

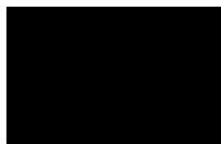
**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**  
  
**CHARITY NUMBER SC039365**

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AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES



(appointed 1st July 2023)

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

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**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**Charitable purposes**

The purpose of Ayr Community Rugby Trust is to advance the participation in sport and physical education of pupils at schools and clubs in the local community, particularly in the game of rugby union football.

ACRT principally fundraises to ensure that reserves are available to employ a rugby development officer and support team.

The development officer's aims are to increase the number of children playing rugby within Ayrshire. The development officer works in conjunction with the Scottish Rugby Union programmes to meet the key performance indicators of the role.

ACRT was awarded charitable status on 1st March 2008 and on 17th April 2013 became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

**Activities and achievements**

**Introduction**

The Ayr Community Rugby Trust (ACRT) finished the year having made a significant impact on not only the growth of rugby in the local area but also the wider community. Whilst ACRT is a standalone entity, our objectives were achieved in partnership with Ayr Rugby Club, South Ayrshire Council, Scottish Rugby, QTS and those who support our fund-raising events.

We are grateful for the financial support we received from Scottish Rugby, South Ayrshire Council and QTS over the course of the year. We would also like to thank everyone who continues to support our Annual Long Lunch held on the first Friday in May each year. The delivery of our services is dependent on this support.

Our primary objectives over the course of the year were: -

*Increase participation in rugby:*

Create opportunity through innovative programs to engage participants regardless of sex, age, sexual orientation, or social status, removing barriers to participation in rugby union, ensuring the quality of delivery and experience are of the highest standard.

*Impact education:*

Promote and recognise the vocational skills gained through participation in rugby, such as leadership, communication, and teamwork. Use rugby as the vehicle to run educational programs to support communities and participants, tackle the challenges of modern society and the ever-changing environment.

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**Activities and achievements (continued)**

*Support recruitment, transition to senior rugby and retention:*

Develop robust pathways for players, coaches, and volunteers, ensuring that the appropriate levels of support are provided throughout. Providing support, training, and resources to develop confidence at key transitional points in the rugby journey.

Whilst there is always room for improvement, were broadly successful in delivering these objectives over the course of the year.

**Highlights for the Year**

Through our coaching team we delivered more than 1300 coaching sessions in primary and secondary schools over the course of the year. A sizeable number of the players who took part in those sessions went on to join Ayr Rugby Club and we saw 100% growth in the number of youth girls playing at Ayr Rugby Club. Further details are as follows: -

**BELMONT ACADEMY – SCHOOL OF RUGBY**

Participation has increased year on year following the introduction of the School of Rugby: -

YEAR 1 = 50 boys / 15 girls

YEAR 2 = 65 boys / 20 girls

YEAR 3 (current) = 70 boys / 25 girls

The Belmont Academy SOR has been a massive success over the past 2 years and having just commenced our third year of delivery, numbers again look to be on the increase. From S1 – S3 each player will receive 3 sessions per week plus monthly modules including nutrition, mental health & wellbeing, and online safety.

One of the biggest positives from the programme has been to see the opportunities and confidence it has given both male and female pupils who are new to the sport or who may have had limited opportunities to be involved in rugby and seeing them transitioning to our youth teams and becoming Ayr RFC members.

**KYLE ACADEMY**

We are currently delivering sessions to 80 boys in S1 who receive a 6-week block of contact rugby. This will be followed up by monthly secondary contact festivals between local schools.

We are also delivering additional after school rugby for Kyle Academy pupils that want contact rugby with numbers at over 20 players per session. There has also been interest in starting a girl's lunch time club which will be further explored.

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**Activities and achievements (continued)**

**AYR ACADEMY**

ACRT is delivering 4-week rugby blocks to S1 and S2 twice a week. Each session has 20-25 pupils from each class. Ayr Academy pupils also compete in local rugby festivals.

**Queen Margaret Academy**

We are delivering a 4-week block to all S1 and S2s and delivering a lunch time or after school club for players wanting contact rugby.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL OF RUGBY**

A key focus for the coming season has been to target certain primary schools as Schools of Rugby as we have concluded that early participation in rugby is key to retaining players going forward. We are delivering sessions in the undernoted primary schools as Schools of Rugby, and we are seeing the following engagement: -

Forehill Primary – 30 boys / 20 girls  
Coylton Primary – 20 boys / 15 girls  
Doonfoot Primary – 25 boys / 15 girls  
Alloway Primary – 20 boys / 12 girls  
Ayr Grammar Primary – yet to start

The Trust has put together a new rugby programme targeting the transition of players (particularly girls) from schools to club from the P6/7 age group. Schools have jumped at the opportunity to be involved with this new programme which will see the ACRT coaches deliver one session per week to boys and girls throughout the year. Initial signup numbers have been hugely positive for both male and female and we are excited to see how this programme progresses throughout the year.

For primary schools not involved in the SOR programme we will continue to deliver 4-week rugby blocks to each school as often as we can. We currently deliver this model to 14 primary schools in South Ayrshire.

**Walking Rugby**

The trust continues to deliver Walking Rugby sessions to an older generation at Millbrae. As well as encouraging activity among those who find it a challenge to get involved in sport, it also provides a social hub for individuals to enjoy conversation over coffee and bacon roll post session.

**Ayr Rugby Club - Rugby Academy**

We continue to support the Rugby Academy alongside Ayr Rugby Club. Weekly sessions with the Academy involve 2 pitch sessions, 2 gym sessions with regular feedback from coaches. Players also receive advice around nutrition, monthly modules covering social media, drugs and alcohol and mental health.

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**Activities and achievements (continued)**

The transition for these players from either U15s to U16s, U16s to U18s or U18s to senior rugby is crucial for the Club and the Academy is becoming a great pathway for players to continue their development and give them all the tools needed to succeed on and off the pitch.

**Women's & Girls Rugby**

We have seen a significant increase in numbers at our girls' section with high levels of enjoyment and enthusiasm. The girls were also offered the opportunity to attend 4 rugby life modules spread throughout the year to help them in their rugby, and in other aspects of their life – mental health, social media, nutrition, and performance analysis. We have also started a Girls Rugby Academy for U14s and U16s with 1 pitch session and 1 gym session per week.

**Final Remarks**

I would like to thank our partners and donors for their support over the last year. We are dependent on their support to deliver our services which are needed more than ever.

**Reserves**

The charity have a policy of keeping reserves at a level of around six months costs, that will allow the trustees to continue with the charitable objectives for a lengthy period should fundraising income drop and grants cease. This would enable the charity to wind down slowly and complete any commitments it has made.

**Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year are as follows:



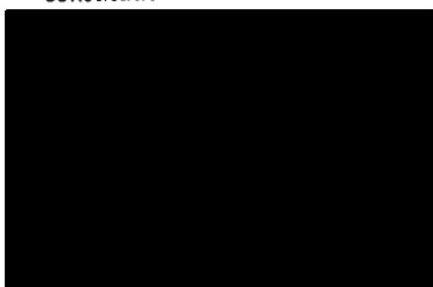
(appointed 1st July 2023)

**Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

All of the Trust's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the Management Committee at our annual general meeting.

**Governing document**

Ayr Community Rugby Trust is a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and is governed by its constitution.



2024 and signed on behalf of the trustees as a body.

**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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



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20/12/2024

**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Fundraising - Long Lunch		114,842	-	114,842	98,083
Donations		10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Grants received		-	7,467	7,467	17,133
Coaching		590	-	590	3,590
		<u>125,432</u>	<u>7,467</u>	<u>132,899</u>	<u>128,806</u>
<b>Other income</b>					
Interest Received		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>125,432</u>	<u>7,467</u>	<u>132,899</u>	<u>128,806</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Fundraising expenses		59,439	-	59,437	51,360
<b>Payments for charitable activities</b>					
Salaries		61,508	7,467	68,975	87,800
Employers NI		-	-	-	1,021
Employers Pension		820	-	820	1,376
Coaching		-	-	-	2,010
Travelling expenses		1,042	-	1,042	160
Telephone		-	-	-	50
Stationery		-	-	-	-
Accountancy		1,140	-	1,140	1,410
Donations	1	-	-	-	-
Insurance		1,796	-	1,796	1,677
Training courses		-	-	-	-
Uniform		-	-	-	2,533
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	1,201
Bank Charges		12	-	12	-
		<u>125,757</u>	<u>7,467</u>	<u>133,223</u>	<u>150,597</u>
<b>Net income / (expense)</b>		(325)	-	(325)	- (21,791)
Cash balance brought forward		26,970	-	26,970	48,761
Cash balance carried forward		<u>26,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,645</u>	<u>26,970</u>



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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	<b><u>NOTE</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Bank and cash in hand</b>			
Bank balance		26,645	26,970
		<u>26,645</u>	<u>26,970</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		26,645	26,970
Restricted Funds	3	-	-
		<u>26,645</u>	<u>26,970</u>
<b>Computer Equipment</b>			
Apple MacBook Air		115	171
4 Refurbished Laptops		94	141
		<u>209</u>	<u>312</u>
<b>Total Computer Equipment</b>		<u>209</u>	<u>312</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
General Funds		26,645	26,970
Computer Equipment		209	312
		<u>26,854</u>	<u>27,282</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>26,854</u>	<u>27,282</u>

tees on 20/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**NOTE 1 - GRANTS PAID**

**2024**      **2023**  
**£**          **£**

The charity paid out grants to the following parties:

No grants or donations were paid in the year.

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-	-
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**NOTE 2 - TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

The trustees did not receive any remuneration and £nil (£nil - 2023) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

**NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	C/F	Received	Paid Out	C/F
Scottish Rugby Union	1	-	1,667	(1,667)
South Ayrshire Council	1	-	4,800	(4,800)
South Ayrshire Council	2	-	1,000	(1,000)
	-	7,467	(7,467)	-

- 1 The restricted funds were to be used to help fund the salary of the development officer and assistant development officer.
- 2 The restricted funds were to be used to help fund 2 salaried posts.