Auchterarder & Aberuthven Connected (known as A&A Connected)

Charity Number: SC053586

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2026

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Trustees and Professional Advisors

Trustees

Name	Date of Appointment / Resignation	Office Bearer Role
Yvonne Allan	Resigned 16 September 2025	
Jon Beckett	Co-opted 28 October 2025	
Alan Campbell		Chairperson (appointed 1 April 2026)
Beatrice Charles	Co-opted 28 October 2025	
Tim Hart	Elected 16 September 2025	Treasurer (appointed 28 October 2025)
Lorraine Henderson	Elected 16 September 2025	
Jayne Hepburn	Resigned 16 September 2025	
Marjorie MacDonald	Resigned 16 September 2025	
Fiona Mackintosh	Resigned 31 March 2026	Chairperson (resigned 31 March 2026)
Shirley Paterson		
Andrew Warrington		Secretary (appointed 28 October 2025)

Professional Advisors

Name	Role	Date of Appointment / Resignation
Angela Laurie	Community Connector	Resigned 31 March 2026
Fiona Mackintosh	Community Connector, Interim	Appointed 6 April 2026

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APAFC Pavilion
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Bankers
The co-operative bank

Independent Examiner
Sara Stevenson ACMA

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Chairperson's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Chairperson's Report for Auchterarder & Aberuthven Connected (A&A Connected). Over the past year, our organisation has continued to grow in strength, purpose, and impact, delivering initiatives that support local wellbeing and enrich the everyday lives of those who live and work in our community, with some of the highlights mentioned below.

Our Cosy Spaces programme remains one of our most vital community services. Offering warmth and companionship during the winter months, it continues to grow in demand – which speaks volumes about the commitment and compassion of the volunteers from 13 community groups who deliver this essential support.

A standout achievement this year has been the exceptional progress made by our Kincardine Fields Working Group. Their dedication and expertise have enabled us to progress groundwork required for submitting a Community Asset Transfer application to Perth and Kinross Council. If successful, this will secure Kincardine Fields as a protected space for future generations – a place for recreation, connection, and community pride. The group's efforts have rightly been applauded by residents, reflecting the deep value placed on this shared green space.

We were proud to stand alongside the Auchterarder Save the Library Group, providing meeting support and helping to publicise their campaign. Their determination has paid off, with PKC confirming continued funding for library provision in our area – a significant win for community access to learning, culture, and connection. A "Community Group Information" folder for the library which we update continues to be a good resource in which groups and organisations can leave their details – as a way of people learning more about how to get involved. Especially those who don't have access to online applications.

Our Traffic & Public Transport Working Group completed a detailed pedestrian crossing survey of Auchterarder High Street this year. We hope their findings will encourage PKC to install additional crossing facilities, making the High Street safer and more accessible for all pedestrians.

We are delighted to note a marked increase in public engagement across our social media channels, reflecting a growing awareness of local events, opportunities, and the work we do. This rise in engagement demonstrates the strengthening connection between A&A Connected and the wider community we serve.

None of our achievements would be possible without the dedication of our Board of Trustees, the energy of our members, and the generosity of our volunteers. Their efforts – supported throughout by our outstanding Community Connector – form the backbone of everything we accomplish. I extend my heartfelt thanks to them all, as well as to our grant funders, whose support enables us to deliver meaningful and lasting impact.

As we look to the year ahead, I am confident that A&A Connected will continue to build on this momentum, strengthening our role as a positive force within this thriving community. Together, we will keep working to ensure Auchterarder and Aberuthven remain places where people feel supported, connected, and proud to call home.

A Campbell
Alan Campbell
Chairperson

07 September 2026

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Auchterarder & Aberuthven Connected (A&A Connected) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal format on 22nd August 2024.

Board Structure, Appointment of Trustees & Our Volunteer Network

A&A Connected operates with a 'Board of Trustees' and two official 'Sub-Committees' ('Kincardine Fields Working Group' and 'Traffic & Public Transport Working Group') – with each one comprised of local volunteers.

A&A Connected Trustees are formally elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), although vacancies can be filled outwith AGMs. Additionally, up to two Co-opted Charity Trustees may be appointed.

The 'Board of Trustees' and the 'Sub-Committees' meet on a regular basis – with a minimum of one A&A Connected Trustee attending each 'Sub-Committee' meeting. Each 'Sub-Committee' provides a regular update to the 'Board of Trustees' through meeting minutes/notes.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purpose

The charitable purpose of A&A Connected is:

- the advancement of citizenship or community development

Organisational Aim & Objectives

The aim of A&A Connected is to facilitate the delivery of as many of the 75 'action points' within Auchterarder & Aberuthven Community Action Plan (A&A CAP 2022) as possible – while also recognising that some of the 'action points' will not be realistically deliverable.

The objective of A&A Connected is:

- to advance citizenship and community development, focused on, but not limited to, the activities defined in A&A CAP 2022 and in furtherance of:
    a) Sustaining improved community opportunities for residents to have healthy lives and to feel connected within the local community;
    b) Acting as co-ordinating body to carry out consultations and effectively respond to key issues in our local community;
    c) Raising awareness of and provide opportunities to engage in local heritage, arts and culture;
    d) Raising awareness of volunteering opportunities for local people and how they can get involved;
    e) Actively providing a voice for the local community to share opinions about the local area;
    f) Facilitating projects that contribute to a thriving local community, which may include infrastructure improvements.

Organisational Activities

The following outlines key activities delivered in support of our charitable objectives during this period.

Supporting improved community opportunities that promote healthy living, strengthen connections, and raise awareness of volunteering and participation.

- Cosy Spaces 2025/26: We secured funding to deliver the Cosy Spaces Winter Programme 2025-2026, and the 13 groups brought together for this initiative delivered huge benefit to the community over the winter months. The variety of inclusive activities provided by the Programme ran from October to April and included sessions for young people and older residents, arts groups, a community ceilidh and 44 'soup and a cuppa' gatherings. These events involved 144 volunteers and attracted 622 attendees from the community.

- Community Connector activities: Over the year, our Community Connector produced and circulated weekly 'What's On' guides and monthly newsletters, highlighting local activities, meetings, and wellbeing opportunities. These updates –

alongside social media posts, and website content – promoted ways for residents to participate in community life and volunteering, directly supporting delivery of the CAP.

- Connected Community Fayre: Following the success of the inaugural 'Connected Community Fayre', in 2025, our Community Connector organised the event once again this year, successfully bringing together residents and over 30 local groups to encourage membership and volunteering. The event fostered new relationships and encouraged greater community involvement.

- Refreshed our branding, which has enabled us to raise our profile within our community to ensure that we increase our presence and are viewed as a trusted partner.

Acting as a coordinating body to undertake consultations, respond effectively to local issues, and represent community views.

- Involvement in Local Development Planning (LDP3) Consultations: We have taken an active role in sharing information about the LDP3 preparation process being undertaken by Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) and liaising with PKC to provide clarity of this process for the community. In addition, we currently lead community discussions on the potential preparation of a Local Place Plan for our area.

- Developer-led provision of sports facilities: In partnership with other community groups, we have actively engaged with PKC throughout the year over proposed sports facilities that will be delivered through the Auchterarder Expansion Development Framework. We have raised concerns of the community over the type and location of these facilities and continue to push for a community-wide consultation by PKC on this matter.

- Supporting the Library Enhancement Project: We continue to support ongoing discussions with Culture Perth & Kinross and Council partners to secure a long-term, sustainable solution for Auchterarder Library.

- Liaising with Auchterarder & District Community Council: We work in partnership with our Community Council and local Councillors to represent the views of our community and to address issues that are important them.

- Addressing local parking issues: We developed the Auchterarder Parking Survey 2023/2024 Report, which focuses on Auchterarder High Street and outlines recommendations including consideration of parking restrictions, development of a comprehensive Parking Strategy, improved pedestrian safety measures, and promotion of active travel. Addressing these issues has the potential to deliver wide-ranging benefits for the community. We continue to push PKC to action the recommended parking restrictions and Strategy and have recently engaged with both The Community School of Auchterarder (TCSoA) and Ochil Towers School to discuss how staff can minimise their impact on High Street parking.

- Encouraging active travel: We are investigating, with TCSoA, possible improvements to active travel links to the school campus, including making walking and cycling routes in and around the school safer. As part of this process, we recently undertook pedestrian crossing survey on Auchterarder High Street (between Ruthven Street and Feus) to record crossing volumes and desire lines. This information will be submitted to PKC to support the installation of a new pedestrian crossing facility.

Raising awareness of and opportunities to engage in local heritage, arts and culture.

- Local Picturehouse: Our Community Connector regularly promotes events and updates relating to the Local Picturehouse and its associated groups, which continues to serve as an important cultural hub.

- We are actively supporting the creation of a Ruractive map and visitors guide for our community and have supported the team behind this by disseminating information and encouraging participation in their online survey.

Facilitating projects that enhance and sustain a thriving local community, including infrastructure-related initiatives.

- Kincardine Fields Working Group: The preservation of Kincardine Fields as a green space was identified as a key priority within the CAP. A&A Connected has played a central role in maintaining community focus on this issue and now supports its sub-committee, the Kincardine Fields Working Group, as it engages with the community and explores the potential for Community Asset Transfer.

The Future of A&A Connected

As the guardian of the existing Community Action Plan, we will continue to facilitate the delivery of the 'Action Points' contained in the current CAP - specifically targeting those Action Points that have not been progressed or completed. It will also be necessary to renew the CAP before April 2027 – and we intend to undertake this process between October 2026 and March 2027. This will involve extensive community consultation, both remotely and face-to-face, to ensure the updated document fully reflects the views of those living and working in the area.

We will also work to expand our membership to increase community connections and our impact. 2026/27 will see the development of a new website to support this, and to build our profile and facilitate improved information sharing.

Financial Review of the Year Ended 31st March 2026

Overview

For the financial year ended 31st March 2026 A&A Connected had a surplus of income over expenditure of £14,243 [2025: £5,592] and currently holds a surplus cash balance of £19,835 [2025: £5,592], with £10,944 being 'restricted reserves' [2025: £1,131] and £8,891 being 'unrestricted reserves' [2025: £4,461].

Donations

£3,673.09 in donations were received during the year, with all being allocated to 'unrestricted reserves'.

Grants

£24,396.94 of grant funding was received during the year, with all being allocated to 'restricted reserves'.

Other Income

£2696.00 of additional income was received during the year:

- £1,550.00 from Auchterarder Community Sports & Recreation, towards the Kincardine Fields project (business case development). This was allocated to the 'restricted reserves'.
- £1,146.00 from Auchterarder & District Community Council. This was allocated to 'unrestricted reserves'.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed by order of the Board.

A Campbell
Alan Campbell
Chairperson

07 September 2026

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Statement of Receipts & Payments

		Year to 31st March 2026		Year to 31st March 2025
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Receipts	***Note***	**£**	**£**	**£**
Grants	4	-	24,397	6,990
Donations	5	3,673	-	2,000
Other income		1,146	1,550	-
Transfer of funds from ACSR		-	-	2,461
		4,819	25,947	
Total Receipts		**30,766**		**11,451**
Payments	***Note***			
Cost of Charitable Activities	6	389	16,134	5,859
		389	16,134	
Total Payments		**16,523**		**5,859**
Surplus Receipts over Payments for the year		4,430	9,813	5,592
		14,243		**5,592**

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Statement of Balances

	At 31st March 2026		At 31st March 2025
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
	£	£	£
Opening cash at bank and in hand	4,461	1,131	-
Surplus for the year	4,430	9,813	5,592
	8,891	10,944	
	19,835		**5,592**

Bank and Cash Balances

	Total Funds
	£
Current Account	19,835
	19,835

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted
Operating Reserves	-	1,472
A Healthy and Connected Community Reserve	-	100
Traffic and Public Transport Reserve	-	100
Heritage, Arts and Culture Reserve	-	100
Environment and a Greener Community Reserve	-	100
Local Services and Housing Development Reserve	-	100
Town Centre and Local Economy Reserve	-	100
Cosy Spaces Programme Reserve	1,494	254
Kincardine Fields Project Reserve	13,550	1,500
Community Connector Project Reserve	(4,100)	1,500
Langtoon in June Reserve	-	1,000
Community Champion Reserve	-	250
Unreserved Funds	-	2,315
Restricted Funds	10,944	
Unrestricted Funds		8.891
Total Funds	**19,835**	

Liabilities

- Liability of £280 to The Sports Hub, £38.10 to Live Active Leisure and £223.09 to the Community Connector for Cosy Spaces activities, from the 'Cosy Spaces Programme Reserve (restricted)'.
- Liability of £562.50 to the Community Connector for project hours, from the 'Community Connector Project Reserve (restricted)'.

- The 'Community Connector Project Reserve (restricted)' has a negative balance because £7,250 of guaranteed project funding is to be claimed in the 2025/6 financial year.

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

These financial statements of Auchterarder & Aberuthven Connected (A&A Connected), registered number SC053586, were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 07 September 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

A Campbell
Alan Campbell
Chairperson

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1) Basis of preparation

The 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 may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives 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. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- The charity introduced 'Operating Reserves' during the financial year. This is supported by a 'reserves' policy – and the charity is seeking to set aside the equivalent of 6 months of the costs associated with the 'Community Connector' role and direct project expenses over the next 3 financial years.
- The charity introduced six new reserves, one for each of the 'Themes' within A&A CAP 2022, during the financial year.

3) Related Party Transactions

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

4) Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Auchtoberfest	3,000	-	3,000
Auchterarder Community Bus Group	643	-	643
A&A Connected Community Fayre	30	-	30
	3,673	-	3,673

5) Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Perth & Kinross Council – Auchterarder Common Good Fund (Community Connector)	-	7,250	7,250
Auchterarder & District Community Trust (Kincardine Fields Project)	-	6,650	6,650
Friends of St Margaret's (Kincardine Fields Project)	-	5,750	5,750
Perth & Kinross Council – Warm Welcome Fund (Cosy Spaces)	-	2,820	2,820
Perth & Kinross Council – Fairer Communities For All (Library Project)	-	1,027	1,027
Perth & Kinross Council – Community Empowerment Fund (Kincardine Fields Project)	-	900	900
	-	24,397	24,397

6) Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Community Connector	-	9,969	9,969
Cosy Spaces Programme	389	2,457	2,846
Kincardine Fields Project	-	1,800	1,800
Library Project	-	1,055	1,055
Connected Community Event	-	398	398
Marketing	-	250	250
Insurance	-	144	144
Community Connector Project Expenses	-	41	41
Community Map	-	20	20
	389	16,134	16,523

7) Governance Costs

These accounts have been reviewed by the Independent Examiner free of any charge.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the Period Ended 31 March 2026

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

   have not been met,

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	*S Stevenson*	Date: 09 September 2026
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