



Craigneuk Community Sports Trust

Trustee's Annual Report

02/09/2024 to 29/08/2025

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Charity Trustees

Current Trustees

Recently elected trustees

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>
John Collins	1 st June 2025
Darren Phillips	1 st June 2025
Paul McKenzie	1 st June 2025
Scott Isaac	1 st June 2025
Kieran Dolan	1 st June 2025

Objectives and Activities

Craigneuk Community Sports Trust is committed to promoting participation in sports and recreational activities within Craigneuk and surrounding areas. Our aim is to improve health and wellbeing, reduce social isolation and strengthen community spirit.

Our core activities traditionally include:

- Weekly sports sessions and coaching
- Organising community tournaments and family friendly events
- Supporting volunteer development and community leadership

These core activities follow the original purpose of the charity which was formed in 2020.

Achievements and Performance

This year has been particularly challenging for Craigneuk Community Sports trust. Despite our ongoing commitment and best efforts, several planned projects and activities did not progress as anticipated. This was due to a combination of factors, including difficulties in securing funding, a decline in community participation, and operational challenges including a claim on the leased land we have been developing.

Recognising the need to address these issues, the Trust has undergone a significant restructuring process. We have welcomed new trustees with fresh ideas and perspectives and established a dedicated operational community group to better support delivery of our activities.

We have also taken this time to develop new strategic objectives for the coming year. These include:

- Increasing community participation through targeted outreach and partnership working.
- Exploring new income-generating activities and funding opportunities to support our sustainability.
- Strengthening our governance, volunteer base, and operational capacity.

Our plans for the coming year include exploring new options to generate income and secure funding. We are confident that these changes will strengthen the Trust and help us achieve our objectives more effectively. We expect that this will be more visible within our report during 2025/2026.

Importantly, the trust remains deeply rooted in the local community. The community football teams under the Craigneuk Amateur brand, has continued from strength to strength and we are determined to build on this foundation.

Financial review

During the year, total income amounted to **£3,075**, of which **£2,982** was received as a grant from the local council. The remaining income was generated from charitable and facility-related activities. Total expenditure for the year was **£3,553**, primarily relating to rent & rates, routine maintenance, repairs and operational costs associated with the facility.

As a result, the charity had a deficit **of £478** during the year. This was largely due to rent and rates due, with income from the council grant received, which has helped support the ongoing upkeep and future development of the facility.

At the year end, the charity held cash balances of **£3,712**, providing a solid reserve from which to meet future rent and rates commitments and support contributions towards planned renovation and improvement projects. The trustees consider the year-end balance to be adequate for the charity's current needs, however, are aware that further funding is required to continue improvement works at Stalker Street

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that available funds are used effectively to maintain a safe, accessible and sustainable football facility for the local community.

Structure, Governance and Management

Craigneuk Community Sports Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), charity number **SC 050410**. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the overall management and strategic direction.

During the year, we have undertaken significant changes to strengthen our governance, including the recruitment of new trustees and a review of our operational practices. We believe these changes will better position us to meet the challenges of the future.

Reserves Policy

The Trust aims to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover at least [12 months] of core running costs. At year-end, unrestricted reserves stood at £3,712, which is in line with our target level and will allow us to cover commitments for the coming 12 months.

Risk Management

The Trustees recognise the need to identify and manage key risks to the charity. Key areas include:

- Financial sustainability and income generation.
- Health and safety during activities.
- Compliance with safeguarding and data protection requirements.

We have policies and procedures in place to mitigate these risks and are working to strengthen these further as part of our restructuring.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, the Trust's new strategic objectives will focus on:

- Rebuilding and strengthening our core community sports activities.
- Expanding participation through new partnerships and targeted outreach.
- Developing new income streams and fundraising initiatives.
- Continuing to review and strengthen governance and operational delivery.

We believe these changes will put the Trust on a stronger footing and enable us to better serve our community.

Our key objectives to bring this together is the redevelopment of Stalker Street Football pitch and pavilion which is leased from North Lanarkshire Council.

We are confident that with renewed focus and fresh leadership, Cragneuk Community Sports trust can overcome the challenges of the past year and deliver an inclusive sports program that meets the needs of our community.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

John Collins

Paul McKenzie

Kieran Dolan

Darren Phillips

Scott Isaac