610	-	(610)	-	-
Awards for All	-	20,000	(145)	-	19,855
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	16,631	(16,631)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	4,150	15,000	(15,000)	-	4,150
Beatrice Lang	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Bentley Advancing Life Chances Small Grants	500	-	(376)	-	124
BUPA via Groundworks	-	1,780	(1,124)	-	656
Cargill Trust	4,000	2,000	(2,000)	-	4,000
Cash for Kids	-	600	-	-	600
Cattanach Trust	2,220	-	(2,220)	-	-
Craignish	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
CEIS – Communities Recover Fund	-	21,203	(21,203)	-	-
Trades House of Glasgow Commonwealth Fund	-	3,350	-	-	3,350
Cooperative Hubbub	3,106	14,000	(9,311)	-	7,795
Cooperative	700	500	(1,200)	-	-
Corporate Volunteering/Donations	1,550	150	(150)	-	1,550
Endrick Trust	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Finnis Scot	1,048	-	(1,048)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
The Glasgow Wellbeing Fund - GCVS	9,995	-	(9,995)	-	-
GCVS Climate Action Hub	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Glasgow City Council Canal Fund	-	1,304	(1,304)	-	-
Glasgow City Council Community Fund 437/20	-	80,271	(80,271)	-	-
Glasgow City Council Van	-	8,700	(299)	(8,401)	-

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Glasgow City Council Garden Roof	-	9,609	(237)	(9,372)	-
Glasgow City Council GCCCPP	-	1,332	(1,332)	-	-
Glasgow City Council Lets Grow	-	2,667	(2,667)	-	-
HSPC	1,866	550	(2,416)	-	-
Subtotal	33,450	238,672	(205,269)	(17,773)	49,080
The Austin Hope and Pilkington Trust	-	500	(500)	-	-
Hugh Fraser	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Ironmongers Association	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
JTH Charitable Trust	-	500	(500)	-	-
Keystone Fund	29,156	-	(27,723)	-	1,433
Donations Liz Cotton	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Mackintosh Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Mushroom Trust	2,434	-	(2,434)	-	-
National Lottery Community – Community Spaces	28,150	50,000	(51,033)	-	27,117
National Lottery Community – Royston	25,760	-	(25,760)	-	-
NUC	-	3,475	(3,475)	-	-
Pump House Trust	1,800	-	(1,800)	-	-
The People's Health Trust	-	12,000	(3,862)	-	8,138
Rosemount	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Rozelle	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Sainsbury	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Scottish Land Fund	-	9,720	(9,720)	-	-
Refugee Festival Scotland	-	747	(747)	-	-
Social Farms	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Sylvia Aitken's Charitable Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Spirit of Springburn	371	6,000	(4,658)	-	1,713
Subs Pantry Memberships	15,775	17,502	(19,413)	-	13,864
Tesco Community Grants	344	-	(344)	-	-
Big Give	-	1,998	(1,998)	-	-
The Robertson Trust	18,250	25,000	(33,297)	-	9,953
The Robertson Trust – Van	-	16,000	-	(10,193)	5,807
Volant Trust	-	7,500	-	-	7,500
Warburtons Development Fund	-	10,000	(6,364)	-	3,636
Western Recreation Trust	298	-	(298)	-	-
Total restricted funds	160,788	422,114	(420,695)	(27,966)	134,241
TOTAL FUNDS	220,457	453,592	(477,469)	-	196,580

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of Fund movements 2025	1 April 2025 Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2026 Funds c/fwd £
Unrestricted funds					
Fixed Assets	41,996	-	23,132	34,408	57,272
Total designated funds	41,996	-	23,132	34,408	57,272
General funds	20,343	57,148	45,301	-	32,190
Total unrestricted funds	62,339	57,148	68,433	38,408	89,462
Restricted funds					
Action Earth	0	250	250	-	-
Agnes Hunter Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Alliance Motors	2,000	3,000	589	(4,411)	-
Awards for All	19,855	-	11,627	-	8,228
Barrack Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Beatrice Lang	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
Bentley	124	-	124	-	-
BBC Children in Need	4,150	15,000	14,591	-	4,559
Big Lottery Fund Community Spaces Revenue 2022	27,117	-	27,117	-	-
Big Lottery Fund 2025-28	-	55,272	47,527	-	7,745
Big Lottery Strengthening Organisations	-	9,670	5,077	-	4,593
Browlie Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
BUPA via Groundworks	656	1,998	1,570	-	1,084
Cargill Trust	4,000	-	4,000	-	-
Cash for Kids	600	-	600	-	-
Craignish	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
CEIS	-	25,603	25,603	-	-
Clothworkers Van Refit	-	7,000	-	(7,000)	-
Trades House of Glasgow	3,350	-	39	(3,311)	-
Commonwealth Fund					
Community Alliance	-	1,310	1,310	-	-
Cooperative	-	1,792	1,792	-	-
Cooperative Hubbub	7,795	13,500	11,645	-	9,650
Corporate Volunteering/Donations	1,550	-	1,550	-	-
Cycling UK Bikes/Shed	-	19,226	3,308	(15,918)	-
Edwards Trust	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
Subtotal	73,197	171,121	177,819	(30,640)	35,859

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Subtotal from previous page	73,197	171,121	177,819	(30,640)	35,859
Endrick Trust	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Foundation Scotland	-	500	500	-	-
Fundraising Sewing Group	-	1,195	654	-	541
Garfield Weston	-	10,000	8,721	-	1,279
GCC Lets Grow	-	2,504	736	(1,768)	-
GCVS re Glasgow Wellbeing fund	-	10,500	10,500	-	-
Glasgow City Council GCCCPP	-	5,236	5,236	-	-
Glasgow City Council Community Fund 437/20	-	80,271	80,271	-	-
Grassroots	-	1,734	1,734	-	-
Groundsworks /Tesco	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Guthries	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Headley Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
J R Wilson	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
JTH	-	500	500	-	-
Keystone	1,433	-	1,433	-	-
Landsec	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Levenseat Compost Toilet	-	6,000	-	(6,000)	-
Lidl	-	-	-	-	-
Mushroom Trust	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
NUC	-	4,983	4,983	-	-
Pump House Trust	-	5,000	558	4,442	-
Peoples Health Trust	8,138	20,000	20,954	-	7184
Rosemount Development Trust	-	500	500	-	-
Rozelle Trust	6,000	-	6,000	-	-
Sabrina Sutherland	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Scottish Childrens Lottery	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Scottish Land Trust	-	4,960	4,960	-	-
Scottish Refugee Ass	-	744	744	-	-
Spirit of Springburn	1,713	4,000	4,904	-	809
Subs Pantry/Donations Memberships	13,864	16,003	17,179	-	12,688
Sustainability Scotland LEZ	-	22,856	5,186	-	17,670
Sylvia Aitken Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Trefoil	-	6,000	3,000	-	3,000
The Robertson Trust	9,953	25,000	27,658	-	7,295
The Robertson Trust Van	5,807	-	5,807	-	-
Volant Trust	7,500	15,000	15,290	-	7,210
Warburtons	3,636	10,000	9,915	-	3,721
Total restricted funds	134,241	451,107	445,242	(38,408)	101,698
TOTAL FUNDS	196,580	508,255	513,675	-	191,160

a) The unrestricted funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.

The Trustees have created the following designated funds:

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

The designated fund for Fixed Assets represents the charity's unrestricted funds that are tied up in fixed assets.

b) Restricted funds comprise:

Action Earth- With support from the Action Earth grant, volunteers in Royston will build higher raised beds.

Agnes Hunter- Volunteer Programme is designed to empower 50 people with disabilities aged 18 and above, including some volunteers in their 70s.

Alliance Motors- Food truck purchase

Awards for All (National Lottery)- Springburn Community Garden: Growing Together- different children and family groups

Barrack Trust - Youth Gardening Programme at Milton Community Garden

Beatrice Lang - Contribution towards essential repairs to the Milton Food Hub.

Bentley – Food costs towards community meals at Springburn.

BBC Children in Need - Salary costs for Youth Gardener and youth gardening costs.

Big Lottery Fund Community Spaces Revenue 2022- community garden funds

Big Lottery Fund 2025-28- one of our main funder of core hours, volunteer coordinator and Milton food and gardening staff – main service delivery in Milton

Big Lottery Strengthening Organisations- Income Generation & Partnerships Officer/Engage a consultant for strategic planning and systems development

Browlie Trust- unrestricted donation

BUPA via Groundworks - Contribution towards the Young Planters at Royston Primary School project.

Cargill Trust - Contribution towards Head Office Costs.

Cash for Kids - Contribution for food during the Easter holidays.

Craignish Trust - Contribution to costs of Royston Community Gardening Programme.

CEIS - Contribution to project management and running costs

Clothworkers Van Refit- refit of van

Trades House of Glasgow Commonwealth Fund- Contribution towards the installation of a compost toilet at the Germiston allotments.

Community Alliance - peer learning – vols visiting other orgs in Milton. Inter- org learning

Cooperative - Contribution to gardening costs at Springburn.

Cooperative Hubbub - Contribution to project costs at Milton.

Corporate Volunteering/Donations - Contribution to gardening costs at Springburn.

Cycling UK Bikes/Shed- shared bike and cargo e-bike scheme, initially for staff and volunteers.

Edwards Trust - Milton Food Hub Community Café & Arts Club for Over-65s

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Endrick Trust - Contribution towards head office costs.

Foundation Scotland - summer programme for children across the organsisation

Fundraising Sewing Group - for the sewing group

Garfield Weston - Contribution towards gardening staff at Milton.

GCC Lets Grow – Funding towards Equipment and materials for Springburn Gardens

GCVS Glasgow Wellbeing fund - Contribution towards gardening staff 3 projects.

Glasgow City Council GCCCPP - Contribution towards event costs.

Glasgow City Council Community Fund 437/20 - Contribution to Milton Food Hub project costs.

Grassroots - Milton garden materials -sessional staff for groups

Groundsworks /Tesco- cooking classes springburn/ general funds from Tesco

Guthries- Milton Garden materials sessional staff for groups

Headley Trust – Provision of help with food and other basic needs.

Hugh Fraser Foundation - Contribution to youth gardening project costs in Milton.

J R Wilson - IT new server

JTH - Contribution towards costs of Royston Community Pantry.

Keystone - Cost of volunteer coordinator, administrator, and volunteer expenses.

Landsec - Pantry in Royston, staff costs and wider gardening and cooking classes activity

Levenseat Compost Toilet- the Royston Community compost toilet

Lidl - Contribution towards food for pantry at Royston.

Mushroom Trust - Contribution to costs of children's gardening at Milton.

NUC - Contribution towards food costs for children's holiday clubs.

Pump House Trust - Contribution to project costs at Milton Community Garden.

Peoples Health Trust - Contribution towards gardening staff at 3 projects.

Rosemount Development Trust - Contribution towards cookery class costs at Royston.

Rozelle Trust - Support outdoor sessions and gardening programmes at Milton Community Garden.

Sabrina Sutherland - contribution towards core/running costs

Scottish Childrens Lottery- you carry out to support children and/or young people through the Royston pantry

Scottish Land Trust - Contribution towards valuation, building condition and survey report and business plan of the Milton Food Hub and Community Garden.

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Scottish Refugee Ass - During Refugee Week, the Food Hub Manager will organise a Community Meal

Spirit of Springburn - To cover costs of fruit barra in Springburn.

Subs Pantry/Donations Memberships- this is to access pantry in Royston

Sustainability Scotland LEZ- Milton Youth Garden activities including cycling access

Sylvia Aitken Trust- Contribution Towards Youth Gardening and Cookery Projects

Trefoil – Gardening Group

The Robertson Trust - Contribution to project costs at Milton Food Hub and Community Garden.

The Robertson Trust Van - Contribution towards the cost of a new low loader van and driver costs.

Volant Trust - Contribution to salary costs at Springburn Food Hub

Warburtons - Support for growing and cooking together.

17. Net assets over funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Fixed assets	41,996	-	41,996
Debtors	546	41,132	41,678
Bank	56,733	113,679	170,412
Creditors due < 1 year	(36,939)	(20,570)	(57,506)
	62,339	134,241	196,580

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £
Fixed assets	57,272	-	57,272
Debtors	6,229	14,052	20,281
Bank	49,293	177,460	227,383
Creditors due < 1 year	(23,962)	(89,814)	(113,776)
	89,462	101,698	191,160

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18. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Net (expenditure) for the year per the statement of financial activities	(5,420)	(23,877)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	23,132	7,571
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	21,397	(35,159)
Increase in creditors	56,270	33,655
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	95,379	(17,180)

19. Lease Commitments

At the balance sheet date, amounts due under operating lease commitments for property were as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Lease commitments falling due within 1 year	11,161	9,962
Lease commitments falling due in more than 1 year but less than 5 years	54,422	48,882
Lease commitments falling due after 5 years	53,500	57,000
	119,083	115,844