BRIDGE OF ALLAN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the period

1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026

Scottish Charity Number SCO53038

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JANUARY 2026

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year to 31 January 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: Bridge of Allan Allotment Association

Charity Number: SCO53038

Principle Address:

3 Keir Street,

Bridge of Allan, FK9 4NW

Current Trustees:

John Boag	Chair (resigned 5 February 2026)
Jennifer Clarke	Secretary
James Mulholland	Treasurer (resigned 5 February 2026)
Ronald Don	Trustee
Monica Halcro	Treasurer (appointed 5 February 2026)
Phillippa Cochrane	Trustee (appointed 5 February 2026)

There were no other appointments or resignations in the period 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026.

Bank: Cooperative Bank

Independent Examiner: Gillian Pritchard

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FOR THE PERIOD 31 JANUARY 2025 TO 31 JANUARY 2026

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Bridge of Allan Allotment Association is a one tier Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO) registered with OSCR on 6 January 2024 and is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 4 December 2023.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity governance and strategic direction is overseen by a committee consisting of 6 members, 4 of whom are Trustees of the Charity, and an additional Trustee who is not a member of the committee.

The Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is held in February/March and in line with our constitution we can have up to nine committee members.

Aims and Commitments

The aims of the association are to encourage residents from Bridge of Allan and the surrounding area to promote community food growing and provide an opportunity for local youth and young children living locally or attending local schools and nurseries, to actively participate in horticultural activities.

Engage and where possible co-operate with other organisations to further the interests of allotment holders and / or community leisure gardeners.

The Association is committed to;

Supporting a culture of equality and respect for all involved in looking after the site, working the allotment plots or maintaining the community orchard space.

Promote and encourage environmental responsibility and ecologically sustainable practices wherever possible in caring for the site.

Maintain and improve the site and facilities as may be required.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Once again this has been another busy year for the Association with the primary emphasis on securing agreement of the lease for the allotment site.

The lease

Multiple in person meetings and negotiations with Stirling Council Departments; Environment and Place, Estates and Planning, have taken place. The Bridge of Allan Flood Defence Scheme has provided additional challenges to the negotiation process. Land adjacent to the current allotment plot site has been identified for relocating plot holders during the flood defence works which will require the Council's contractors accessing up to one third of the current allotment site to complete the flood defence upgrade on Cornton Road. Dialogue with Sport Scotland, responsible for the Haws playing field, and our neighbours the Stirling Shinty Club have successfully concluded. The lease is at final approval stage with the legal team at Stirling Council and it is hoped we will be in receipt of the lease early 2026. My thanks to Jen Clarke for heading up negotiations with the Council; with support from Alasdair Tollemache, Phillipa Cochrane, Alan Parnell and Derek Sime.

Community Orchard

November 2024: Funding was granted from the Forth Valley & Lomond Youth Local Action Group to a group of Wallace High School pupils "Sprout for Change" who were tasked to work with a local community group on an environmental regeneration project. The Bridge of Allan Allotment Association Community Orchard was selected for their project with the group arranging the purchase and planting of 34 fruit trees. February 2025: On a wet and windy afternoon, pupils from Wallace High and Dunblane High braved the elements to help plant trees assisted by plot holders, Nikki and Amy Kenn of Forth Valley & Lomond Action Group, MSP Alexander Stewart and members of the local community. Thanks to Sarah Pickles of Sarah's Garden TLC, for delivering a tree planting workshop for the volunteers on the day.

Further efforts were undertaken in November with an orchard clear up weekend. Tasks included clearing weeds, tidying and mulching the areas around the trees and trimming pathways within the orchard. Once again this was well attended by volunteers from the Association. Additional tree planting days were planned for March 2026 to create a boundary hedge with 420 whips delivered from the Woodland Trust, no small task!

Plot Allocation

There are 10 people on the waiting list for a plot. At the last committee meeting it was agreed to suspend allocating any vacant plots within the proposed impact zone for the

flood works until the actual impact zone had been confirmed by Stirling Council. unrestricted funds. Due to the delay in the conclusion of a lease with Stirling Council

Grants and Projects

The Community Orchard was nominated for a community benefit grant of £250.00 from Earnside Energy. A grant application for £885 has been submitted to McGlaughlin & Harvey Community Enterprise Support Fund for the purchase of a large, raised bed for the Community Orchard space. If successful we hope this will be used by the pupils from Bridge of Allan Primary School.

Website

Work is ongoing for the purchase of a domain name for the website. The first draft layout of the Association website has been produced. My thanks to Marylin Scott, Karie and Joe Hirst for their work on this.

Committee Changes

Alasdair Tollemache informed the committee in November that he was stepping down as a Trustee of the Association having accepted a new role within Stirling Council as Convenor of Environment and Net Zero, I would like to place on record my thanks to Alasdair for all his time, advice and support given to the Association, he will be greatly missed by the committee. James Mulholland gave notice of his intention to stand down as Treasurer at the AGM. James has been part of the committee since its inception and we are extremely grateful for his time and effort in managing the accounts. Finally, I am stepping down as chair, the Association is now well established and with the lease for the site almost concluded I feel the time is right for a new Chair to take us forward to the next stage. I would like to thank the committee for their support and efforts in establishing the Association, I'm sure the future is bright.

John Boag

Chair, Bridge of Allan Allotment Association

Financial Review

Overview

Total receipts for the period were **£1,164.00 and** total payments for the period were **£2,665.25**. The charity had a surplus of **£1,105.24**.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bridge of Allan Allotment Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 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 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Gillian Pritchard

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: Chartered Accountant

Address: 5 Hill Square, Lychpit, Basingstoke RG24 8YY

Date: 4 October 2026

STATEMENT OF RECIEPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JANUARY 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)
Receipts				
Donations	5	914.00	-	**914.00**
Grants	6	-	250.00	**250.00**
Total receipts		**914.00**	**250.00**	**1,164.00**
Payments				
Professional Fees	7	-	200.00	**200.00**
Expenses related to tree planting activities	7	-	620.49	**620.49**
BofAAA email fee		98.76	-	**98.76**
Payments related directly to charitable activities		**98.76**	**820.49**	**919.25**
Purchase of fixed assets	8	-	1,746.00	1,746.00
Total payments		**98.76**	**2,566.49**	**2,665.25**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		815.24	(2,316.49)	(1,501.25)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**815.24**	**(2,316.49)**	**(1,501.25)**

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026

Funds Reconciliation	Note	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)
Balance as at 1 February 2025		-	2,606.49	**2,606.49**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		815.24	(2,316.49)	(1,501.25)
Balance as at 31 January 2026		**815.24**	**290.00**	**1,105.24**

Bank & Cash Balance		**(£)**
Cash at Bank		1,105.24
Cash in Hand		-
Total bank and cash		**1,105.24**

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on the 31 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed	Signed
J. Clarke	Maria Halcro.
Jennifer Clarke	**Monica Halcro**
Secretary	**Treasurer**
29 September 2026	**29 September 2026**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

1. **Basis of Preparation**

   These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

   (a) The Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
   (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. **Fund Accounting**
   (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
   (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3. **Taxation**
   (a) The charity is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
   (b) The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. **Transactions with trustees and related parties**
   (a) No remuneration was paid to trustees during the accounting period.
   (b) No travelling expenses were paid to trustees during the accounting period.
   (c) Trustees do not have indemnity insurance.

5. **Donations.** Donations totalling £914.00 was provided to the charity.

6. **Grants**

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	**Restricted Funds (£)**	**Total (£)**
Earnside Energy	-	250.00	**250.00**
Total grant income	**-**	**250.00**	**250.00**

7. **Cost of Charitable Activities**. During the period:
    a. £200.00 was incurred for professional fees in establishing a fruit tree orchard.
    b. £620.49 was incurred for various costs associated with planting activities to the orchard.

8. During the period the association purchased signage for the plot and community orchard.

9. **Purpose of Grants**

A short summary of each of the grants received in the period are listed below:

Earnside Energy - Restricted fund for the establishment of a community orchard.