BECYCLE Workshop

Annual Report

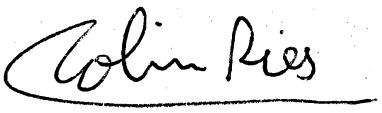
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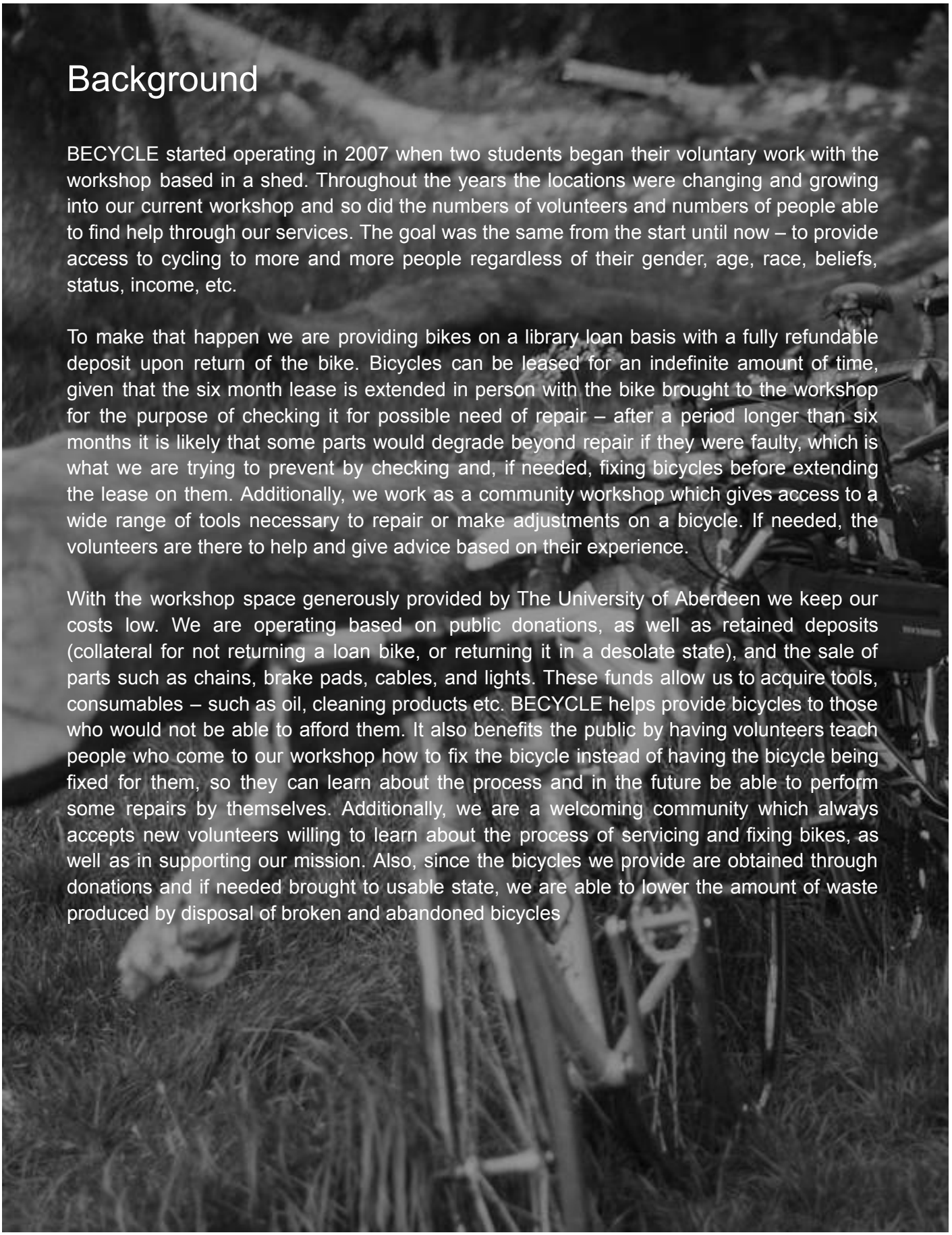
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Trustee Signatories

On behalf of the Board of Trustees this Annual Report and its contents are presented by…

Colin Ries	
Andrew Wilson	
Joseph Souter	
Alistair Kevan	



Background

BECYCLE started operating in 2007 when two students began their voluntary work with the workshop based in a shed. Throughout the years the locations were changing and growing into our current workshop and so did the numbers of volunteers and numbers of people able to find help through our services. The goal was the same from the start until now – to provide access to cycling to more and more people regardless of their gender, age, race, beliefs, status, income, etc.

To make that happen we are providing bikes on a library loan basis with a fully refundable deposit upon return of the bike. Bicycles can be leased for an indefinite amount of time, given that the six month lease is extended in person with the bike brought to the workshop for the purpose of checking it for possible need of repair – after a period longer than six months it is likely that some parts would degrade beyond repair if they were faulty, which is what we are trying to prevent by checking and, if needed, fixing bicycles before extending the lease on them. Additionally, we work as a community workshop which gives access to a wide range of tools necessary to repair or make adjustments on a bicycle. If needed, the volunteers are there to help and give advice based on their experience.

With the workshop space generously provided by The University of Aberdeen we keep our costs low. We are operating based on public donations, as well as retained deposits (collateral for not returning a loan bike, or returning it in a desolate state), and the sale of parts such as chains, brake pads, cables, and lights. These funds allow us to acquire tools, consumables – such as oil, cleaning products etc. BECYCLE helps provide bicycles to those who would not be able to afford them. It also benefits the public by having volunteers teach people who come to our workshop how to fix the bicycle instead of having the bicycle being fixed for them, so they can learn about the process and in the future be able to perform some repairs by themselves. Additionally, we are a welcoming community which always accepts new volunteers willing to learn about the process of servicing and fixing bikes, as well as in supporting our mission. Also, since the bicycles we provide are obtained through donations and if needed brought to usable state, we are able to lower the amount of waste produced by disposal of broken and abandoned bicycles

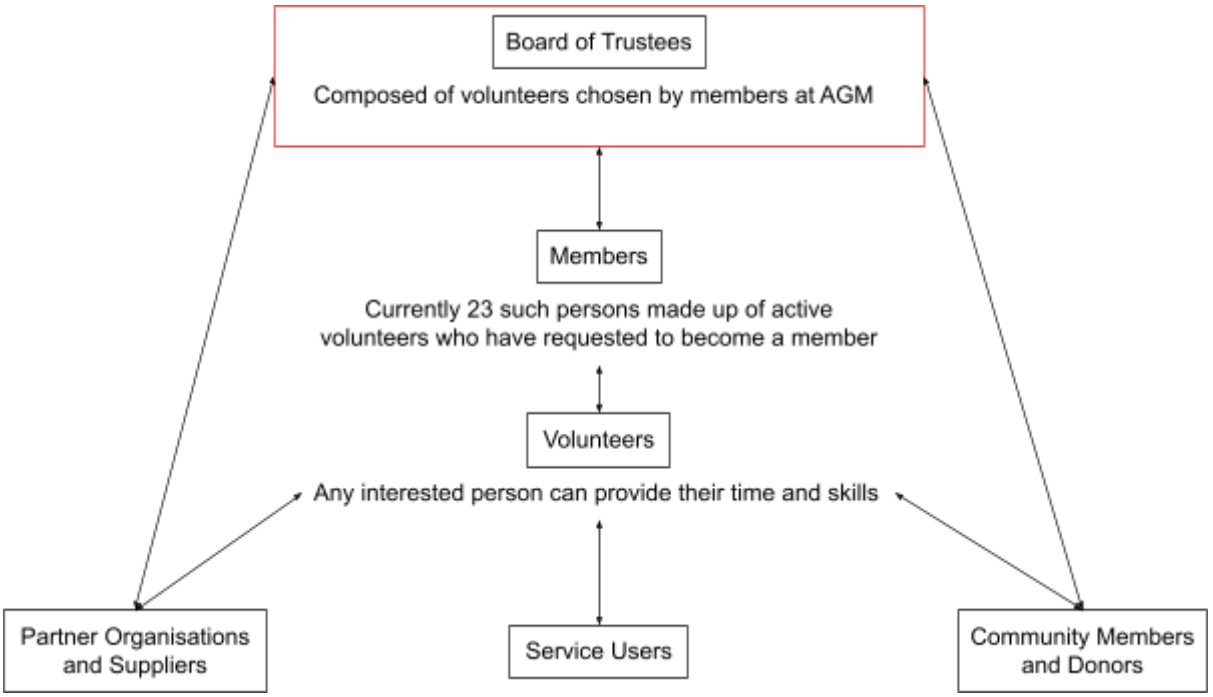
Structure, Governance and Management

Legal Form and Governing Document

As of April 2024, BECYCLE Workshop is a SCIO - Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration SC053291.

BECYCLE is governed by its Constitution (Appendix A), which sets out the purpose, structure and operations of the organisation.

Organisational Structure



Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Appendix A holds further information on the election, role and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees (from Article 57 up to Article 72).

Meet the Board

Alistair Kevan



Hello, my name is Alistair, and I'm a Trustee. 25/26 was a year where BECYCLE was able to stride into projects with good momentum from the previous year. Scott's effort in providing new bicycles to children with grant funding last year lead into us getting the Just Transition grant, which allowed us to replace lots of tools, get new stands and toolboxes for the workshop, and 20 new holotech bottom bracket tools. Determining the best tools to serve Becycle and acquiring a few other helpful bits of equipment was a team effort. The Thursday chill sessions have kept doing good things, and more recently accommodated a block of specific training for new volunteers starting in welcome week. This served to give volunteers blocked off time to strip bikes and learn the basic skills to fix bikes. With around 10 new volunteers joining for these sessions, it definitely seems worth doing again next year.



Alexander Scott

I'm Alex, I've been involved with BECYCLE for almost a decade. It's been great to see how much we've developed over that time. I've always tried to keep the workshop running smoothly for our entire community to enjoy. When we registered as a charity I became a trustee to help continue BECYCLE's mission as a community bike collective.

Colin Ries



Hi, I'm Colin and have been a volunteer since mid 2021. Along with Alex, Alistair, and Scott, I was part of the crew that took over key responsibilities after several very experienced volunteers left in late 2021. We seized the opportunity to make some big changes, such as taking card payments, switching to digital contract recording, and registering as an official charity. Today, as well as fixing bikes and overseeing other volunteers, I'm also the

treasurer, software engineer and system admin behind our very own management software, the BECYCLE Management Experience (BMX).

Joseph Souter

Hello, I'm Joseph, and I became a trustee during the 2024/25 financial year. I have been volunteering as a mechanic at the workshop since May 2023 and decided to become a trustee to take a more active role in managing the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the workshop thriving.





Scott Goodall

Hello - I'm Scott, and I've been a volunteer at BECYCLE for about 4 years I think? Time flies when you're fixing bikes… These days you'll find me behind a keyboard or at some important meeting rather than getting my hands dirty at the workshop. It's not pretty, but someone has to do it! It's easy to forget just how far along the workshop has come in the past couple of years to require someone to pour most of their effort into admin and paperwork. But don't worry about me too much, I've got plenty of insane side projects to keep me going…

How the Board Operates

Trustees meet on a regular basis both in person and virtually to manage charity governance. Minutes of trustee meetings are recorded, and distributed to all members of the charity to ensure full transparency.

All online trustee discussion happens via a dedicated Discord channel, allowing messages and communications to be stored for posterity.

Trustees are elected to the board by members of the charity at the AGM, and may be made up of volunteers, or members of the wider community with an interest in the success and long term future of the charity.

List of Trustees

Presented below is a list of trustees from the start of the report period up until its signing

Name	Appointment Details
Alex Scott	17th April 2024 - Present
Scott Goodall	17th April 2024 - 27th May 2026
Colin Ries	17th April 2024 - Present
Alister Kevan	17th April 2024 - Present
Joseph Souter	21st May 2025 - Present
Jagoda Grochowska	17th April 2024 - 21st May 2025
Andrew Wilson	27th May 2026 - Present
Ewan Kellie	27th May 2026 - Present
Elliott Martens	27th May 2026 - Present

Objectives and Activities

Core Aims & Purposes

BECYCLE helps cyclists and prospective cyclists who need affordable bicycles and bike maintenance services through providing bicycles and a space equipped with tools and volunteers' support and expertise. Our program operates fully on donations, including the bicycles - and when they are brought in a state that is not suitable for riding, they are serviced with help of a volunteer and the person who came to our workshop to find a bicycle to loan.

Per "Constitution of BECYCLE Workshop SCIO (SC053291) v1.2 2024/25" (Appendix A), our core purposes are as follows.

4. The organisation's purposes are the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, and in furtherance of this by;

4.1 Encouraging cycling as a mode of healthy, sustainable transport

4.2 Operating a free bicycle workshop, where community members can learn about bicycle repairs and maintenance

4.3 Providing a bicycle library with free limited loans of bicycles

4.4 Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve the purposes

Activities & Operations

The following sections provide detail on the day to day operations of the charity in order to fulfill our core purposes.

Bicycles on Deposit



One of BECYCLE's core activities is the provision of bicycles to the community on an affordable refundable deposit basis - effectively providing a bicycle lending library facility.

Bicycles provide a faster way of commuting that does not require high cost maintenance and regular high cost consumables - such as fuel for a car or a ticket for bus / train. They are also relatively easy to store and navigate around the city. Additionally, commuting by bicycle provides health benefits and can even shorten commutes around the city. It also allows people to find new opportunities

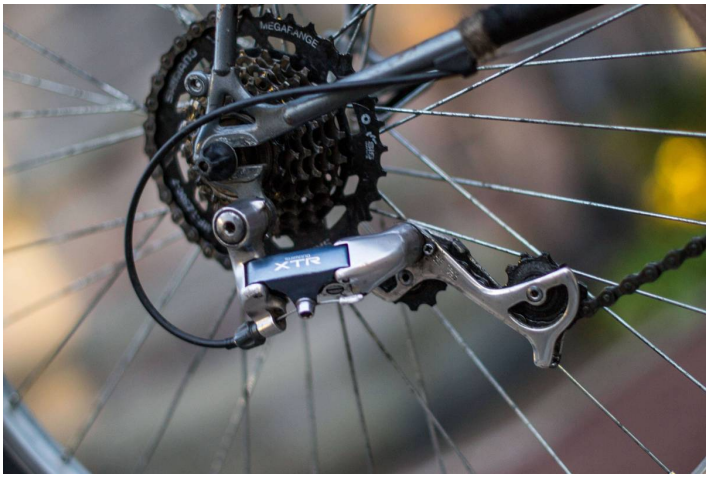
and sources of income, like through bike deliveries, bike tour guides etc. Yet another benefit from putting more people on bikes is the decrease in carbon footprint, thanks to replacing motorised commutes.

However, access to quality bicycles, and maintenance services can often be expensive, potentially putting this fantastic mode of transport out of reach for many in the community. BECYCLE's bicycle deposit scheme aims to solve this problem by providing a means to access bicycles without the financial burden of purchasing a bike.



Our program also helps with fighting extra waste by bringing as many bikes as we can successfully service to usable condition, or dismantling and reusing or recycling their parts, depending on their condition. Donated bikes, which would otherwise be designated as waste, end up back on the roads serving someone as a reliable tool.

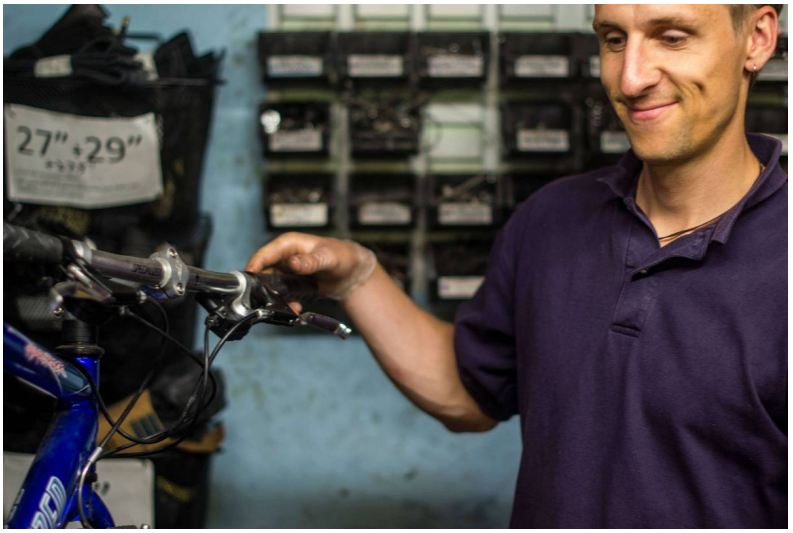
Community Bicycle Workshop Space



BECYCLE is based in an urban environment, with many of the surrounding community living in apartments and flats. Having the space, tools, and equipment required to service a bicycle at home can often be a challenge for many people. Additionally, whilst bicycle maintenance is not rocket science, individuals can often be daunted by the prospect of repairing their own bike and unsure of which tools and skills might be required. Finally, quality bicycle repair tools are expensive, and oftentimes it doesn't make economic sense for individuals to purchase all of the tools and equipment required to service their bike at home.

BECYCLE's community workshop space is a fully equipped bicycle maintenance workshop space, with repair stands, an extensive stock of high quality tools (including specialist tools), and a large stock of new and second-hand components available to purchase. BECYCLE volunteers are on-hand at all times to offer advice, assistance with repairs, and training on specific maintenance procedures or tool use. The workshop space is open to all members of the community who wish to participate in repairing their own bicycle, bookable via an appointment system. Members of the community are welcome to use the space independently during opening hours if competent and safe to use the tools, or to work with our skilled volunteers to complete the repair.

BECYCLE aims to empower members of the public with the skills and knowledge which they need to be able to maintain and service bicycles safely. We encourage members of the public to take an active role in repairs when they come to the workshop, and aim to provide a friendly and welcoming space where people are comfortable asking questions and able to develop confidence in their abilities.



Free Bicycles for Children



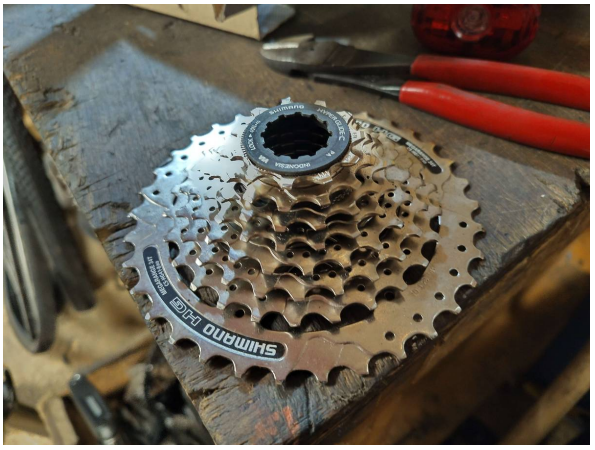
Any child or teenager under 18 years of age can receive a bicycle at no cost and without the need for a deposit. We encourage the return or exchange of a bicycle for a bigger/right size one once the child outgrows the bike. With this project we want to keep the working bikes in circulation to be able to provide bicycles for children throughout their childhood, without the need to pay for a new bike every time they outgrow their old bike. At the same time, since the bikes are reused and if needed repaired, it lowers the chances of those bikes being thrown away and creating unnecessary waste.

Discounted Bicycle Deposits for Asylum Seekers and Refugees



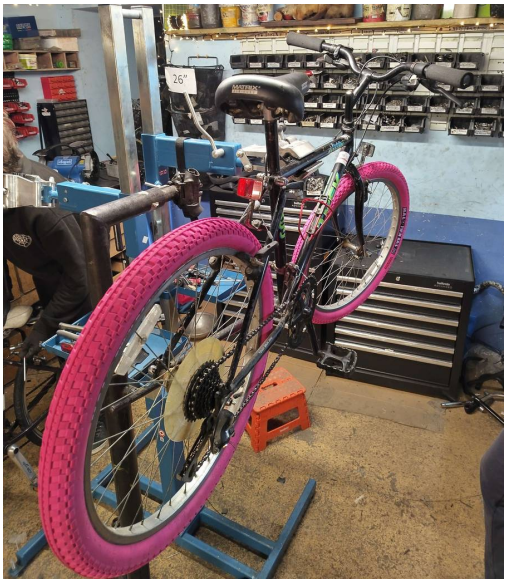
If a person has proof of being an asylum seeker or their refugee status, we provide the regular bicycle on deposit service to them on a discount to make it more accessible to people who might have less resources upon arriving in a new place. A bicycle provides them with an independent, faster means of transportation. As well as allows them to reach more opportunities even such as work or study which may require them to have their own form of transportation.

Bicycle Recycling & Parts Recovery



Through BECYCLE's longstanding reputation in our community, we are privileged to be able to accept regular donations of unwanted bicycles and components from members of the public. When a bicycle is donated to BECYCLE, it is initially assessed for suitability to be used as part of our lending scheme. If safe and repairable, then it will be brought back to a roadworthy standard in collaboration between the lendee, and our volunteers, and will go on to have a second life as part of the rental fleet.

If deemed to be unrepairable, then the bicycle will be dismantled and as many usable parts as possible recovered and put into our stock. These parts will then go on to be used to repair bikes in the rental fleet, or be provided to members of the community using our facilities to repair their own bikes. Any remaining components will then be responsibly disposed of via local recycling partners.



These activities actively save many usable bikes from going into landfill, and provide us with a stock of parts which we can then use to repair many more bikes, contributing to the local circular economy. BECYCLE has gained a local reputation as the place to go when looking to repair vintage and unusual bikes which are unable to be repaired elsewhere, or when looking for specific, hard to source, or unusual components for a project bike!

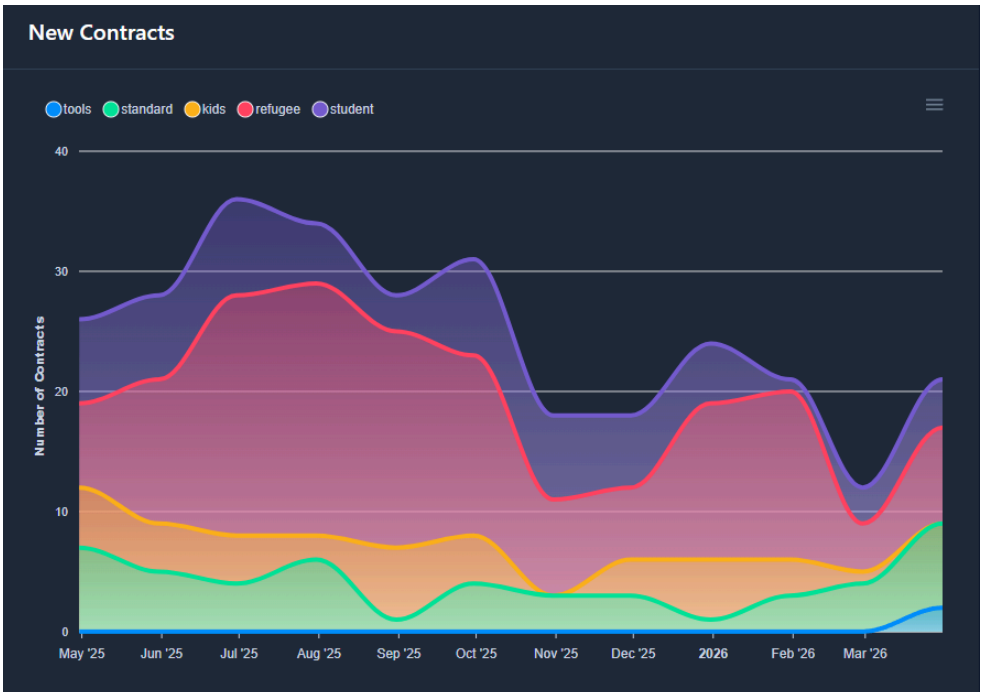
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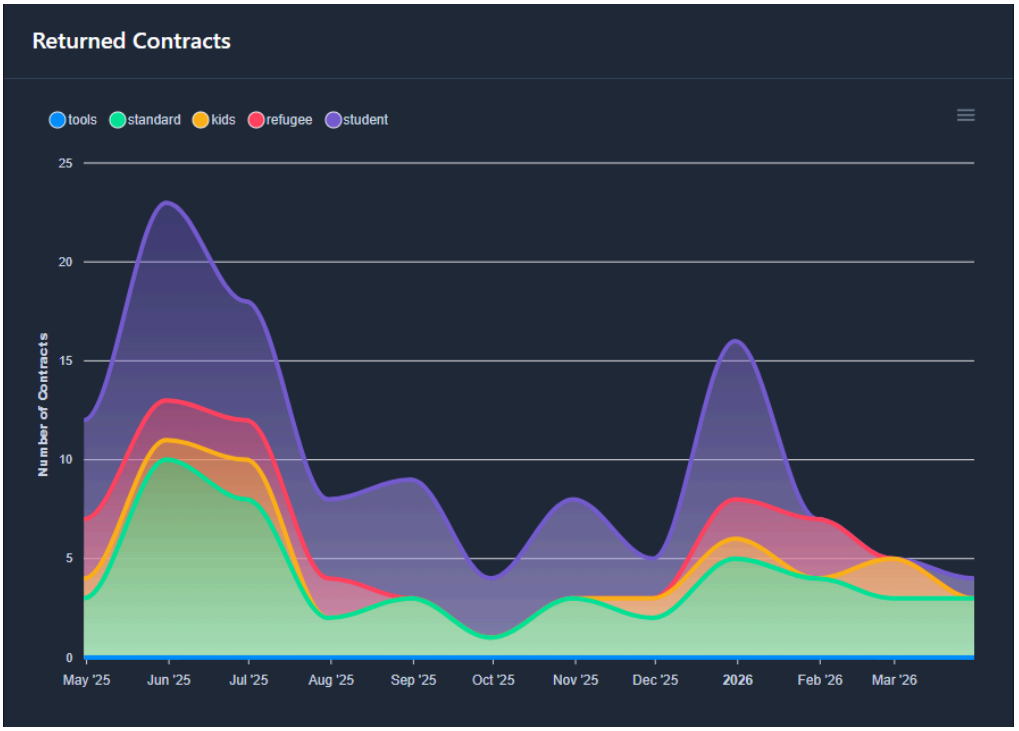
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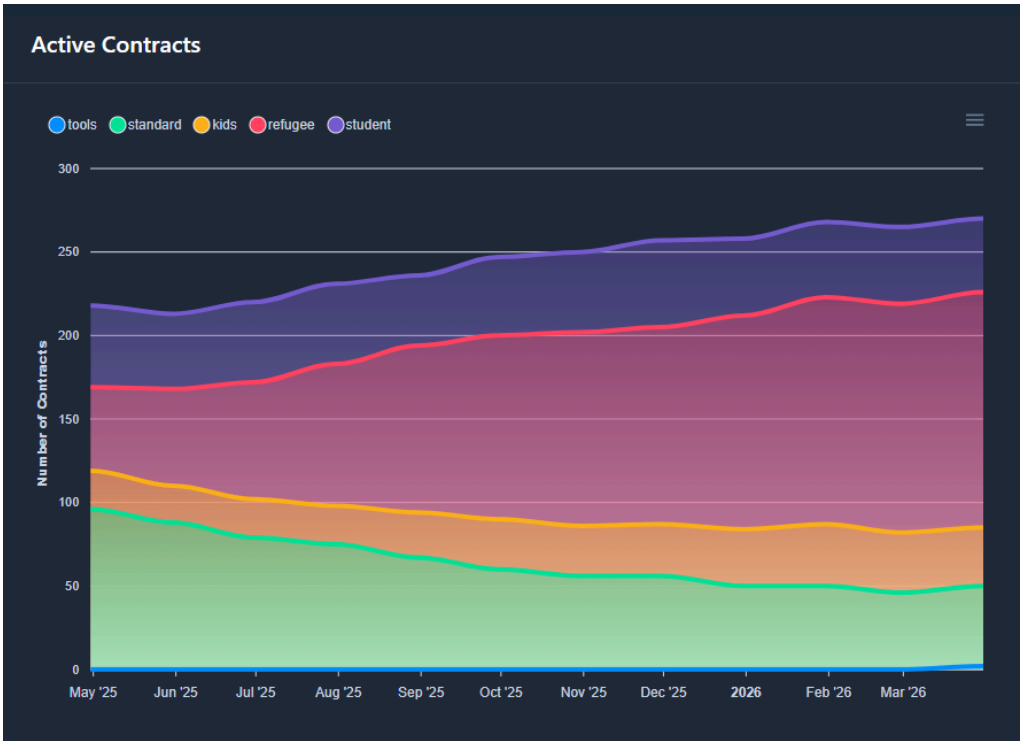
Through our BMX software platform, we are able to track many key statistics about the operations of the workshop. This section describes some of these key numbers in detail.

Over this year, we opened our workshop to the public **156 times**, lent out **295 bikes**, and held **800 appointments**. As a wholly volunteer staffed workshop, we are very proud of these numbers!

The following graphs and statistics provide a detailed overview of the operations of the workshop over this financial year.




Returned Contracts
tools
standard
kids
refugee
student
Number of Contracts
25
20
15
10
5
0
May '25
Jun '25
Jul '25
Aug '25
Sep '25
Oct '25
Nov '25
Dec '25
2026
Feb '26
Mar '26


Active Contracts
tools
standard
kids
refugee
student
Number of Contracts
300
250
200
150
100
50
0
May '25
Jun '25
Jul '25
Aug '25
Sep '25
Oct '25
Nov '25
Dec '25
2026
Feb '26
Mar '26

Total Monthly Volumes

The number of appointments is based on booked/confirmed appointments, and does not include cancelled or rejected booking requests. Due to limited access to a computer during operations, appointment attendance was not recorded. However, in those cases we tend to cater to walk-ins without appointment, so we believe these are decently accurate numbers for how many bikes were serviced. The contract numbers are pulled directly from the database and represent actual rentals that were done or returned, so we are highly confident in their accuracy.

	2024/25*			2025/26		
	Appointments	**Bike Loans**	**Bike Loan Returns**	**Appointments**	**Bike Loans**	**Bike Loan Returns**
Apr	52	23	12	57	26	12
May	76	27	20	75	28	23
Jun	57	21	15	70	36	18
Jul	68	31	16	74	34	8
Aug	48	22	14	77	28	9
Sep	76	34	5	74	31	4
Oct	72	22	18	85	18	8
Nov	56	14	14	57	18	5
Dec	22	14	10	49	24	16
Jan	51	23	10	60	21	7
Feb	40	20	6	55	12	5
Mar	63	26	12	67	19	4
Total	**681**	**277**	**152**	**800**	**295**	**119**

*Due to initial confusion around the correct time period to be covered, the numbers presented in last year's report are not quite right. The 2024/25 period numbers have been calculated again for this report. The same inaccuracy does not apply to the accounts and balances, as those were caught by the independent examiner and corrected before submission.

Events & Activities

As a community organisation, BECYCLE takes an active role in contributing to local events aligned with the core purposes of the charity, alongside running our own events aimed at our volunteer base, and wider workshop user community. Some of the events which we have contributed to are described below.

Envirolution Aberdeen 2025

Building upon our appearance at the first ever Envirolution festival in 2024, we ran a stall at the event in September 2025. Volunteers were on hand all day with tools, stands, and oil-cans ready to assist festival attendees with any bike maintenance needs. This event also offered excellent publicity for the workshop, and introduced many members of the public to BECYCLE for the first time. It's been encouraging to be part of this growing local festival.





Freshers Fayre 2025

As BECYCLE is based on the University of Aberdeen's Old Aberdeen campus, we make every attempt to attend both traditional Fresher's Fayre but also the Alternative Freshers events dotted throughout the year. These events are always a good opportunity to spread the word about what we do and entice either new service users or new volunteers - almost all of us started off as students at RGU or UoA at one point or another…

Volunteering Fayre 2026

Volunteers had the opportunity to attend the University of Aberdeen's Volunteering Fayre in February 2026. This was an exciting event, bringing together representatives from a wide range of voluntary and third sector organisations across the city. This was an excellent chance to introduce BECYCLE to prospective volunteers, and make connections with similar local organisations.





Volunteer of the Year 2025

Volunteers choose to spend their time at BECYCLE for many reasons. For some, being able to give back to the local community is their main driving force, for others it's the opportunity to learn bike maintenance skills. BECYCLE is immensely grateful for the time, effort, and skills that our volunteers dedicate to keeping the workshop running successfully. In 2025 we started a Volunteer of the Year Award, with voting open to all members. The winner received an upcycled trophy in recognition of their dedication to the workshop. We hope to continue running this initiative alongside others to help foster an already incredibly positive culture of volunteering at the workshop!
This year, volunteers voted for Colin as Volunteer of the year, noting the hard work he's put into the BMX software, and the benefit this has had on helping other volunteers organise appointments and money.

Collaborations & Partnerships

Over the years BECYCLE Workshop has been involved in numerous partnership collaborations at all levels of public influence; from a supplier to the SPECTRA Light Festival to being SUSTRANS centrepiece presentation during the Cycling and Walking Index. Assisting Camphill Schools Association, Fersands, Sport Aberdeen, Aberdeen INspired and Aberdeen City Council in various projects, as well as being a founding member of the local strategy committee, Aberdeen City Cycling Development Group. Additionally, through BECYCLE's extensive network of current and former volunteers, we offer support to partner organisations outside our local community.

Harlaw Academy

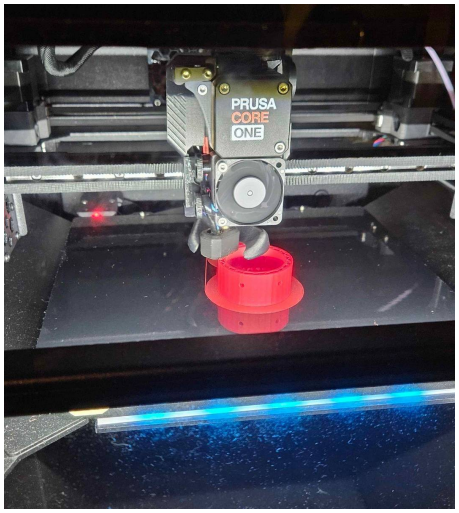
We were approached by a member of staff at Harlaw Academy to supply them with some retired tools for an ongoing project. Over time, this evolved into a deeper partnership, eventually leading to BECYCLE procuring quality tools on behalf of the school through our established supply lines.

NESCAN Just Transition Participatory Budget Funding Grant

BECYCLE Workshop had the honour of receiving £31,982 of grant funding from the Just Transition Participatory Budget fund, administered via NESCAN. This grant was specifically ring-fenced for the purpose of upgrading the tools & equipment essential to the running of the workshop. This allowed us to completely refresh and upgrade our toolsets, improving the quality of the existing services which we can offer. Additionally, the grant allowed us to purchase specialist equipment to expand the services which we can offer to the community.

The primary objective of the JTPBF grant was a much needed refresh of our primary toolsets. With BECYCLE being a heavy usage environment, many of our tools had come to the end of their useful life. Through receipt of this grant, we were able to purchase new, high quality tools for each workstation, helping to ensure that maintenance operations take place safely and efficiently. Existing tools deemed to be safe and usable were donated to the partner organisation Belfast Cycle Cooperative, helping to reduce waste and contribute tbo the circular economy.





In addition to the tools required for the day to day operation of the workshop, we were able to invest in new equipment to allow us to expand our offering to the community. Through the purchase of a 3D printer and associated tools, we are now able to manufacture custom parts and tools to aid in complex repairs, alongside fixtures and fittings for the workshop. Through the purchase of an air compressor, we have opened up the possibility of offering more specialist services to the community, such as bicycle frame re-spraying.



New Initiatives

Belfast Cycle Co-op Partnership & Software Support

One of our previous volunteers moved to Belfast and set up a similar organisation, Belfast Cycle Cooperative. In order to support them getting up and running, we donated them old/used tools that we replaced with new ones. A second, separate website has also been set up using the same BMX software that we use.







Scotsman in Australia

Towards the end of the period, Scott started planning his permanent relocation to Australia. Knowing that he wanted to take the ideology of BECYCLE with him, he bought a travel toolbox through our supply channels. He is now finding his footing in Australia, building ties with various local organisations and outlets that share our vision.

Financial Review

Reserves

Before presenting the Receipts and Payments accounts for BECYCLE Workshop, a quick word on Reserves. Whilst there has been no formal adoption of a “Reserves Policy”, mostly due to our strong position in terms of traditionally major outgoings (£0 p/a in building rent and £0 p/a in energy costs), the Board considers three ranges in its financial conduct. A general aim to float a balance of around £20,000 or thereabouts. Content to dip down to roughly £15,000 post major project or multiple smaller ones. With a strategic stop and recalibration at £10,000 - this number we feel is the minimum ‘rainy day’ reserve required to fund the workshop and its operations, in an emergency situation and for at least 6 months.

As such, along with careful planning and low expenditure, this means that BECYCLE Workshop SCIO operates close to break-even point.

Statement of Receipts and Payments

As BECYCLE Workshop SCIO is a registered charity with a gross income of less than £250,000 per annum and is not a Registered Society or Community Benefit Society, the Board of Trustees feels justified in presenting accounts utilising the simplified Receipts and Payments methodology.

Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
Donations	6,477.65	0	0	0	6,477.65	9,920.15
Legacy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	31,982	0	0	31,982	18,415
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Trading Receipts	1,424.02	0	0	0	1,424.02	278.08
Income from Investments (other than land and buildings)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rent from Lands and Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Receipts from Other Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Returns of unused advances and cancelled order items	484.67	81	0	0	565.67	0
A1 Subtotal	8,386.34	32,063	0	0	40,449.34	28,613.23

Receipts from Asset and Investment Sales

Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
A2 Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	8,386.34	32,063	0	0	40,449.34	28,613.23

Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross trading payments	977.87	0	0	0	977.87	0.08
Investment management costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,186.89	0	0	0	5,186.89	23,568.50
Grants and donations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Governance costs:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit / independent examination*	2,100	0	0	0	2,100	0
Preparation of annual accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
A3 Subtotal	8,264.76	0	0	0	8,264.76	23,568.58

Payments relating to Asset and Investment Movements

Purchases of fixed assets	538.20	32,067.23	0	0	32,605.43	1001.20
Purchase of investments	0	0	0	0	0	x
A4 Subtotal	538.20	32,067.23	0	0	32,605.43	1001.20
Total payments	8,802.96	32,067.23	0	0	40,870.19	24,569.78
Net receipts / (payments)	-416.62	-4.23	0	0	-420.85	4,043.45

Transfers

To / From Funds	-4.23	4.23	0	0	0	0
Surplus / Deficit for the Year	-420.85	0	0	0	-420.85	4,043.45
	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Expendable Endowment Funds**	**Permanent Endowment Funds**	**Total Funds (Current Period)**	**Total Funds (Last Period)**

Statement of Balances

BECYCLE Workshop maintains a low interest bank account with Bank of Scotland (Community Account) with an annual interest of 0%. For convenience, it is registered to Trustee Colin Ries's home address as our workshop has no means of receiving mail and the provider requires matching addresses for security reasons.

Cash Funds

Details	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
Cash and bank balances at start of year	20,597.24	0	0	0	20,597.24	16,553.79
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	-420.85	0	0	0	-420.85	4,043.45
Cash and bank balances at end of year	20,176.39	0	0	0	20,176.39	20,597.24

Held at	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
Bank	16,861.53	0	0	0	16,861.53	18,208.46
PayPal	403.70	0	0	0	403.70	204.26
Expired Cash Deposits	1,855.00	0	0	0	1,855.00	1,260.00
Cash Donations	1,031.81	0	0	0	1,031.81	924.52
Ebay	24.35	0	0	0	24.35	0
Total	20,176.39	0	0	0	20,176.39	20,597.24

Investments

Details	Fund to which Asset Belongs	Market Valuation to Nearest £	Last Year to Nearest £
n/a	n/a	0	0
	Total	0	0

Other Assets

Details	Fund to which Asset Belongs	Cost to the Nearest £	Current Value to Nearest £	Last Year to Nearest £
Furniture and Fittings	Unrestricted	0	5,000	5,000
Tools	Unrestricted	0	39,004	8,128
Staff and Project Bikes	Unrestricted	0	8,000	6,000
Secondhand Parts	Unrestricted	0	12,569	13,386
New Parts	Unrestricted	0	1,265	1,624
Bikes	Unrestricted	0	12,320	7,080
Debtors	Unrestricted	0	958.44	0
Cash and Cash Equivalent	Unrestricted	0	3,170	4,320
	Total	0	82,286.44	45,538

Liabilities

Details	Fund to which Liability Relates	Amount due to the Nearest £	Last Year to Nearest £
Becoming Due and Payable	Bike Loan Deposits	3,170	4,320
	Total	3,170	4,320

Contingent Liabilities

Details	Fund to which Liability Relates	Amount due to the Nearest £	Last Year to Nearest £
		0	0
	Total	0	0

Notes to the Accounts

The Nature and Purpose of Funds

BECYCLE Workshop is in a very privileged position in many ways, particularly with regard to traditional outgoings that hinder other charities from effectively achieving their purposes. No volunteer has, nor will ever, be paid for doing anything on behalf of BECYCLE Workshop outside of repayment of related expenses - regardless of how large or small the charity becomes. This is a core tenet agreed amongst all members of the organisation from its earliest days. No remuneration is paid to the trustees.

As part of their role as a regular volunteer, some members (including trustees) regularly pay for items and services to be used by the charity such as tools, parts, and van rentals, etc. Reimbursements of this nature to trustees have been outlined below. On occasion, certain benefits are provided by a trustee's professional place of work - be it covering the cost of a First Aid course (£600 of £720 total) or borrowing a work van over the weekend if a rental is not available. No goods or services are chosen because of a connection to a charity trustee.

The charity pays nothing for the use of a University of Aberdeen owned property, nor does it pay any utility bills (outside the internet and phone bills). It is not possible to value the donation in kind from the University of Aberdeen.

BECYCLE holds no internal restricted funds - in that no amount of cash is ringfenced for a single purpose or project. The workshop received £31,982 worth of external restricted funds from NESCAN for the purpose of replacing worn tools and acquiring additional tools previously out of reach.

The workshop receives cash donations from the public if the service user wishes to make a contribution to the running costs of the organisation. In line with modernisation across industries, BECYCLE has begun a mixed approach in providing the original cash donation system (into a locked safe, recorded then deposited into the Bank Account) as well as digital donations via SumUp card reader and PayPal. The workshop has also sold various rare and special parts and bikes on the eBay auction platform via an official charity account to raise funds. These items are chosen to be sold due to the low chance that a bike repaired at the workshop would ever need it - i.e. an uncommon, usually vintage, part that only fits a tiny percentage of bikes is more useful to the workshop in its cash value. The trustees recognise that the cash donations and online sales aspect of the charity's operations is potentially open to abuse, and so are in the process of creating a more stringent oversight system.

Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Total	n/a

Trustee Remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x

Trustee Remuneration - Details

Authority under which paid	£
n/a	n/a

Trustee Expenses

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	

Trustee Expenses - Details

	Number of Trustees	£
Scott Goodall - Vans and Projects	1	469.77
Colin Ries - Internet and Phone Contract	1	1,052.06
Alistair Kevan - Tools and Parts	1	1,626.36
Alexander Scott - Tools and Parts	1	163.75
	Total	3,311.94

Transactions with Trustees and Connected Persons

Nature of Relationship	Nature of Transaction	Transaction Amount (£)	Balance Outstanding at Period End (£)
Departed Trustee	Travel box purchased through workshop to take to Australia	180.00	180.00

Generally, volunteers (be it Trustee or Member) will purchase items with their own money and be reimbursed after submitting expenses to the BMX online portal. Large projects are front end financed with purchasers given a float, remaining funds are then returned to BECYCLE Workshop.

Additional Analysis - Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £
Card Donations	1,801.40	0	0	0	1,801.40	985.06
Cash Donations deposited into Bank Account	0	0	0	0	0	6,546.31
Cash Donations in Safe	1,031.81	0	0	0	1,031.81	924.52
PayPal Donations	199.44	0	0	0	199.44	204.26
Expired Deposits	3,195	0	0	0	3,195	1,260
Cheques	250	0	0	0	250	0
Total	6,477.65	0	0	0	6,477.65	9,920

Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £
Just Transition Participatory Budgeting 2025	0	31,982	0	0	31,982	18,415
Total	0	31,982	0	0	31,982	18,415

Gross Receipts from Other Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Payments Relating Directly to Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds (Current Period)	Total Funds (Last Period)
	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £	To Nearest £
Consumables	1,325.94	0	0	0	1,325.94	938.63
Services	1,133.57	0	0	0	1,133.57	1,928.31
Comestibles	473.34	0	0	0	473.34	374.89
Transport	277.96	0	0	0	277.96	104.32
Merchandise	1,765.40	0	0	0	1,765.40	1,072.42
Mixed	0	0	0	0	0	18,855.93
Sub-contractor	0	0	0	0	0	294
Other	210.68	0	0	0	210.68	0
Total	5,186.89	0	0	0	5,186.89	23,569

No further analysis available due to lack of relevance. This concludes the financial reporting of BECYCLE Workshop for 2024/25.

BECYCLE Community Stories

To help us gauge the impact of our services on the local community, we gather quantitative data such as the number of bikes fixed and the number of bikes on loan. To supplement this data, and to help ensure that we're in step with the needs of our local community, we have been talking with community members who come into the workshop to understand their experience of Becycle and our facilities. We were especially interested to learn about community members' experience of using our upgraded tools, made possible by our JTPB grant.

Giada's Story



Becycle volunteer Joseph caught up with Giada during a Wednesday workshop session, when she brought her Becycle rental bike into the workshop for some new tyres and a check-over.

Joseph: What's your story? What brought you to Becycle?

Giada: Living in the city centre, I didn't want to rely on a car to be able to get around quickly, so I thought a bike would be a better option. I hadn't cycled since I was much younger, so I was nervous about spending a lot of money on a brand new bike. I thought that renting a bike would be a good entry point back into cycling, and came across Becycle. Having Becycle locally enabled me to get back on a bike really quickly without needing to spend too much money!

Joseph: What's your experience of your Becycle bike so far?

Giada: The bike has been great for getting around the city. I've enjoyed having the workshop nearby where I can drop by to ask questions about looking after the bike. It's peace of mind knowing that I can get the bike repaired quickly if I need to. It's nice to know that the bike is recycled and has been given a new lease of life, and can be fixed with recycled parts at the workshop.



Joseph: You've probably seen our new tools in the workshop today! What's your experience of using them to fix your bike?

Giada: I was able to change my tyres quickly today because there were plenty of spanners to go around. Previously, I've replaced the chain and the brake pads. The new tools will definitely help in future with maintenance.

Joseph: Would you recommend Becycle to a friend?

Giada: Yes, and I have already recommended Becycle to friends!

Feifan's Story



Feifan dropped by the Workshop on a Thursday session keen to learn about how to fix a bike. Soon set up with some PPE, tools, and helpful volunteers nearby, Feifan got started on a bike which he liked. BECYCLE Volunteer Alistair caught up with him during the process!

Alistair: What do you think of the new tool kits?

Feifan: It's great! It's my first time here at Becycle. I've never seen so many tools for fixing bikes in one set! It's good, I've enjoyed fixing a bike today.



Advitiya's Story

Alistair: How do you like the tools?

Advitiya: The new tools are good, it's great that it's an open workshop, and it's good that we can come, use the tools and fix our bikes. They're very organised, and it makes fixing bikes easy.

Alistair: What do you use your bike for?

Advitiya: I use it for everything, uni, work, college, I bring my bike wherever I go.

Alistair: If you couldn't fix your bike here, what would you do?

Advitiya: I don't know what I'd do. I couldn't afford to pay at a professional workshop, and I don't know of any other places where I could fix my bike like I can here.

End.

Appendices

These can be found within the wider Annual Report Folder or attached to any relevant email

Appendix A (Constitution)

Appendix B (Trustee Meeting)

Appendix C (Expenses and Revenues. The receiptId column at the end corresponds to files in Appendix E. This also contains the calculations for the tables above.)

Appendix D (Balance Sheet)

Appendix E (Receipts)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of BECYCLE Workshop SCIO
Scottish Charity Number SC053291

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Statement of Balances and the related notes.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 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 seeking 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

During 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: Ian Robertson

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