

Kippen Community Trust – Chairperson Report 2025/2026

We can again report a remarkably successful and highly active year during 2025. This included KCT providing early support to the successful village hall project. We have also continued to support and fund a wide range of diverse events and projects.

The Board and panel have worked in parallel to raise the profile of the Trust within the various village organisations. Articles in the Wee Vine, the local village newsletter, have raised awareness, and the number of enquiries from new organisations seeking funding support demonstrates this. We have also begun the process of providing a match funding tool to help with funding, where the ambitions and needs of organisations sit outside our remit. This facility is available to all Kippen villagers and organisations. (This facility is now operational)

During the year we received the largest number of applications in any year (14) and awarded funding of just over £31,000.00, including a commitment of a “Trigger Payment” of £5,000.00 to Kippen Sports Development for a future project.

The largest award we provided of £15,000.00 (3 applications), supporting the successful Kippen Hall refurbishment programme as a major funder. This now totals a funding commitment of £20,000.00.

The Woodland Group received £7,200.00 for renewal and path upgrades (2) as well as new equipment.

Funding of £3,500.00 was awarded to the tennis club for an upgrade of the tennis courts.

The Horticultural Society received £2,600.00 (3) in support of the annual flower show and a storage shed.

Our smaller awards went to Women’s Institute £644.00, the Heritage Group £1,000.00 for support in the cost of ageing the various artefacts in another successful annual Keir Hill Dig. We were also able, for the first time, to support the local volunteers who annually provide filled planters at Kippen Cross. This was achieved with an award through the Kippen Community Council. We also provided Kippen Primary school with football kits at cost of almost £500.00

We continue to keep under review our commitment for a 30 year funding plan for the village. Our experienced sub committee continues to consider and develop the various investment strategies. This has involved a change of advisor to Rathbones, with the new investment already performing well.

It is again important to thank and acknowledge Nadara for the funding received, and Foundation Scotland who continue to provide us with backup and assistance. Both organisations have aided us greatly on our journey to date.

Finally, I would thank all members of our board and panel who have taken significant personal time to ensure the smooth running of our Trust. Alan Beaton –
Chairperson