



BIGGAR COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
SCO 050562

Biggar Community Action Group Annual Report 31st March 2026

1. Chair's Review

I am pleased to present the Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

This year the Board of Trustees and Management Team have been joined by Cat Sumpster, Caroline Deerin and Maggie McGeary. Each brings their own skills to the team, and I wish them all 'welcome'!.

This year, we also carry a deep sadness. One of our original and longest-standing volunteers, Ann Codlin, passed away unexpectedly. Ann was part of the very foundation of this group — generous, steady, and always ready to help. Her absence will be felt by all of us, and we will miss her dearly.

On a similar vein, our volunteers are the lifeblood of our group and we are grateful for each and every one of you. Your time, energy, and kindness make everything we do possible.

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2. Report of the Board of Trustees

Context:

The objects of BCAG are clearly laid out in our constitution and can be summed up in a nutshell as:

- Plan and take action, quickly and flexibly to the needs of the Biggar community, particularly those who are vulnerable for whatever reason.
- Work in partnership with other like-minded groups to develop and carry out plans.
- Be a reliable source of information about matters that have an impact on the community.

Progress and Reach in the period to 31st March 2026:

Since our last report we have continued to work to meet our charitable objectives, as laid down in our constitution. The infographic to the right reports some of the numbers (since we started 6 years ago).

Our new prescription delivery service has taken off, with three current users we have delivered approaching 30 prescriptions over the period.



Our Partners and Volunteers:

It is only right and proper that we should mention and thank those people that have made it all possible.

- The Elphinstone, our partners in the provision of twice weekly hot meals.
- The Gillespie Centre which has continued to partner with us for Christmas Lunches.
- The Crown Inn, our partners in the provision of Christmas Lunch at The Bield.
- Our troupe of volunteers who have delivered prescriptions, manned our “Listening Ear”, undertaken hospital runs, delivered hot meals and those that have braved the bad weather to clear snow and grit paths.

List of Projects in 2025/26:

- Delivery of prescriptions.
- Social History Project – local stories from residents relating to their experience during lockdown.
- Provision and delivery of hot meals.
- Listening Ear service.
- Christmas Lunches.
- Winter resilience – clearing ice and snow and gritting.
- Hospital Transport.

Outlook for the future:

We continue to seek projects that fit well with our objects and meet the needs of our community.

3. Treasurer's Report



We started the financial year 2025/26 with an opening balance of £20,449.67.

Our main expenditure continues to be that for hot meals, financed by generous funding from the Community Health and Wellbeing Fund,

administered by VASLAN. Demand for our hot meal service continues. The number of recipients has seen greater fluctuation over the financial year, than in previous years, with new recipients having been identified/referred and sadly some no longer with us or having moved into care.

As we move into our next Financial Year, the bulk of our Restricted Reserve balance is set aside for Hot Meals. Whilst the remaining balance will only cover around five months of costs, our unrestricted General fund has increased over the last period, and we propose to use this to fund the remaining seven months.

We remain in a strong position, financially, and even when projecting to the next period year end, we would expect to still hold over £5,000 balance in the unrestricted General Fund.

3.1. Income and Expenditure Accounts

Biggar Community Action Group - 2026					
Income and Expenditure for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Bank at Start		£20,449.67	CHARITABLE WORKS		
GRANTS			Hot Meals	£7,616.00	
VASLAN Volunteers Expenses	£2,000.00		Christmas Lunches	£1,204.00	
SUBTOTAL		£2,000.00	SUBTOTAL		£8,820.00
DONATIONS AND OTHER			OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Biggar Free Operatives	£600.00		Phone Charges	£0.00	
Ann Codlin memorial	£430.00		Insurance	£356.88	
General Donations	£755.10		Volunteer Expenses	£698.55	
SUBTOTAL		£1,785.10	SUBTOTAL		£1,055.43
TOTAL INCOME		£3,785.10	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£9,875.43
			BALANCE @ 31/3/26		£14,359.34

The previous years' Income and Expenditure is shown below, for comparison.

Biggar Community Action Group -2025					
Income and Expenditure for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Bank at Start		£15,701.92	CHARITABLE WORKS		
GRANTS			Hot Meals	£8,022.00	
VASLAN Community Health & Wellbeing Fund - Hot Meals	£13,520.00		Christmas Lunch	£784.50	
Glenkerie & Clyde Windfarms - Xmas lunches	£870.00				
SUB GRANTS		£14,390.00	SUB CHARITABLE WORKS		£8,806.50
DONATIONS ETC.			OTHER EXPENDITURE		
General Donations	£500.00		Phone Charges	£415.46	
Transfer from Petty Cash	£13.46				
SUB DONATIONS		£513.46	Insurance	£392.17	
			Volunteer Expenses	£528.08	
			AGM Hall Hire	£13.50	
			SUB OTHER EXPENDITURE		£1,349.21
TOTAL INCOME		£14,903.46	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£10,155.71
			BALANCE @ 31/3/25		£20,449.67

3.2. Independent Examiner's Report

Our independent examiner found no issues with our accounts before they were submitted to OSCR. The accounts will now be lodged, for acceptance by OSCR.

3.3. Reserves 2026 year end:

The balances that BCAG has available to finance its future activities. At the year-end held a healthy total figure of £14, 359

Restricted Reserves represent balances that have been provided to BCAG for a specific purpose but have not yet been fully spent. Unrestricted reserves represent balances that are held that are available for any purpose that will further the objects of the BCAG.

Restricted Reserves as at 31st March 2026:

Source	Purpose	Amount
VASLAN Community Health & Wellbeing – Hot Meals		£3,194
VASLAN Volunteers' Expenses		£1,896

Unrestricted Reserves as at 31st March 2026:

Source	Purpose	Amount
Donations & Other	General Funds (Hot Meals reserve)	£9,268

4. Structure & Governance

4.1. Membership

Membership of Biggar Community Action Group is open to our active volunteers and service users. The number of members currently stands at 33.

4.2. Governance & Decision Making

The Board of Trustees (The Board) is the highest governing body of BCAG. The trustees have a legal responsibility to ensure good governance of the group and are collectively responsible for the finances of the group.

The trustees have continued to meet regularly over the period of this report and are always on the lookout for further opportunities that arise based upon the needs of the Biggar Community.

In the period up to the date of this AGM and the period that this report covers the Board of Trustees was as below:

Jerry Sumpster	Chair & Acting Treasurer
Jane Fucella	Secretary
Lesley Craise	
Catriona Sumpster	(new)
Maggie McGeary	(new)
Caroline Deerin	(new)

4.3. Resignations & Re-elections

Our constitution currently rules that at each AGM, all of the charity trustees shall retire from office, but shall then be eligible for re-appointment by vote of the members of BCAG.

RESOLUTION TO BE AGREED:

That the constitution is altered to rule that Trustees shall stand for a period of three years after which, at the third AGM they must stand down for re-election (rather than this happening every year).

4.4. Election of Officers

Notwithstanding the proposed change above, at each AGM the trustees must elect, from among themselves a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary.



THE ELPHINSTONE HOTEL

GILLESPIE CENTRE
—SERVING THE COMMUNITY—



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Third Sector Interface