

Scottish Charity Regulator

OSCR

Aberlady Community Association

SC008764

Receipts and payments accounts		For the period from	
		1st June 2025	31st May 2026
	to		

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

A1 Receipts											
Unrestricted funds	to nearest £	Restricted funds	to nearest £	expendable endowment funds	to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds	to nearest £	Total funds	to nearest £	Total funds last period	to nearest £
Donations	8,286							8,286		10,507	
Legacies											
Grants	13,908							13,908		7,068	
Receipts from fundraising activities	21,976							21,976		23,537	
Gross trading receipts											
Income from investments other than land and buildings											
Rents from land & buildings											
Gross receipts from other charitable activities											
A1 Sub total	44,170.11							44,170		41,112	
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets											
Proceeds from sale of investments											
A2 Sub total	-							-		-	
A3 Payments											
Expenses for fundraising activities											
Gross trading payments											
Investment management costs											
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	40,454							40,454		44,069	
Grants and donations	3,229										
Governance costs:											
Audit / independent examination											
Preparation of annual accounts											
Legal costs											
Other											
A3 Sub total	43,683							40,454		44,069	
A4 Payments relating to asset and											
Purchases of fixed assets											
Purchase of investments											
A4 Sub total	-							-		-	
Total payments											
	43,683							40,454		44,069	
Net receipts / (payments)											
	488							3,716		2,957	
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds											
Surplus / (deficit) for year											
	487.50							3,716		2,957	

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of
funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are those held by the Association to be spent on meeting its principal objectives including : to promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of Aberlady and its environs without distinction of political, cultural or religious beliefs; to foster a community spirit and to manage, maintain and improve the Aberlady Community Hall as an accessible hub for educational, recreational, social and cultural activities. During 2025 - 2026 there were no restricted funds in the account.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported		Individual/ institution	Number of grants made	£
North Berwick Area Partnership				10,420.00
North Berwick Area Partnership				200.00
North Berwick Area Partnership				3,000.00
North Berwick Area Partnership - Thursday club				150.00
North Berwick Area Partnership - Thursday club				138.00
Total				13,908

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)		X
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C3b Trustee remuneration -
details

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)		
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

Steven Polwart - Oven trays	-	123.72
Steven Polwart - Song book expenses	-	91.75
Steven Polwart - sports equipment	-	280.12
Steven Polwart - thank yous for reting trustee members	-	83.50
Steven Polwart - new locks and diy bits for accessible toilet	-	55.55

C5 Transactions with trustees
and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction	Balance

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
Memorial benches					
Aberdady Gala Committee					
Detrilllators					
Wernys and March Estate					
Stare Street Bank and Trust Company					
Other individuals					
Total	8,286	-	-	8,286	10,506
to nearest £					
Unrestricted funds	3,073			3,073	1,954
Restricted funds					4,791
Expendable endowment funds					2,000
Permanent endowment funds					2,365
Total current period					425
Total last period					

2 Grants

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
East Lothian Council (via Coastal Area Partnership)					
Total	13,908	-	-	13,908	1,745
to nearest £					
Unrestricted funds					
Restricted funds					
Expendable endowment funds					
Permanent endowment funds					
Total current period					
Total last period					

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
Bank interest					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
to nearest £					
Unrestricted funds					
Restricted funds					
Expendable endowment funds					
Permanent endowment funds					
Total current period					
Total last period					

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
Hall repairs					
Hall improvements					
Hall Cleaning					
Gas supplies					
Electricity supplies					
WiFi rental					
Insurance					
Hall administration					
Licences and operating expenses					
Local Place plan project					
Community improvements					
Total	2,793	-	-	2,793	7,202
to nearest £					
Unrestricted funds	24,871			24,871	22,468
Restricted funds					2,808
Expendable endowment funds					2,426
Permanent endowment funds					2,019
Total current period					262
Total last period					1,199

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	General fund	Debit/allow	Projector	Community Events	S&H and Sport (perkins)	Replacement	Local Place	Hall	Abolished Bay	Thursday Cinema Club	Sports Equipment	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts													
Donations	7,765			500								8,265	4,884
Legacies													
Grants	19,008											19,008	19,931
Receipts from fundraising activities	23,076											23,076	22,338
Gross trading receipts													
Income from land & buildings													
Items from land & buildings													
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	43,279			500								44,779	40,947
Sub total	43,279			500								44,779	40,947
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets													
Proceeds from sale of investments													
Sub total	43,279			500								44,779	40,947
Payments													
Expenditure on fundraising activities													
Gross trading payments													
Investment management costs													
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	12,421											12,421	25,903
Grants and donations													
Government costs													
Audit / independent examination													
Preparation of annual accounts													
Legal costs													
Sub total	12,421											12,421	25,903
Payments relating to assets and investment movements													
Purchases of fixed assets													
Purchases of investments													
Sub total													
Total payments	12,421											12,421	25,903
Transfers to / (from) funds													
Surplus / (deficit) for year	30,858											30,858	15,044

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

Restricted funds
Total restricted funds
Total restricted funds last period

Receipts	Sub total					
Donations						
Legacies						
Grants						
Receipts from fundraising activities						
Gross trading receipts						
Income from investments other than land and buildings						
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
Sub total						

Receipts from asset & investment sales	Sub total					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments						
Sub total						
Total receipts						

Payments	Sub total					
Expenses for fundraising activities						
Gross trading payments						
Investment management costs						
Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
Grants and donations						
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Sub total						

Payments relating to asset and investment movements	Sub total					
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments						
Sub total						
Total payments						
Net receipts / (payments)						
Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year						

Nature and purpose of funds						

Independent examiner's report on the accounts
Report to the trustees/members of: Aberlady Community Association
Registered charity number: SC008764
Period: 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2026
Set out on pages: 1-5 of the accounts (separate paper)

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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention: 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met; or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Mark McGlone FCCA

Date: 21/7/26

Name: Mark McGlone FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA (Chartered Association of Certified Accountants)

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ABERLADY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Trustees' Report 2025–26: Community Update

What are we here for?

Primarily, we look after Aberlady Village Hall, but our work also aims to promote the well-being of the inhabitants of Aberlady and to foster good community spirit.

The village hall is at the heart of village life, and this year it was used on 339 out of 365 days — a 93% occupancy rate. That's a lot of clubs, activities, games, music, cups of tea, dancing, sport and celebrations.

Who was on the Board or Trustees elected at the June 2025 AGM?

- Steven Polwart (Chair)
- Samantha Robertson (Treasurer)
- Ian Barcroft (Secretary)
- Donna Mathieson (Property Trustee)
- Ros Richardson (Property Trustee)
- Dr Andrew Smith (Property Trustee)
- Liz Forsyth (Property Trustee, NBCAP rep)
- Gillian Brydon (Hall Refurbishment Lead)
- Sadia Ward (Fundraising, NBCAP rep)
- Lawrence Connolly (Fabric Convenor)
- Sue Jardine (Defibrillators and village amenities)
- Carol Bold (Website, Facebook and newsletter)

A big thank-you to Booking Secretary Sammy-Jo Gilholm and every volunteer who fixed, tidied, hosted, baked, lifted, shifted, and generally kept the hall ticking. Without you nothing would happen.

A big change:

After a lot of patient work (special thanks to Ian Barcroft), we completed the re-organisation to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 31 May 2026. In short, the charity now owns the village hall, can sign contracts, and gives trustees better protection. The old 1951 Deed of Trust is retired, and the former charity (SC008764) is being wound up. From now on everyone is simply a "Charity Trustee" — there is no separate "Property Trustee" role.

We're saying thank you and goodbye to Donna Mathieson, Ros Richardson and Gillian Brydon, who between them have given more than 70 years of service to the ACA. What an amazing legacy. Our new constitution limits trustee terms to six years, so recruiting new people is a must-do for the coming year.



Planning ahead:

We agreed a simple three-year Business Plan in October 2025. It's a live document we'll keep updating so we stay on top of bookings, maintenance and fundraising.

Hall refurbishment — where we're up to:

- Phase 1 (outside): Repointing the stonework is booked for summer 2026. This should end the cycle of emergency repairs for generations. Funded by a £20,000 SUEZ Foundation grant plus ACA funds. Contractor: East Coast Masonry.
- Phase 2 (inside): We have Planning Permission and a Building Warrant. Tantalion Projects is guiding us through the tender process for refurbishing the Small Hall. Three tenders are in; we'll use the report to pin down costs and shape our fundraising.
- Thanks to our architects Jones Robbins Tobin and the project subgroup for steering what has been a complex project.

Keeping the hall running:

- Lawrence Connolly has kept a close eye on day-to-day maintenance — thank you. The building is old and always needs something done, but there have been no major surprises this year. We did install a new fire alarm panel.
- Samantha Robertson has made our finances clearer and easier to compare year-to-year. We now have four years of figures presented consistently.
- Independent examination: Dick Gill examined the accounts for 2025–26. From next year this will move to Leanne Gillies or EIG Management Services.

What happened in the hall?

- Regular weekly clubs and classes include: Scouting & Guiding, Tai Chi, Badminton, Stream Fit Callanetics classes, Senior Moves, Zumba, Pickleball
- New this year: The Aberlady Singers choir, Dog Training classes, and a very popular Thursday Drop-in Session (2–4pm in the Small Hall)
- The Outreach Post Office is in the hall on Thu afternoons 1.00–3.30pm
- You can now book to play pickleball, badminton, table tennis and unihoc
- We hosted 3 weddings, 3 Christmas Party Nights, a Hogmanay Ceilidh, 28 children's parties, the church plant sale, Autumn Fair, Choir concerts, several private parties and of course Aberlady Gala
- We said goodbye to The Drama Mill and Kids Dance Class.
- The Christmas Market returned and raised £1,736.47 — brilliant. With Gillian and Erika moving away, a new committee has stepped up to keep it going.
- Other highlights: Remembrance Community Lunch, the Aberlady Christmas Songbook, and Cycling UK bike-maintenance workshops.
- Communications: Two editions of the Heads-Up newsletter went out. Carole Bold now looks after the newsletter, Facebook and the website.
- Friends of the Hall: Launched in May 2026 with a leaflet delivered to every home — an easy way to lend your support to the hall.



Defibrillators and village amenities:

Thanks for the outstanding work done by Sue Jardine and the volunteer support team who manage the network of five defibrillators in the village. The teams' outreach and contribution with the wider NBCA defib project, working with Together in Health, has resulted in a 6th community defibrillator now being available at Ballencroft. A simple CPR/defib guide went through every letterbox with the May newsletter. Sue also keeps an watchful eye on the condition of the village benches, bins, toilets and other local amenities.

Money in, money out (headline picture)

- Note: These are draft figures while the independent examination finishes.

INCOME		2025-26	2025-26
Hall Bookings		20,026	
Donations		6,465	
ACA Fundraising		3,849	
Awards & Grants		14,688	
		45,028	
HALL BOOKINGS		2025-26	2025-26
Weddings		1,200	
Children's Parties		1,426	
Parties & Dances		1,649	
Sports & Exercise		7,328	
Clubs & Activities		7,273	
Services		1,150	
		20,026	
EXPENDITURE		2025-26	2025-26
Cleaning & Caretaking		3,947	
Insurance, Licenses & Professional Fees		4,516	
Maintenance: Regular Planned		1,536	
Maintenance: Unplanned		1,688	
Utility Bills		4,583	
Other		506	
Refurbishment Costs		22,120	
		38,896	
2025-26 Surplus			6,132

- Reserves: We aim to keep a reserve of £15K in case of emergency repairs
- It has been a busy year of ACA fundraising with several events and activities across the year. Thanks to everyone who gave their time to help deliver these successful events and keep a look out for future events in 2026-27.

ACA FUNDRAISING		2025-26	2025-26
Christmas Market		1,736	
Friends of the Hall		475	
Swish Event		1,006	
Teen Girl Swish		261	
Yoga Sessions		371	
		3,849	

What's next in 2026-27

- Refresh ACA (SCIO) branding.
- Trial an online booking system.
- Create a practical Hall Operations Manual to sit alongside the Business Plan.
- Recruit new members and future trustees.





Steven Polwart (Chair)

Approved by the trustees on 16.06.26 and signed on their behalf by

Thank you to everyone who booked the hall, volunteered, lead a class, or club, stacked chairs, baked a traybake, or donated — you keep the heart of the village beating. Here's to another busy year.

If you'd like to get involved with the work of the ACA, to help out with the management and maintenance of the hall, to lead or volunteer at an event, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at community.association@aberlady.org

- Deliver Phase 1 repointing and finalise the plan and funding for Phase 2 (Small Hall).
- Support the Aberlady Wild Goose Art Trail.
- Host another community lunch event
- Continue to improve the fabric and facilities available and to encourage further use of the village hall
- Continue working with other local organisations such as ELC, Gullane Area Community Council and North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership as well as village groups and associations.