CAMBUSBARRON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2026

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	Cambusbarron Community Development Trust	
Charity Number	SC041449	
Principal Address	58 Gillies Hill Cambusbarron Stirling FK7 9PQ	
Website Address	www.ccdt.org.uk	
Current Trustees	Richard Norman	Treasurer
	Ann Finlayson	
	Jane Bain	
	Kirsty Tottě	Appointed 14 October 2025
	Ross Johnston	
	Stewart Lennon	Chair - from 26th August 2025
Other Trustees who served during the year		
	Andrew Stratton	Retired 18 Apriil 2026
	Allan Hunter	Retired 26 August 2025

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO) governed by its constitution effective from 9th March 2017. It successfully converted from a company limited by guarantee on 19th May 2017

Appointment of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve members elected by the Members of the charity at the AGM. No more than four of these trustees can be co-opted non-members appointed by the board at any time. The Trustees may appoint any other member to be a charity trustee at any time.

Induction and training of trustees

The trustees when elected are provided with a copy of the constitution and other relevant documents and provided with training on their roles and responsibilities of being a trustee of the charity. The trustees are also encouraged to take other training opportunities to enforce their understanding of what is required of them within this role.

Organisational Structure

The main Board, which is responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity, normally meets around 12 times per year. There are also separate operational meetings for projects such as the Walled Garden

Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the risks to which the charity is exposed but consider that CCDT has policies and procedures in place that mitigate any risk. They do not consider that there are any substantial risks beyond the liabilities disclosed in the financial statements. The charity holds employers, public liability and professional indemnity insurance policies which are reviewed on an annual basis.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community.
- To provide or assist in providing facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life of the Community.
- To advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture, heritage and/or history.
- To manage community land and facilities for the benefit of the Community and the public in general;
- To advance community development within the Community

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Trust continued to deliver against its charitable purposes and the achievements set out below show the breadth of this work, from the major environmental restoration carried out in the Dark Woods and at the Lily Pond, through educational and recreational events open to the whole community, to the ongoing management of Gillies Hill Community Woodland and the Walled Garden for public benefit. Running through all of this is the consistent contribution of volunteers, whose time and effort not only delivers these projects but also builds a stronger, more connected community, directly advancing the Trust's community development purpose.

Membership

CCDT membership continued to grow over the year, with the Trust now standing at over 300 members.

The Dark Woods Regeneration Project



Following an independent review that recommended clear felling and restocking of the Dark Woods due to the over maturity of non native Sitka Spruce, storm damage and safety concerns, the Trust appointed woodland consultancy TreeStory to manage the restructuring of the site on its behalf.

Over the summer and autumn of 2025, preparatory work included applying for felling permissions and protected species licences, ecological surveys which identified signs of red squirrel and badger activity, and consultation with Stirling Council's archaeologist to identify and protect areas of historical interest. The scope of works was extended to include selective thinning of an adjacent area affected by ash dieback. Following a tendering process, a harvesting contractor was appointed and felling operations began on 20 October 2025.



Harvesting continued through the winter despite challenging wet weather, with the main harvesting machine completing its work and the majority of timber removed by December 2025. In December, Scottish Forestry notified the Trust that a larch tree on the site would be inspected for Phytophthora ramorum, the disease responsible for the earlier Statutory Plant Health Notice felling in 2022. The Trust was pleased to confirm in January 2026 that no evidence of infection was found.

Groundworks contractor David Shanks began restoration work in February 2026, repairing and reinstating paths, clearing brash, smoothing ruts and improving drainage, while contractor Ian Robb Timber Harvesting returned to complete the ash dieback thinning and remove the remaining timber. By 20 March 2026, all harvesting operations and machinery had left the site, safe public access had been fully restored, and remediation of the site was complete, with paths cleared and brash consolidated into piles ready for replanting.

Woodland Restocking and Tree Planting



Building on previous years of community planting, the Trust prepared a further 1,850 young native trees, including oak, aspen, Scottish elm and Scots pine, for planting in the upper Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) replanting area. Community tree planting days were held on 22 and 28 March 2026, supported by more than 50 volunteers, including children from Cambusbarron Village Nursery. Around 1,000 native trees were planted, alongside two woodland dens built by young volunteers. Biodegradable tree tubes were used to protect the saplings, and stakes were milled on site from timber felled locally.



This planting marked the completion of a three year SPHN replanting project, during which around 3,000 trees have been planted in total. The project was generously supported by grant funding from the International Tree Foundation. With this phase complete, the Trust's attention now turns to replanting the Dark Woods, with some initial planting using surplus saplings already underway. We were also fortunate to receive some redwood and sequoia saplings from the Redwood Trust and we planted these at the top of the hill as a sequoia grove for the future.



Wildlife and Habitat Conservation



Following a member vote, the Trust progressed a strategy to protect the Gillies Hill red squirrel population through humane trapping of grey squirrels, supported by trained volunteers from the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (SSRS) and a number of members acting as trap hosts.

In November 2025, nature writer Polly Pullar visited Cambusbarron Library to talk about her work with wildlife, including her book "A Scurry of Squirrels", and to raise awareness of the Trust's red squirrel protection efforts.



Restoration work continued at the Lily Pond, with clearance of invasive Rhododendron ponticum allowing the pond and surrounding understorey to recover and support more wildlife. Four leaky dams were constructed near the Lily Pond on Castle Drive to slow water flow, reduce downstream flooding and create diverse wildlife habitats, with early indications that they are proving effective. Species recorded in the area during the year included badgers, foxes, red squirrels, hares and pine martens.

The Walled Garden



Volunteers made good progress in the Walled Garden over the year. Produce grown in 2025 was shared with the Community Larder, giving villagers access to fresh, home grown vegetables. Heritage fruit trees were planted in the orchard, and the long neglected buttressed yew hedge was cut back to encourage healthier regrowth. Garden volunteers also hosted a wreath making event at Christmas. Regular Saturday volunteer days continued throughout the year, with plans in progress to add further seating and shaded areas to improve accessibility.

Firewood Club

The Firewood Club met weekly throughout the year, and while its practical output is processed firewood, its real value to the community lies in what happens around that work. The Club brings people together in a natural, outdoor setting to work alongside one another, chat and spend time by the fire, offering a welcoming space for people who might otherwise feel isolated. For many volunteers, the regular routine of coming along, working with their hands and being part of a group provides valuable time to think and to connect with others, alongside the practical skills and gentle exercise the activity offers. The firewood itself, sold to members with local delivery available. This is best understood as a welcome by product of this social activity rather than a product in its own right. Sales were strong over the winter season, with all seasoned firewood sold out by February 2026. Stocks of seasoned firewood are now building up for another winter season.

In March 2026, the Trust contracted Keith Threadgill and his mobile sawmill for a milling weekend, supported by volunteers. Over 1,000 tree stakes were milled for future tree planting projects, along with further timber for community use.

Mountain Bike Trails



Volunteers who maintain the mountain bike trails held a trail and litter clearing day on 25 October 2025 at the intersection of Streetfighter and Castle Drive, supported by 33 volunteers from the Cambu Trail Collective, Trash Free Trails and Wallace Warriors.

Community Events



The Trust ran a free axes and knives workshop for ten participants on 5 October 2025, led by an experienced trainer from Green Aspirations Scotland CIC, giving participants hands on experience of safe tool use.

Save Gillies Hill Fund Transfer

Following the winding up of the campaigning charity Save Gillies Hill at its AGM on 6 August 2025, £3,683.92 was transferred to CCDT. These funds are restricted for use in monitoring the 16 planning conditions imposed on the quarry developers, with any funds remaining after three years to transfer to the Trust's unrestricted funds.

Patersons Quarries

The Trust continued to monitor developments regarding Patersons Quarries Limited's plans to recommence quarrying, including works starting on Polmaise Road, ahead of the operator meeting the 16 planning conditions attached to its approval.

Community Safety and Wellbeing



The Trust shared awareness information on Lyme Disease, a tick-borne illness present in Scotland, including advice on prevention and safe tick removal, in partnership with the Lyme Resource Centre and the Community Woodland Association.

A Public Access Defibrillator continues to be operated from the Community Centre.



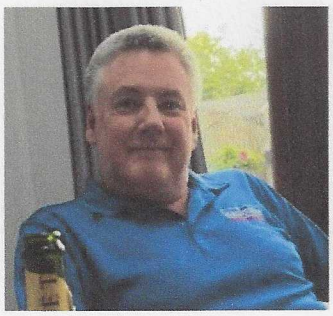
We were successful in finding a contractor to complete work and fit a water gate to the mine adit. This project, although simple in concept, has take more than 2 years to come to fruition. The metal grill was installed in the spring of 2026 and now restricts entrance to the hazardous disused mine entrance, while allowing water to drain freely.

Volunteering and Community Development

None of this would have been possible without our volunteers, and what a year they have given us. From felling and replanting the Dark Woods, to keeping the mountain bike trails in great shape, tending the Walled Garden, keeping the Firewood Club going every week and turning out for community events, our volunteers have been the driving force behind everything the Trust has achieved. This is community development in action, and it is something we are incredibly proud of.

The benefits go far beyond the woodland paths, the vegetables grown or the trees planted. Our volunteers tell us how much they gain from being part of it all, new skills, fresh air and exercise, and a real sense of purpose and belonging that does wonders for wellbeing. And it does not stop there. When people see their woodland, their garden and their neighbourhood being cared for and improved, it fills them with pride in where they live.

Saying goodbye





This year we were saddened by the passing of two of very productive volunteers. Mark Gregory suddenly passed away in June 2026 and our thoughts are with Pam and Cara. We also lost Finlay McIntosh in July and we wish his wife Kate all the best. Their great contribution to the woodland, walled garden and team spirit of our volunteers will be long recognised.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The total income of the charity was £62,654 (2025: £28,875) and the total expenditure £48,588 (2025: £36,924)

Grant Funding

Grants from the Cambusbarron Community Fund (£10,500) and the International Tree Foundation (£3,876), as well as out grant for woodland maintenance from the Scottish Government (£1,547) this year have enabled us to run specific projects as well as just maintaining the woodland.

Fund Raising

The Trust continued to raise funds through the Stirling Community Lottery, Easy fundraising and receiving cash donations. This money helps support running costs including insurance, maintenance and equipment for its projects at Gillies Hill Community Woodland.

Donated Facilities & Services

CCDT thanks go to all of the trustees and volunteers for their time and efforts without which the charity could not undertake its activities.

Save Gillies Hill Fund Transfer

As mentioned previously following the winding up of the campaigning charity Save Gillies Hill £3,683.92 was transferred to CCDT. These funds are held within a Restricted fund .

Investment Policy

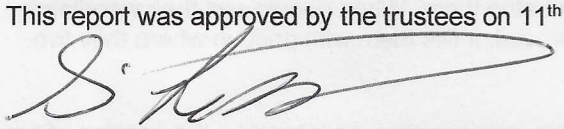
The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for safeguarding the charity's assets. They regularly consider the political, economic, legal and environmental factors than can affect funds and savings. The Trustees have a duty to seek out suitable sources of income generation. The Trustees also consider that it is prudent to accumulate funds for reserves to meet their legal requirements for employees and creditors. They also realise that this has to be balanced by ensuring that there are enough funds readily available to carry out the charity's aims. The Trustees have the power to invest funds in the best interest of the charity. To meet these ends the Trustees have invested in land known locally as Gillies Hill. The Trustees believe that the current investment has a suitable risk and reward profile that meets the investment criteria and risk appetite of the charity.

Reserves Policy

In line with their governance and financial strategy the trustees have agreed that reserves are essentially the funds that a charity may set aside to ensure is financial stability, to cover unexpected expenses and for the charity to achieve is objectives over the long term. Trustees consider that £15,000 should be set aside as reserves with £5,000 as an administrative reserve. As at the end the year end the reserves are £35,164 (2025: £28,097). The balance of existing funds has been allocated to short- and longer-term projects.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 11th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Stewart Lennon
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cambusbarron Community Development Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 connection with my examination, no matter came 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 Regulations, and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.

Anne Knox

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12th August 2026

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
Receipts		£	£	**£**	£
Donations		1,452	3,684	**5,136**	830
Grants	5	-	16,423	**16,423**	24,680
Woodlands regeneration - Dark Woods		36,439	-	**36,439**	-
Fundraising		-	-	**-**	132
Firewood Club		4,117	-	**4,117**	2,857
Investment (Bank Interest)		252	-	**252**	-
Stirling Community Lottery		287	-	**287**	286
		42,547	20,107	**62,654**	28,785
Payments					
Charitable Activities	6	34,535	11,592	**46,127**	36,162
Governance Costs					
Accounts Preparation		-	-	**-**	250
Independent Examination		-	-	**-**	100
Other _AGM and Trustees Meetings		415	-	**415**	412
		34,950	11,592	**46,542**	36,924
Purchase of Fixed Assets		530	1,516	**2,046**	-
		35,480	13,108	**48,588**	36,924
Net movement in funds		7,067	6,999	**14,066**	(8,139)
Transfers between funds		-	-	**-**	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		7,067	6,999	**14,066**	(8,139)

The Notes on pages 12 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
Funds Reconciliation		£	£	**£**	£
Balance as at 01 April 2025		28,097	2,193	**30,290**	38,429
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		7,067	6,999	**14,066**	(8,139)
Balance as at 31 March 2026	7	35,164	9,192	**44,356**	30,290
Bank & Cash Balances					
Cash at Main Bank		17,914	5,508	**23,422**	15,266
Cash in Donations Bank Account		2,250	-	**2,250**	24
Cash in 35 Day Account		15,000	3,684	**18,684**	15,000
		35,164	9,192	**44,356**	30,290
Other Assets					
Woodlands		440,000	-	**440,000**	443,038
Container1		400	-	**400**	1,695
Castle Drive Gates		2,946	-	**2,946**	3,437
Hi Cube Container 2		2,738	-	**2,738**	3,042
Hi Cube Container 3		2,738			3,042
Container canopy shelter		3,241	-	**3,241**	4,051
Jankery 3000 v2 (CCDT0145)		1,519	-	**1,519**	-
Walled Garden Shed		2,961	-	**2,961**	3,455
Woodsmith Midi Charcoal Kiln		824	-	**824**	1,030
Jackery Explorer 1000Pro		512	-	**512**	768
Composting toilet		560	-	**560**	700
Polytunnel		1,185	-	**1,185**	1,333
Polytunnel		483	-	**483**	580
		460,107	-	**457,369**	466,171

The Notes on pages 12 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 11th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

18/8/26

Stewart Lennon

Chair

17/8/26

Richard Norman

Treasurer

1. Basis of Preparation

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

(a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

(b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

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.

(c) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 8.

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 or any remuneration received by the trustees or any persons connected with them during the year (2025: £Nil).

(b) No expenses were paid to any of the trustees during the year.

(c) The charity's insurance policy includes trustee indemnity insurance cover for all of its trustees.

5. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
	£	£	**£**	£
Foundation Scotland	-	10,000	**10,000**	10,000
Cambusbarrion Community Fund _ Cost of Living	-	500	**500**	-
Cambusbaroon Community Fund _ MicroGrant	-	500	**500**	-
Stirling Council Pride Fund	-	-	**-**	300
Scottish Government_ForestGrant Scheme	-	1,547	**1,547**	-
International Tree Foundation Grant	-	3,690	**3,690**	-
International Tree Foundation	-	186	**186**	185
Community Led Local Development 24_25	-	-	**-**	11,633
Community Led Local Development 23_24	-	-	**-**	2,562
	-	16,423	**16,423**	24,680

6. Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
	£	£	**£**	£
Professional fees	-	-	**-**	300
Telephone and Broadband	154	-	**154**	151
Pubs and Subs	615	-	**615**	352
Insurance	2,320	-	**2,320**	1,605
Woodland expenses	27,482	5,810	**33,292**	29,537
Plants and Trees	404	917	**1,321**	-
Firewood club	114	-	**114**	-
Maintenance and Repair	1,988	3,747	**5,735**	-
Advertising promotion	-	-	**-**	396
Admin expenses	859	137	**996**	502
Castle gardens	-	-	**-**	288
Memorial benches	-	-	**-**	42
Tools and equipment	599	981	**1,580**	-
Walled garden expenses	-	-	**-**	1,933
Training and Development	-	-	**-**	1,056
	34,535	11,592	**46,127**	36,162

7. Movements in Funds

	As at 31/03/2025	Receipts	Payments	**As at 31/03/2026**
Unrestricted Funds	£	£	£	**£**
General Fund	28,097	42,547	(35,480)	**35,164**
Restricted Funds				
PI01 Populare Institute	386	-	(137)	**249**
CCF04 Cambusbarron Community Fund	493	10,500	(8,217)	**2,776**
PFA01 Paths for All	320	-	-	**320**
WIAT01 Scottish Government Forest Grant Sc	-	1,547	-	**1,547**
CO01 Stirling Council – Community Orchards	189	-	-	**189**
CPF15 Stirling Council Community Pride Fund	300	-	-	**300**
SGH Save Gillies Hill Money	-	3,684	-	**3,684**
ITF01 International Tree Fund	5	3,876	(3,754)	**127**
	1,693	19,607	(12,108)	**9,192**
Total Funds	29,790	62,154	(47,588)	**44,356**

8. Purpose of Funds

CCDT	General Fund	Unrestricted funds that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.
P101	Popular Institute Fund 1	Monies to support our community accessible defibrillator at the community centre.
CCF00 to 04	Cambusbarron Community Fund	Monies received towards the costs of business support of the woodland projects.
PFA01	Paths for All – Woodland Dev	Monies received from Paths for All for Woodland Development.
WIAT01	Woodlands In and Around Towns	Monies received towards the costs of the woodlands project
CO01	Community Orchards Fund	Monies received from Stirling Council towards the cost of creating a community orchard within the community.
CPF15	Community Pride Fund 15	Monies received towards the cost first aid training for volunteers.
SGH	Save Gillies Hill	Residual money from the Save Gillies Hill Charity.
ITF01	International Tree Foundation	Monies received from the International Tree Foundation towards tree planting.