

BEDS FOR KIDS TRUST

Scottish Charity No. SC053860

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

Beds for Kids Trust (BFKT)

Annual Report

Period Covered: 16 December 2024 – 31 December 2025

Introduction

It is with pleasure that we present the first annual report of Beds for Kids Trust (BFKT), a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered on 16 December 2024. This report details our foundational activities and achievements during our first year of operation.

Purpose of the Organisation

BFKT's core mission is to alleviate financial hardship among individuals and families living or working in the Inverclyde area by providing essential goods and services that they could not otherwise afford. Our primary focus is on addressing child bed poverty through the provision of 'Bed Bundles' that include a bed, mattress, duvet, duvet cover, pillow, pillow slip, fitted sheet, and pyjamas. Our aim is to ensure that every child has access to a safe and comfortable sleeping environment, thereby supporting their health, well-being, and educational success.

Year in Review

2025 was dedicated to laying the groundwork for our charitable activities. Our focus was on establishing partnerships, gathering support, and raising awareness about the critical issue of child bed poverty.

Context and Rationale

Research such as Bernardo's report "No Crib for a Bed" (2023) highlights that approximately 1 in 20 children in the UK sleep on floors, in mouldy or broken beds, or share beds with others. These conditions have been recognized as a 'health condition,' adversely affecting children's concentration, emotional well-being, and overall development. The impact is particularly acute in areas of high deprivation.

Inspiration and Partnership

We drew inspiration from established initiatives such as Zarach in England, which partners with schools and pastoral teams across regions like West Yorkshire, Merseyside to distribute over 4,000 bed bundles annually. Recognizing similar needs in Inverclyde, Scotland, we are committed to addressing this hidden form of child poverty locally.

Local Context

Inverclyde's relative poverty rate stands at 22.4%, exceeding the Scottish national average of 21%. While the rate of absolute poverty has decreased slightly, it remains 1% above the national figure. Certain areas within Inverclyde are ranked among the most deprived in Scotland, underscoring the urgent need for interventions to support vulnerable children experiencing bed poverty.

Achievements and Support in 2025

- Foundation Building: We successfully established our organisation, developed operational plans, and began outreach to potential supporters and partners.
- Support for Women's Aid Inverclyde: In response to their needs, BFKT supplied bedding for their safe houses, ensuring that women and children in refuge had access to essential bedding items.
- Partnership with Tesco Port Glasgow: With their generous support, we supplied bedding for 11 double beds and 22 single beds, including quilts, pillows, sheets, quilt covers, and pillow slips. This replenished stocks ahead of the busy Christmas period, allowing Women's Aid Inverclyde to support families during a critical time.

Goals for 2026 and Future Directions

Building on our initial activities, our primary objectives for 2026 include:

- Expanding partnerships with social services, and other charities to facilitate referrals and outreach.
- Increasing our supporter base both financially and practically to sustain and grow our activities.
- Developing BFKT as a trusted resource in addressing bed poverty across Inverclyde and beyond.
- Launching targeted campaigns and initiatives to reach more children in need and ensure they have access to safe, comfortable beds.

Conclusion

2025 has been a year of foundational achievement for Beds for Kids Trust. We are committed to continuing our efforts to combat child bed poverty, improve the lives of vulnerable children, and build a network of supporters and partners. We look forward to a future where every child in Scotland can wake up feeling safe, happy, and ready to learn.

Business Notes:

Our communication channels were primarily through the charity's website www.bedsforkidstrust.co.uk

Our income from donations over the period from 16th December 2024 to 31st December 2025 was £3035. Our total payments amounted to £953 of which £868 was for charitable purposes. At the year end, the bank balance was £2082.89.

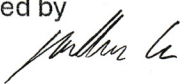
The Charity's trustees are Isobel Marshall (Chairperson). Pauline Ann Anderson (Founder and Secretary) and Howard Mole (Treasurer).

Requests for further information can be made be found on the charity's website www.bedsforkidstrust.co.uk

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

Approved by the Trustees on 12.7.26 and signed on their behalf by

Isobel Marshall Isobel Marshall, Chair of Trustees

Examined by  on 30/7/26

Receipts and Payments from registration to year ended 31st Dec. 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
DONATIONS RECEIVED	675	2360
VIRGIN MONEY CASH BACK	0	0
GIFT AID	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>675</u>	<u>2360</u>
 PAYMENTS		
Google Workspace	85	0
Website	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
	<u>85</u>	<u>0</u>
 Payments for charitable activities:		
Bedding	868	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
 <u>Expenses -</u>		
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
NA	0	0
Total payments for charitable activities	<u>868</u>	<u>0</u>
 Governance costs:		
Auditor	0	0
Total governance costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 Total payments	<u>953</u>	<u>0</u>
 Surplus / deficit for year	<u>(278)</u>	<u>2360</u>
 All funds are unrestricted		PTO

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Statement of Balances as at 31st December 2025

	2025	NA
	£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand:		
Opening Balances	2360.00	0.00
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	-277.91	2360.00
Closing Balance	<u>2082.09</u>	<u>2360.00</u>

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Isobel Marshall, Chair of Trustees Isobel Marshall

Examined by Pauline Le on 30/7/26

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

			2025	2024
	Fixed Assets		£	£
NA	0			
NA	<u>0</u>	Net Fixed Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			0	0

	<u>Current Assets</u>			
Bank			<u>2083</u>	<u>2360</u>
Net Assets			2083	2360

	<u>Financed By:</u>			
Cash at Bank			2083	2360
Cash in Hand			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>2083</u>	<u>2360</u>

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