

# **Community For Food**

**Scottish Charity No. - SC053004**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the period ended 31 December 2025**

**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**For the period ended 31 December 2025**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

**Charity name**

Community For Food

**Charity No.**

SC053004

**Address**

202 Lanark Road West, Edinburgh, EH14 5NX

**Current Members and Trustees**

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Caroline Brown | Chair       |
| Marna Brown    | Secretary   |
| James Cran     | Treasurer   |
| Susie Bass     | Fundraiser  |
| Val Reid       | Orders Lead |

**Lead Volunteers**

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Brenda Kane        | Volunteer Lead     |
| Linda Johnston     | Events Lead        |
| Victoria Vanhoutte | Driver Coordinator |

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Constitution**

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 13 December 2024. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

**Appointment of trustees**

The charity's committee is comprised of the charity's members and trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to anyone with a vested interest in the communities Community For Food serves. Members and Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which is held annually. There must be a minimum of three members/trustees and a maximum of ten.

**Purpose and Activities**

Community For Food's charitable purpose is the prevention or relief of poverty to families of pupils in partner schools referred to us in the Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green areas of Edinburgh by providing grants, items and services to those families in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty to the same families.

## **Structure, Governance and Management cont.**

### **Achievements and Performance**

Supporting 28 families at the start of 2025 was a notable decrease on the previous year for the same period. The reduction in numbers was due in majority to children who were school leaving age and left their high schools resulting in those families coming off our books. We rose to 31 families in the Jan of 2026 and are now supporting 34 families as of May 2026.

We continue to work with our schools to ensure we are aware of any families who need our support. Despite the cost of food increasing the team continue to keep costs as low as possible whilst still offering the much needed necessities to families.

Notable achievements for this year has been our partnerships, we completed our first donation drive at Tesco Hermiston Gate which was a great success. We continued to work with Morrisons and a volunteer collected from them monthly. We also succeeded in bringing on Currie Food and Wines who donated monthly to our cause. The Currie Library grew as a donation drop off point and we received large amounts of donations from local schools and churches.

### **Financial review**

Our main source of funding comes in the form of grants from other charitable bodies and businesses. These funds are often unrestricted and can so can be spent on food for the families we serve, on occasion the funds are restricted and need to be spent on specific projects to improve our offering and efficiency. We are fortunate to have a growing number of individuals that donate money each month by direct debit.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to retain twelve months worth of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. The trustees believe that our reserves are sufficient.

### **Plans for future period**

As we step into 2026, our mission remains... no local schoolchild goes hungry.

We aim to continue to support all families referred to us by local schools and wish to extend our services within our capacity to ensure we are meeting the needs of all schools within catchment of our 2 local high schools - Currie Community High School and Balerno High School.

We plan to review our ways of working and our current location to hopefully move to a ground floor space offered by the Currie Community Centre. These plans are in their infancy and we hope to work with both the Juniper Green Village hall (our current home) and with the Currie Community Centre our new future home in the coming year ahead. Dates for moving are not yet confirmed as work needs to be carried out in the new space. We also plan to extend our partnerships locally working with local shops, businesses and schools on donation drives and donation drop off points.

Approved by the Executive Committee at its annual general meeting on 22/05/26 and signed on its behalf by :-



Caroline Brown  
Chair

**Community For Food**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**Period ended 31 December 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Community For Food**

I report on the financial statements of Community For Food for the period ended 31st December 2025 which are set out in the remainder of this document.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Fraser Johnston



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Date: 22 May 2026

# Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period ended 31 December 2025

|                                       | Note | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Period end<br>31 Dec 2025 | Period end<br>31 Dec 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                       |      |                       |                     |                           |                           |
| Transfer from unincorporated assoc.   |      | -                     | -                   | -                         | 12,918                    |
| Donations from individuals            | 4    | 8,229                 | -                   | 8,229                     | 11,655                    |
| Grants                                | 5    | 8,937                 | -                   | 8,937                     | 20,106                    |
| Fundraising                           |      | 2,053                 | -                   | 2,053                     | 178                       |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                 |      | <b>19,219</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>19,219</b>             | <b>44,857</b>             |
| <b>Payments</b>                       |      |                       |                     |                           |                           |
| Fundraising costs                     |      | 176                   | -                   | 176                       | -                         |
| Cost of charitable activities         | 6    | 15,305                | -                   | 15,305                    | 20,363                    |
| Charitable projects                   | 7    | 771                   | 300                 | 1,071                     | 2,181                     |
| Governance costs                      |      | -                     | -                   | -                         | -                         |
| Admin costs                           |      | 261                   | -                   | 261                       | 75                        |
| <b>Total payments</b>                 |      | <b>16,513</b>         | <b>300</b>          | <b>16,813</b>             | <b>22,620</b>             |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year        |      | <b>2,706</b>          | <b>(300)</b>        | <b>2,406</b>              | <b>22,237</b>             |
| Transfer between funds                |      | -                     | -                   | -                         | -                         |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b> |      | <b>2,706</b>          | <b>(300)</b>        | <b>2,406</b>              | <b>22,237</b>             |

## Statement of Balances - As at 31 December 2025

|                                | Note | Unrestricted<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Funds | Total         |
|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Opening cash at bank           |      | 21,937               | 300                 | 22,237        |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year |      | 2,706                | (300)               | 2,406         |
| Closing cash at bank           |      | <u>24,643</u>        | <u>-</u>            | <u>24,643</u> |
| <b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>  |      |                      |                     |               |
| Bank current account           |      | 24,643               | -                   | 24,643        |
| Total Cash Balance             |      | <u>24,643</u>        | <u>-</u>            | <u>24,643</u> |

Approved by the Executive Committee at its annual general meeting on 22/05/26 and signed on its behalf by :-



James Cran CA  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the accounts - for the period ended 31 December 2025

### 1 Basis of accounting

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

### 2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. During the year the charity received no restricted donations.

### 3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

### 4 Donations

|                                          | Unrestricted<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Funds | Total<br>2025 | Total<br>2024 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Transfer from unincorporated association | -                    | -                   | -             | 12,918        |
| Donations from individuals               | 8,229                | -                   | 8,229         | 11,655        |

### 5 Grants received

|                                       | Unrestricted<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Funds | Total<br>2025 | Total<br>2024 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Arnold Clark                          | -                    | -                   | -             | 4,500         |
| Charities Trust                       | 1,082                | -                   | 1,082         | -             |
| Currie & Balerno District Round Table | 4,500                | -                   | 4,500         | 3,000         |
| Currie & Balerno News                 | 833                  | -                   | 833           | 1,083         |
| Currie & Balerno Rotary               | 1,071                | -                   | 1,071         | 500           |
| Currie Kirk                           | 500                  | -                   | 500           | -             |
| Corra                                 | -                    | -                   | -             | 2,000         |
| Edinburgh & Lothian Trust Fund        | 100                  | -                   | 100           | -             |
| Friends of Hailes                     | 150                  | -                   | 150           | 100           |
| Groundwork                            | -                    | -                   | -             | 375           |
| JG&BM Community Council               | 100                  | -                   | 100           | -             |
| Morrisons                             | -                    | -                   | -             | 44            |
| Natwest                               | -                    | -                   | -             | 514           |
| Pentland Community Chest              | -                    | -                   | -             | 389           |
| Pentland Probus                       | 100                  | -                   | 100           | -             |
| Robertson Trust                       | -                    | -                   | -             | 6,000         |
| Sainsburys                            | -                    | -                   | -             | 500           |
| Scottish Childrens Lottery Trust      | -                    | -                   | -             | 1,000         |
| Scotmid                               | -                    | -                   | -             | 100           |
| Seven Sevens Cars                     | 500                  | -                   | 500           | -             |
| <b>Total grants received</b>          | <b>8,937</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>8,937</b>  | <b>20,106</b> |

**Notes to the accounts - for the period ended 31 December 2025**

**6 Cost of charitable activities**

|                | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Food purchases | 15,305                       | -                           | 15,305                | 20,363                |

**7 Charitable projects**

|                                           | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| New norm (cont'd from unincorporated asso | -                            | -                           | -                     | 2,093                 |
| Food storage improvement                  | 771                          | 300                         | 1,071                 | 89                    |

**8 Governance costs**

|                          | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Independent Examiner Fee | -                            | -                           | -                     | -                     |