Springfield & Gretna Green Community Assets Trust
Trustees Annual Report 2025-2026

Scottish Charity SCO48554 Registered 18th July 2018 Our Objectives and Activities

The charitable purposes are in the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

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Our Constitution states we require a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 trustees.

As per the constitution - all Trustees resigned as board members at the AGM on Wednesday 10th December 2025. The list of trustee and members were as follows after that meeting -

Trustees - David White, Malcolm Crosbie, Alison Walker, Lucy Humphrey, Isabell Tranter, Philip Tranter, John Erskine, Marjorie Tomlinson, Margaret Clarkson, Frank Clarkson, Margaret Glendinning.

In addition, we have the following membership - Danny Mitchell, Sandra Erskine, Lucy Armstrong, Lois Mason, Joyce Davidson, Joyce McClearly, Leanne Lawson, Stephanie Farquhar, Callum Mitchell, Keith Ward, Shirley Murphy, Gail McPhilips.

David White - Chair
Malcolm Crosbie - Vice Chair
Alison Walker - Treasurer
Lucy Humphrey - Secretary

Due to personal reasons, Alison Walker resigned on 11th March 2026, but we were delighted to welcome a new Trustee Richard Nixon, who has agreed to help Isabell Tranter, who kindly agreed to take the role of Treasurer on. We were joined by a new member June Kirkbride also at that March meeting.

Following the March 2026 meeting - the appointments were as follows -

David White - Chair
Malcolm Crosbie - Vice Chair
Isabell Tranter - Treasurer (assisted by Richard Nixon)
Lucy Humphrey - Secretary

Meetings have taken place throughout the year and are always very well attended by Trustees and Members. The Trust is grateful for the continued input of these volunteers and their hard work. It is much appreciated by the community.

Meetings were held on the following dates - 17th September 2025, 10th December 2025 (+AGM), 11th March 2026, 24th June 2026.

Communication - We use several Facebook pages - one specific to the Stormont Hall, and also one called Springfield and Gretna Green Community Group. These are also used by the Community Council - they are both well followed and allows us to have direct contact with Facebook users across the local community. We also use notice boards through the village in multiple places.

Stormont Hall



The Stormont Hall continues to be well used and the focal point of the village. We have worked hard as a Community Asset Trust group to look after it, manage the bookings and maintain the built environment in which it sits. Bookings have continued at a steady pace, with many regular users.



Weekly

Sunday - karate

Monday - Slimming World, line dancing

Tuesday - dog club

Wednesday - taekwondo children's class

Thursday evenings - Easiobics

Friday - Men's Shed, karate

Saturday - dog training

Monthly

Bingo

Solway Area town team borderlands project

Hen Shed

Bi monthly

Community Council meetings

Quarterly

SCIO SGGCAT meetings

Other uses this year have included

Parties & funerals - 8 in total

Band & music practice

Seniors Christmas party

School Christmas party

Ceilidh

Dog Show

Hoedown - 2

Scottish Government Election

Family Quiz Nights









We continue to maintain the hall, and our major refurbishment for the year was to re-plaster, re-insulate and decorate it. This was a significant project in terms of cost (approx £35K) and the hall was fully closed from 8th September - 3rd November 2025 to allow this to happen.

In summer 2026, wifi was installed in the hall.

We continue to be very grateful for the ongoing support and grants offered by the Community Council, the Beck Burn Wind Farm Fund, and Ewe 16 Wind Farm Fund.

Playing Field & Changing Rooms

The playing fields have been well used over the last year, with the outdoor gym, children's play equipment and track all regularly used and the SGGCAT continue to maintain it. As in previous years we have cut the grass, hedges and removed a few overhanging branches where necessary.

On 9th May 2026, another very successful colour run took place - run by Springfield Primary School PTA, which raised money for the school and we were delighted to give permission to allow it take place on the Playing Field.



In addition, the playing fields have been used for a football team - Eaglesfield Thistle FC.

We are still struggling to gain ownership of the strip of land at the side of Springfield Primary School, and the process continues to be a bit of a saga.

As per the last two year's reports, we applied to the Community Asset Transfer for a small area of the playing field, which is a strip between the school and the playing field, currently owned by the council. This process started back in November 2023, and the main reasons for doing this were to tie things up legally, and also that the SCIO could work with the school and obtain funding for future projects for the area that would benefit both the school and the community. Legal services for Dumfries & Galloway council asked us to change our membership numbers and amend our constitution last year. We did this, but are still experiencing problems with getting it sorted out. We are currently seeking advice and we will await any recommendations, so that we push this forward once more.

The changing rooms continue to be used when required. Going forward, we recognise that they need some TLC and hot showers are essential, so we hope that this coming year will see progress made on this.





Thanks

We thrive due to the hard work and dedication by the Trustees and Members and we thank and acknowledge their hard work. We are further assisted by the Hen's Shed, the Men's Shed and the Community Council, and we thank them for all that they do to support us.

Grants from the Wind Farms further fund us, and we are delighted that they have been extended another 40 years beyond the 4 years that we were expecting, so we hope they will assist with any improvements going forward.

Lucy Humphrey
Secretary
On behalf of the Board of Trustees



