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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	April	2025	To	31	March	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Angus Young Engineers (AYE) After-school Club	
Other names charity is known by	AYE	
Registered charity number	**SC 042971**	
Charity's principal address	C/o Strathmore Rugby Club	
	Inchmacoble Park	
	Forfar	
	Angus	**Postcode DD8 1RL**

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Bob Baldie	Chair		
2	Andrew McParland	Treasurer		
3	Dave Baldie	Secretary		
4	Peter Fordyce		Retired June 2025	
5	Joan Fordyce		Retired June2 025	
6	Neil MacArthur			
7	Nicol Welsh			
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Peter Fordyce	Resigned due to Health April 2025
Joan Fordyce	Resigned due to Health April 20025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Angus Young Engineers (AYE) Club was set up by members of a Young Engineers group that met at Forfar Academy afterschool to engage in wider achievement activities to gain skills that would benefit Young People in the World of Work. AYE was recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 1st August 2011. The Trust is administered in accordance with the terms of the Angus Young Engineers (AYE) Club constitution.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Appointment and removal of trustees are in accordance with the Constitution which requires that appointment is approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees and removal of any trustee by the unanimous agreement of the others. The constitution sets out a maximum number of 8 trustees is required for the trust to run its business meetings with a minimum number of 4 to be quorate. We are currently in the process of changing to become a SCIO reducing to 3 Trustees by spring 2026.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	To provide a recreational facility for youths to participate in socially enterprising activities To advance youth education through engagement in Science, Technologies, Engineering and Maths based activities. To promote responsible citizenship and a sense of community.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The charity delivered regular practical learning and wider-achievement activities for young people throughout the year, with provision increasing during periods of particularly high demand.

The main areas of activity included:

1. Digital manufacturing, CAD and 3D design skills.
2. Youth enterprise through the Purple Castle Products project.
3. STEM engagement activities, including programmes encouraging girls and primary-school pupils into STEM.
4. Traditional woodworking and practical craft skills.
5. Metalwork, welding and practical engineering activities.
6. Participation in Greenpower engineering programmes for primary and secondary-age young people.

During 2025/26 the charity also continued to broaden its provision through activities linked to STEM careers, employability and wider achievement. These included drone technology and digital media, hospitality and barista training, virtual and augmented reality, robotics and coding, practical electronics, vehicle-related activities and Greenpower electric vehicle design and racing.

Our Trust Now has 2 paid part time employees with payroll and HMRC calculations prepared by Voluntary Action Angus

1) Kirsten Massie Barista and Enterprise Tutor

2) Cuchulian White YP STEM activity Coordinator

Financial review

Achievements and Performance

During 2025/26, AYE significantly expanded its capacity to deliver practical STEM, engineering and employability opportunities.

A major development was the establishment of the **FORacad Racing mobile STEM workshop**, creating a "classroom on wheels" capable of taking engineering and technology activities directly into schools and rural communities.

Key achievements during the year included:

- Development and equipping of the **FORacad Racing mobile STEM workshop and trailer**.
- Expansion of the **Greenpower electric vehicle programme**, including investment in an F24 electric race car and associated engineering activities.
- Increased provision in **CAD, 3D printing, digital manufacture, robotics and VR**, giving young people experience of technologies increasingly used within modern engineering and industry.
- Development of **Net Zero and renewable-energy activities**, linking practical engineering with wind, solar, energy efficiency and sustainability.
- Continued development of the **Sin Bin Hospitality Project**, providing practical hospitality, barista, customer-service and enterprise experience.
- Provision of opportunities for young people to gain **recognised accreditation and qualifications** alongside practical experience.
- Continued use of the **Boaby Bus community minibus**, helping overcome the transport barriers faced by young people in rural Angus.
- Strengthening relationships with schools, community organisations, employers, industry partners and funding organisations.

AYE's approach continues to combine practical learning with personal development. Projects are designed not simply to teach technical skills but also to develop teamwork, communication, problem solving, responsibility, confidence and employability.

Financial Review

The charity entered the financial year on 1 April 2025 with cash funds of £51,179, representing the closing balance from the previous financial year.

During the year ended 31 March 2026, the charity received total income of £71,243. Significant support was received from charitable and public-sector funders, including The Robertson Trust, People's Postcode Lottery and Angus Rural Partnership, together with other grants and project funding.

Total expenditure during the year was £78,540, resulting in a deficit of £7,297. Cash funds held at 31 March 2026 were therefore £43,882.

The deficit arose principally from planned expenditure on charitable activities, equipment, infrastructure and delivery capacity intended to support future provision. This included the mobile STEM workshop, Greenpower activities, digital manufacturing equipment and resources supporting delivery in rural communities.

The trustees continue to monitor the charity's financial position, commitments and available reserves to ensure that expenditure remains sustainable.

Funding and Partnerships

The Trustees recognise that the progress made during 2025/26 would not have been possible without external support.

Major funding received during the period included support from The National Lottery, The Robertson Trust, People's Postcode Lottery, Angus Rural Partnership and SSEN, alongside other grant and project funding.

AYE also continued to develop relationships with organisations including **SSEN Transmission, The Gannochy Trust, Greenpower Education Trust, Strathmore Community Rugby Trust and local schools and businesses**.

These partnerships provide more than financial support. They help connect young people with industry, community organisations, practical experiences and potential progression routes.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have continued to consider the charitable purposes of AYE and the public benefit arising from its activities.

AYE's programmes provide young people with access to equipment, experiences and learning opportunities which would otherwise be difficult or impossible for many of them to access.

Particular emphasis is placed on:

- young people living in rural communities;
- pupils who respond positively to practical rather than exclusively classroom-based learning;
- reducing transport and geographical barriers;
- developing confidence and employability;

- providing recognised progression and accreditation opportunities; and
- creating positive pathways into further education, training, apprenticeships and employment.

The Trustees consider that the activities undertaken during 2025/26 have made a significant contribution towards these objectives.

Plans for 2026/27 and Beyond

AYE's principal objective going forward is to build upon the investment made during 2025/26 and move towards a more extensive **mobile rural STEM delivery model**.

The **FORacad Racing mobile workshop** will be central to this approach, allowing AYE to take high-quality equipment and practical learning directly into primary schools, secondary schools and communities.

The programme will continue to develop activities in **Greenpower engineering, robotics, CAD, 3D printing, digital manufacture, renewable energy and emerging technologies**.

A particular priority will be developing structured programmes with rural primary-school clusters and providing progression opportunities as young people move into secondary education.

AYE will also continue to develop accredited learning and clearer pathways into apprenticeships, further education, training and employment.

The Trustees' longer-term objective is to ensure that a young person's **geographical location, access to transport or disengagement from conventional classroom learning does not prevent them from accessing high-quality STEM and engineering opportunities**.

Reserves and Financial Sustainability

At **31 March 2026**, AYE held **£43,882.07** in funds.

The Trustees consider this an appropriate financial base from which to continue the charity's activities and meet existing commitments.

AYE will continue to seek a mixture of grant funding, partnership support and project income while carefully managing expenditure and maintaining appropriate reserves.

The investment undertaken during 2025/26 provides AYE with equipment and infrastructure capable of supporting delivery over several years and should therefore reduce the need for equivalent levels of capital expenditure in future periods.

Trustees' Conclusion

2025/26 was a year of investment and transition for Angus Young Engineers.

AYE has progressed from delivering individual engineering and vocational projects towards establishing the infrastructure required for a broader and more accessible STEM programme across Angus.

The Trustees believe that the investment made during the year places AYE in a strong position for **2026/27 and beyond**, allowing the organisation to reach more young people, particularly within rural communities,

while maintaining its emphasis on practical learning, recognised achievement, employability and positive destinations.

The Trustees would like to record their thanks to **our funders, partner organisations, schools, volunteers, staff, mentors and supporters**, whose contribution has enabled AYE to continue developing opportunities for young people throughout Angus.

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert Baldie	Andrew McParland
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	**12/08/2026**	**12/08/2026**