

Trustees Annual Report including
Annual Receipts & Payments Accounts

for

Grandparent Parenting Again &
Kinship Carers (Midlothian)

for the period
to 31st August 2025

Scottish Charity No: SC043967

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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: Grandparents Parenting Again & Kinship Carers
(Midlothian)

Scottish Charity No: SC043967

The Charities Principal Address: 9 West Harbour Road
Cockenzie
Prestonpans
East Lothian
EH32 0HX

Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

Alice Drever	Chairperson
Audrey Gulland	Vice Chairperson
George Maben	Treasurer
Angela Bradley	Trustee
Marie Daly	Trustee
Liz Glen	Trustee
Georgie Hume	Trustee
Linda Lewenhank	Trustee from Nov 2024
Myra Orr	Trustee & Charity Administrator
Irene Slipper	Trustee

Names of other trustees during the period:

Susan Jamieson retired Nov 2024

Independent Examiner: Sue Bennett ACIE
21 Dounehill
JEDBURGH
TD8 6LJ

Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland
63 High Street
DALKEITH
EH22 1JA

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

Grandparents Parenting Again & Kinship Carers (Midlothian) is a charitable unincorporated association registered as a charity on the 25th April 2013. The Purpose and administration arrangements are set out in our Constitution.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

The members of the committee are the Trustees of the Charity, they are appointed or re-appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Management Committee at their first meeting after the AGM will elect from amongst themselves the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and other office bearers considered appropriate.

Objectives & Activities

The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of Grandparents Parenting Again & Kinship Carers (Midlothian) are the following: -

- The advancement of education
- The promotion of equality and diversity
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

1 The relief of those in need within Midlothian and by developing and supporting a network, self-help action/support group for grandparent parenting again and kinship carers (people who are looking after children of their relations or close family friends on a full-time basis).

2 The advancement of education and related opportunities by offering group members and local people, opportunities to develop knowledge and training related to current social and educational policies. To do this without fear of criticism, judgment or stigma.

3 The promotion of equality and diversity by providing a forum for group members to raise awareness and campaign on behalf of other Kinship Carers in Midlothian.

4 The relief of those in need by promoting positive well-being, healthy living and health education opportunities to build confidence, combat social isolation and financial exclusion.

Achievement & Performance for 2024-25

Weekly Group meetings have been held during term time in Gorebridge Parish Church.

A decision was taken not to continue with the Group meetings in Ladywood Leisure Centre as the carer who attended regularly now comes along to the Gorebridge meeting. However, there is always support for carers from anywhere in Midlothian.

We have had new, younger carers join the Group.

Shara Morris, Children 1st is a regular much welcomed visitor to our weekly meetings. Shara has been a lifeline for many carers and fits in with ease with our members.

Support from Midlothian Council Social Work Department has also been very encouraging.

Carers receive information in the form of letter regarding Universal Credit Migration Letters. In order that carers in receipt of Universal Credit could be guided on this matter, two drop in sessions were arranged in January and February 2025 for support.

In March during Kinship Care Week, Midlothian Council Family Centred Care Team, in partnership with Kinconnect and Children 1st Midlothian invited members for a pizza and fun evening. This was very well attended. Coffee and cake morning was held at the Group to celebrate Kinship Care Week the next day.

A Corporate Parenting Celebration Event was held in June which was a great opportunity for care experienced young people, their families and corporate parents from across Midlothian to come together. Activities included budding footballers and arts & crafts along with information from Active Schools, Community Lifelong Learning and Employability, MYPAS, Y2K.

Midlothian Community Sports Hub offered kinship children 15 free places at the forthcoming Football Camp at Newbattle High School during Summer Holidays.

A fabulous trip was held on 30th August 2025 to Beamish - The Living Museum of the North. The trip was extremely well attended and fun was had by all. The trip was funded by the surplus left over from 20th Anniversary fund.

Social Funding

The Group held a Halloween Raffle, Christmas Raffle and Easter Raffle. As always members were very generous with donations resulting in a good amount of funds being raised with very little outlay.

Social

Carers meal, four beach days at Musselburgh Harbour with a fantastic burger van, and a Group Picnic in Birkenhead Pavilion made for the year to be, as always, busy and enjoyable.

It is important to have time out days together to build new friendships and sustain existing friendships and give and receive support in a natural environment.

Future

The Group will continue to raise the profile of kinship care and be accessible. Work in partnership with agencies.

Be a listening ear, have an endless supply of tea, coffee and biscuits, have tissues available.

All taking place in a safe space, without judgement nor discrimination.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

It is the trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately one year's expenditure approx. £15,000. At the year-end the Charity held £14,054.24 in general unrestricted funds and £1,632.35 in restricted grant.

Details of any deficit:

There was a deficit this financial year. The Trustees will continue to monitor all the funds.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The charity benefited from the hours of the volunteer's running the Charities meetings and events.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Alice Drever
Chairperson

Dated:

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 31st August 2025

Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts					
Donations	1	501.50	0.00	501.50	746.08
Grants	2	0.00	693.80	693.80	4,435.35
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	3	1,616.25	0.00	1,616.25	2,710.99
Other Charitable Activities	4	728.80	0.00	728.80	665.59
Bank Interest		221.28	0.00	221.28	347.92
Total Receipts		3,067.84	693.80	3,761.64	8,905.93
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities	5	763.74	0.00	763.74	539.47
Expenses from Charitable Activities	6	3,027.96	707.99	3,735.95	19,038.09
Independent Examination		175.00	0.00	175.00	175.00
Total Payments		3,966.70	707.99	4,674.69	19,752.56
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(898.86)	(14.19)	(913.05)	(10,846.63)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(898.86)	(14.19)	(913.05)	(10,846.63)
Statement of Balances As at 31st August 2025					
		Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balances at Start of Year		14,953.10	1,646.54	16,599.64	27,446.27
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(898.86)	(14.19)	(913.05)	(10,846.63)
Balances at End of Year	7	14,054.24	1,632.35	15,686.59	16,599.64
Other Assets					
See note 11				£444	£444
Liabilities					
No Outstanding Liabilities					

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed.....

Geroge Maben - Treasurer

Date.....

Notes to the Accounts

1 Donations

Donations received were from various cash donations from members including the swear box.

2 Grants

	2025	2024
Grants received this year are as follows:		
Midlothian Council	2,610.00	4,435.35
Midlothian Council Return of Grant	(1,916.20)	0.00
	£693.80	£4,435.35

3 Receipts from Fund Raising Activities

Raffles etc	1,079.80	1,726.79
Kilt Walk	71.46	984.20
Football Cards	190.00	0.00
Take Two	125.00	0.00
Christmas Fund	150.00	0.00
	£1,616.26	£2,710.99

4 Other Charitable Activities

Other Activities is made up of the tea money collected each month.

5 Expenses from Fund Raising

Raffles etc	41.56	9.47
Take Two	175.00	0.00
Picnic/BBQ	149.18	530.00
Kilt Walk	98.00	0.00
Fate	300.00	0.00
	£763.74	£539.47

6 Expenses Relating to Charitable Activities

All costs relating to the objectives and activities of the Charity:

Trips & Outings	1,692.00	7,485.61
Phone & Mobile Costs	176.48	320.71
Room/Hall Hire	400.00	360.00
Insurance	504.11	490.27
Stationery & Postage	18.38	74.29
Teas etc	333.36	634.07
Link/Support Worker	0.00	9,000.00
Other Costs	156.52	673.14
Carers Meals	455.10	0.00
	£3,735.95	£19,038.09

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

7 Closing Balances as at 31st August 2025

Cash & Bank Balances:

Cash Balance	237.54
Royal Bank of Scotland	<u>15,449.05</u>
Total Funds	£15,686.59

Funds Break Down:

Restricted

Midlothian Council	<u>1,632.35</u>	1,632.35
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Un-Restricted

Fund-Raising Events	7,561.28
20 th Anniversary Fund	1,345.50
General Funds	<u>5,147.46</u>
	<u>14,054.24</u>

Total Funds	£15,686.59
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8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

9 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds held at the end of the financial year are made up of a grant from the Midlothian Council (£1,632.35) being a contribution to the costs of the Charity including costs of Mobile Phone; Insurance; Stationery and Hall Hire.

10 Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

11 Tangible Assets

Assets held by the Charity as at 31st August are as follows:

Pop Up Banner & Gazebo	308
Brother A4 Mono Laser Printer	136
Total	£444

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Grandparents Parenting Again & Kinship Carers (Midlothian)
Registered charity number SC043967
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 31st August 2025
Set out on Pages 7 to 9

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. 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 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:
Sue Bennett 21 Dounehill Jedburgh

Date:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:
ACIE & Dip Business & Finance