

Bailliefields Community Hub

Trustees' Annual Report

1st February 2025 to 31st January 2026

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Baillliefields Community Hub

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3. Alan Reed
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6. Graham Thomson
7. Julie Harris (appointed 26/09/2025)

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year end 31st January 2026.

Objectives and activities

Vision: Making Bailliefields ‘A Place for All’

Bailliefields Community Hub’s overarching vision is to establish our site as ‘A Place for All’—a welcoming, accessible, and vibrant destination where every resident feels they belong, regardless of age, ability, or background. We are committed to dismantling barriers to participation and promoting true equality and diversity within our community.

Mission and Core Activities

Our core mission is to empower the local community by facilitating participation in physical activity and recreation, with a foundational commitment to the sport of cricket. This mission extends beyond sport to include the provision of high-quality recreational facilities and the organisation of social activities designed to significantly improve the overall wellbeing of the community.

We achieve this through the following key strategic activities:

1. **Enabling Sports Participation**: We actively encourage community members to get involved in physical activity, particularly cricket, through playing and volunteering opportunities across our junior, senior, and dedicated women and girls’ sections. We ensure our services cater to a diverse range of athletic abilities.
2. **Promoting Inclusion and Accessibility**: We are passionate about the promotion of equality and diversity. A central pillar of our work is the proactive removal of physical, social, and logistical barriers to ensure everyone has equal opportunity to make use of Bailliefields. This principle guides all our planning, from accessibility features (like the Changing Place Toilet) to the diversity of our groups.
3. **Targeted Community Support**: Beyond general recreation, we are dedicated to providing specialised support and services for vulnerable or minority groups, specifically focusing on:

    - People with Disabilities: Providing adapted sports (such as Table Cricket) and essential facilities to support physical activity and social interaction.
    - People Living with Dementia: Offering therapeutic and engaging social activities, such as our 'Try Something New' and 'Playlist for Life' groups, to enhance quality of life.
    - Other Minority Parts of the Community: Ensuring all residents find relevant and welcoming activities within the Hub.
4. **Strategic Partnership and Service Provision**: We recognise that partnership is essential to maximise our impact. We actively collaborate with other organisations, charities, and social enterprises to introduce diverse and much-needed services into the local area. This partnership model is key to enhancing the physical and mental wellbeing support available to residents.
5. **Facility Development and Community Infrastructure**: Having completed development of the footbridge, Hub and Community Hall that completes the current development of our site infrastructure. We have built high-standard, flexible facilities not only to run our own core services but also to attract and support other local organisations by providing modern, multi-purpose spaces at an appropriate, sustainable cost. This ensures the Hub acts as a vital anchor for broader community benefit.

Values

- To be open and honest
- To treat everyone equally
- To build relationships on trust
- To be collaborative and creative
- To be passionate and proud

These values apply to all Trustees, volunteers and staff and are the basis of all that we do.

Achievements and Performance

Overview of the Year

The past year saw growth in terms of staff, services and community groups using Bailliefields. Our focus remains firmly fixed on enhancing the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community, with a particular emphasis on supporting residents living with dementia and disabilities.

Awards

During the year Bailliefields Community Hub (BCH) received both local and UK wide recognition for its work.

In June Falkirk CVS, the local Third Sector Interface, awarded BCH the award for Organisation of the Year for being a charity dedicated to building a more inclusive and supportive community. Driven by an ‘extra ordinary’ team of dedicated volunteers, BCH is a dynamic and forward-thinking organisation who continues to adapt and grow to meet community needs—delivering essential services, fostering inclusion, and building a connected, resilient community.

In November BCH received the Kings Award for Voluntary Service, the highest UK award for volunteer groups and the equivalent of an MBE. The award was presented to BCH by Colonel Charles Wallace, the Lord Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk.

Developing Organisational Capacity and Community Programmes

This year represented the third year of funding for our Community Hub Officer position, generously supported by a three-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. As our first paid employee, this role has been crucial in professionalising the charity’s operations, fostering new relationships, and driving the sustained growth of our facilities and partner network.

A direct result of this focus on community development is the launch of popular new groups, including the Social Cafe. This social cafe provides a welcoming space for local residents to come together, socialise, and enjoy lunch together, directly addressing social isolation and enhancing mental wellbeing.

In addition, in September 2025 we employed our Community Sport and Health Officer to grow our fitness groups across all ages and to set up new groups like Walking Cricket and Paracise to provide services for older people in the local community.

Strategic Land Acquisition and Path Development

This year saw the completion of the footbridge and path through Baillliefields providing pedestrian access from the south. This bridge has been well used and provides step free access to Baillliefields and the Hub and Community Hall.

The path is used by dog walkers, walkers, parents out with buggies and cyclists and completes the link to the existing Falkirk path network to the south of Baillliefields.

Investment in Community Transport

This new transport solution is invaluable, supporting our disability groups and our junior cricket section, ensuring that participation is not limited by transport barriers for families. Crucially, the minibus is also heavily used by other local charitable groups, maximising its benefit across the community.

Community garden

With the help of New Scots we have developed a community garden behind the Hub which will create opportunities for local people to become involved in growing food and caring for the site. A community garden open day took place on 1 November 2025 with 50 people attending.

Continued Dementia Support

Our Try Something New group continued to provide activities and social contact for people living with dementia and their carers. The monthly sessions included chair yoga and tai chi; January 2026 activities included indoor curling and putting.

Our new dementia-friendly Social Café offers food and companionship with now 18 people in regular attendance. The Social Café has also brought two new volunteers to Bailliefields. The café started as fortnightly but due to its popularity in January 2026 it was announcement that the Social Café would become weekly from 3 February 2026. That expansion falls in the following reporting year.

Cricket and participation

Westquarter and Redding Cricket Club remains central to our work as it provides opportunities for people to play, volunteer, develop skills and form friendships, alongside the Hub's wider community programme.

We ran an eight-week mixed All Stars programme for children aged five to eight in 2025 with 43 children attending.

In addition, we ran Girls Only Dynamos for girls aged between 8 and 11 with 29 girls attending.

The junior section, ages 7 to 17, continues to have strong attendance and provide age level playing opportunities to local children.

In August 2025 Westquarter and Redding Cricket Club's under 16 team reached the semi-final of the u16 Scottish Cup.

Inclusive Cricket

We continue to run free pan disability cricket sessions for ages 7 upwards and have now introduced Walking Cricket for people 50 and above or with injury or disability.

Indoor cricket nets

BCH raised £20,000 to install cricket nets at local state school Braes High School. These will be installed in February 2026 and will now provide all year-round hard ball practice facilities for the club.

In addition, the nets will be used by the school to help grow its hard ball team and by Auld Alliance Coaching and Cricket Scotland for an MCC Girls Hub from January 2027.

These are now the only indoor hard ball net facilities in the Falkirk Area and one of very few installed in state schools.

Community Impact and Future Vision

The facilities we have built and the groups we have established are generating a demonstrable and positive impact. The growing attendance at new groups, such as the Social Café and Paracise, clearly illustrates the benefits of socialisation, physical activity, and a sense of belonging on the physical and mental health of local people. By offering a wider variety of groups, we are able to positively impact a greater percentage of the local community, promoting physical wellbeing and actively reducing social isolation.

Our commitment to partnership and networking remains vital. During the year, BCH maintained key memberships with Falkirk CVS, the Forth Valley Social Enterprise Network, and Social Enterprise Scotland. Furthermore, one of our Trustees plays an active role in the Falkirk Wealth Building Partnership, ensuring BCH remains connected to strategic local initiatives.

In summary, this has been a year of successful delivery on our strategic goals, significantly expanding our facilities and services to better support our community. We look forward to another productive year of serving the residents of Bailliefields and beyond.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Baillliefields Community Hub is a two-tier SCIO governed by its constitution.

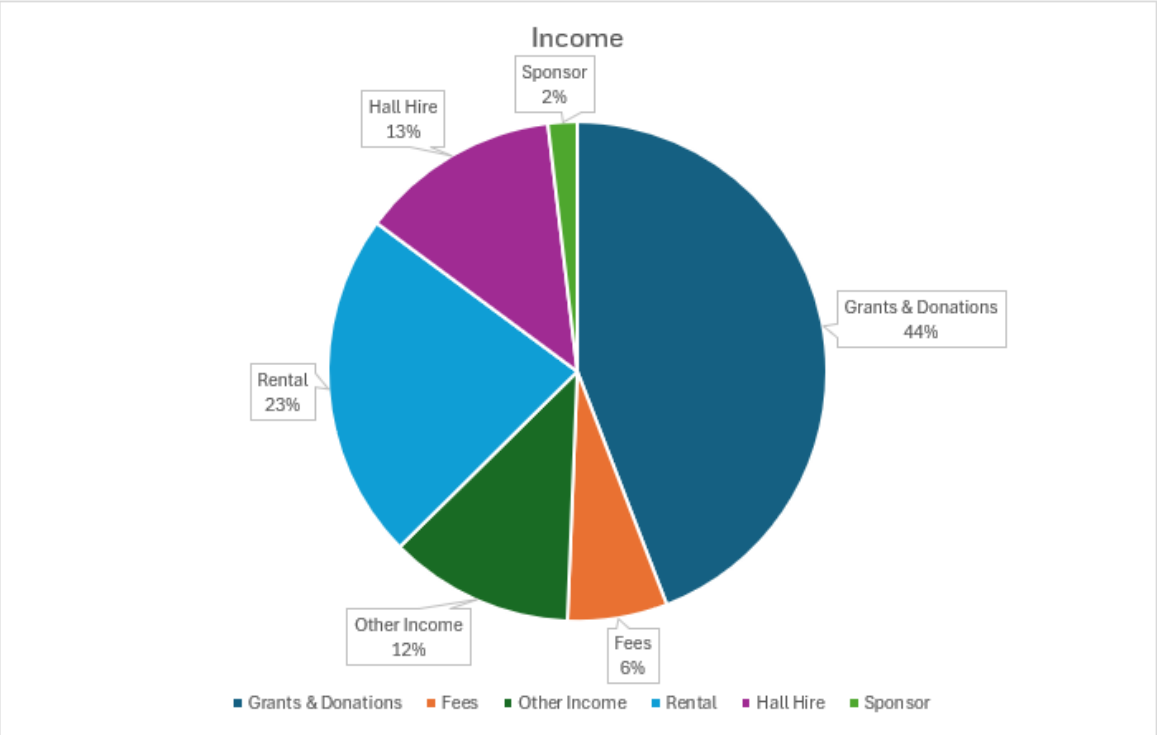
Trustee recruitment and appointment

Julie Harris joined as a Trustee in September 2025.

There are currently seven Trustees with a maximum of seven allowed with a further five co-opted Trustees allowed if they have specific skills that BCH require.

Financial review

The increased use of the hub and the new commercial rent from The Boundary Café have seen rental and hall hire income rise by over 50% from last year.



A large proportion of the expenditure of BCH during the year has been on final payments for the building works (43%) which has been capitalised and fully paid off.

Beyond that the major running costs are staffing at 16%.

The grants and donations are to run groups, support other local community groups and to further develop our Community Garden.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees' policy is to retain 3 months' worth of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Three months expenditure stands at £2,200 and unrestricted reserves are in excess of this at £13,634.86.

The trustees believe that this is still in an acceptable range but will continue to monitor the position especially in the next year now all building works are complete and paid off.

Details of any deficit

There was a small surplus of £801.76 for the year. The Trustees are comfortable that the finances are solid and under control as all building work has now been fully paid.

Future plans

A new Community Strategy to provide direction for Baillliefields Community Hub for 2027 – 2030.

The new strategy will continue to look at bringing new services and groups to the community and increase usage of the Community Hub and Community Hall.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

S Sutton

Print name	Stephen Sutton
Designation	Trustee
Date	30th October 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31st January 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income	1				
Grants & Donations		2,776.94	81,104.73	83,881.67	1,839.77
Fees		12,292.05		12,292.05	6,691.54
Bank Interest		462.66		462.66	1,160.64
Other Income		22,739.08		22,739.08	8,071.97
Rental		42,778.00		42,778.00	36,780.00
Hall Hire		24,652.90		24,652.90	3,972.00
Sponsor		3,590.00		3,590.00	4,040.00
Total Income		109,291.63	81,104.73	190,396.36	62,555.92
Expenditure					
Transfer to capital for hub building				-	-
Table Tennis Table from c/f reserves				-	-
Transfer to capital for Community Hall		69,173.08	12,672.40	81,845.48	39,576.73
Staffing Costs		2,356.06	28,666.13	31,022.19	11,517.75
Events		9,317.58	503.58	9,821.16	2,580.51
Utilities		8,719.57	-	8,719.57	5,682.56
Business Insurance		6,705.51	-	6,705.51	9,919.61
Finance Cost		-	-	-	-
Equipment		9,535.44	3,296.34	12,831.78	10,794.87
Professional fees		2,777.35	-	2,777.35	11,414.91
Software Costs		-	-	-	1,171.88
General Expenses		8,342.33	10,919.63	19,261.96	6,935.68
Transportation		4,832.10	-	4,832.10	872.53
Maintenance		11,777.50	-	11,777.50	2,706.60
Total Expenditure		133,536.52	56,058.08	189,594.60	103,173.63
Net inc/(exp) for year	2	(24,244.89)	25,046.65	801.76	(40,617.71)
Net movement in funds		(24,244.89)	25,046.65	801.76	(40,617.71)
Funds brought forward		1,636.42	49,391.10	51,027.52	91,832.23
Funds carried forward	3	(22,608.47)	74,437.75	**51,829.28**	51,214.52

Total Debtors	4,370.63	Restricted	38,194.42
Total Bank Accounts	47,458.65	Unrestricted	13,634.86
Total Asset Balance	**51,829.28**		**51,829.28**

Note 1
See Detailed Notes on page 15 for full breakdown of income and expenditure.

Note 2
Net inc/(exp) for year is detailed in the Detailed Notes on page 15.

Note 3
Restricted and Unrestricted balances at year end are broken down in the Detailed Notes, page 15.

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Statement of Balances as at 31st January 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets	4		
Hub Building		304,845.34	304,845.34
Land		119,114.00	115,000.00
Nursery building		162,411.95	162,411.95
Mini bus		50,000.00	50,000.00
Braes HS Indoor Nets		8,558.40	-
Community Hall		575,555.32	486,382.24
		1,220,485.01	1,118,639.53
Current Assets			
Debtors		4,370.63	800.00
Cash at bank and in hand		47,458.65	50,227.52
		51,829.28	51,027.52
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year		20,000.00	-
Net Current Assets		1,252,314.29	1,169,667.05
Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		1,252,314.29	1,169,667.05
Funds			
Restricted Funds			
Restricted Funds		74,437.75	49,391.10
Mini bus		50,000.00	50,000.00
Community Hall		453,293.24	453,293.24
Braes HS Indoor Nets		8,558.40	-
Hub Building		270,045.73	270,045.73
		856,335.12	822,730.07
Unrestricted Funds			
General funds			
Designated funds		(22,608.47)	1,636.42
Designated funds- Community Hall		102,262.08	33,089.00
Land		119,114.00	115,000.00
Nursery building		162,411.95	162,411.95
Hub Building		34,799.61	34,799.61
		395,979.17	346,936.98
Total Funds		1,252,314.29	1,169,667.05

Note 4

Fixed Asset movements are broken down in the Detailed Fixed Assets Notes on page 16.

		Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds
Opening Balance as at 1st February 2025		1,636.42	**Opening Balance as at 1st February 2025**		43,391.10
Income			**Income**		
Sponsor Sign	1,880.00		CVS FALKIRK AND DI CMHWB	9,850.00	
Sponsor Sign Printing	160.00		FALKIRK COUN PL FALKIRK C	13,610.00	
Clothing Sponsorship	1,450.00		Lottery Emp Year 3	26,923.40	
Equipment Sponsorship	100.00		Aldi Women & Girls	1,000.00	
Hall Hire	24,652.90		FOUNDATION SCOTLAND	3,858.08	
Unrestricted Funding	750.00		Landfill	6,205.46	
Other income	22,034.75		EAST OF SCOTLAND ASSOCIATION	821.79	
Rental Income	42,778.00		Cricket Forth Valley	7,232.00	
Membership Income	12,292.05		SPORTSCOTLAND	11,604.00	
Donations	2,011.95				
Gift Aid	14.99				
Lottery Income	704.33				
Bank Interest	462.66				
		109,291.63			81,104.73
Expenditure					
Employee Wages and Salaries	(2,356.06)		Employee Wages and Salaries	(24,389.06)	
Water Rates	(3,070.70)		Employers NI	(46.04)	
Premises Insurance	(6,705.51)		Employer's Pension	(849.32)	
Electricity	(5,648.87)		Other Deductions	(2,567.65)	
Vehicle Fuel	(1,164.09)		Travelling	(814.06)	
Vehicle Repair and Servicing	(956.33)		Entertainment	(503.58)	
Vehicle Insurance	(2,128.50)		Mobile Charges	(779.88)	
Miscellaneous Vehicle Expenses	(583.18)		Equipment	(2,516.46)	
Catering	(170.00)		Building Works	(4,576.80)	
Entertainment	(4,854.63)		Groundworks	(230.10)	
Subsistence	(13.50)		Miscellaneous Expenses	(6,112.73)	
Printing	(320.00)		Transfer to capital for Community Hall	(12,672.40)	
Office Stationery	(189.28)				
Internet Charges	(402.96)				
Computer & Software	(2,180.24)				
Office Equipment	(814.18)				
IT Equipment	(469.99)				
Legal Fees	(2,187.40)				
Consultancy & Professional Fees	(509.99)				
Equipment Hire	(2,306.40)				
Equipment	(720.17)				
Cricket Equipment	(2,641.50)				
Teas	(1,398.95)				
Security	(4,158.51)				
Building Works	(131.42)				
Groundworks	(2,154.00)				
Hall Hire	(2,574.00)				
Coaching Exp	(470.00)				
Ground Maintenance	(8,832.04)				
Cleaning	(2,945.46)				
Miscellaneous Expenses	(901.16)				
Subscriptions	(79.96)				
Clothing Costs	(324.46)				
Transfer to capital for Community Hall	(69,173.08)				
		(133,536.52) -	24,244.89		(56,058.08) 25,046.65
Closing Balance as at 31st January 2026		(22,608.47)	**Closing Balance as at 31st January 2026**		74,437.75
BCH Reserve as per reserve policy	2,000.00		Lottery - Comm Hub Officer	10,212.25	
BCH unrestricted balance	(24,608.47)		BCSH	2,516.97	
			Archery Deposit	200.00	
			Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2024	5,993.31	
			Integration Plan Grant Funding	1,307.31	
			Aldi - Scottish Sports Fund	33.20	
			Foundation Scotland	1,393.78	
			ESCA Women & Girls Funding	57.66	
			Community Coach - CFV	4,875.94	
			Community Coach - sportscotland	11,604.00	
				38,194.42	

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Detailed Fixed Asset Notes for the year ending 31st January 2026

		Fixed Assets
Opening Balance as at 1st February 2025		1,118,640
Land - Transfer from WRCC	4,114	
Braes High School Indoor Nets	8,558	
Community Hall	89,173	
		101,845
Closing Balance as at 31st January 2026		1,220,485

Examiner's Report to the Trustees of BCH SCIO

I report on the accounts of Bailliefields Community Hub for the year 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026 which are set out on pages 13, 14, 15 and 16.

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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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.

Signed: *Melanie Barnes* **Date:** 30/10/26

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