

Charity No. SC050790  
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

COLINTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

**COLINTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

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## **COLINTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

#### **Introduction**

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. These have been prepared in accordance with the Club Constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

#### **Charity Information**

##### **TRUSTEES**

Sarah Beevers, President from 23rd. February 2025

Gordon Shirreff (resigned 23rd February 2025)

Christopher Trigg, Treasurer (appointed 10th November 2025)

Craig Morrison, (resigned 10 November 2025)

Niall Macdonald, Membership Secretary

Ally Donaldson, Vice-President

Jonathan Huntley

Talitha Jackson (appointed 28th April 2025)

Trena Macaulay

Barry Nichol,

Jill Simpson

Scott Thomson

##### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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##### **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

SC050790

##### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Steven Corbett (Retired CA)  
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##### **BANKERS**

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## **COLINTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (cont'd)**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **SCIO**

Colinton Lawn Tennis Club began in 1928 and has operated as an Unincorporated Association until 1 May 2021 when it converted to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

##### **Constitution**

The club's governing document is the Club Constitution. An entirely new constitution was adopted on the club's incorporation as a SCIO. The club maintains registration with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). Registration with the LTA requires that the club has in place a suitably qualified person and appropriate procedures to ensure the safety and well-being of all who use the club. The club also maintains a policy on diversity and inclusion.

##### **Trustees**

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Club Constitution. Details of the Trustees who served during the year are listed on page 3.

##### **Risk and internal control**

The club has a risk register and other internal controls, including a policy on bribery and corruption which are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Comprehensive insurance policies covering normal insurable risks are maintained both through the club's registration with the LTA and directly.

##### **Objectives and Activities**

The charity's objects are set out in its constitution, namely:-

The advancement of public participation in sport; specifically, the game of tennis.

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

These objects can be achieved by among other things:-

Increasing knowledge and understanding of tennis as a sport in order to enhance the lives of the public

Providing facilities for the training, advice and support of children, young people and adults pursuing tennis as a sport for leisure or career

Promoting improvement in provision of tennis facilities in Edinburgh and Lothians

Disseminating information to the public and interested professionals about tennis

Making appropriate representation to relevant bodies and other organisations on behalf of Members and the public concerning tennis, pursuit of the sport and the provision of facilities, training, advice and support for those engaged in it.

##### **Achievements and Performance**

Our main achievements during the period were:-

- Our annual club championships were successfully held, culminating in finals weekend in September. There were a good number of entries across all events. The standard of play in the finals was very high across all categories.
- Four mens and two ladies teams were entered in the East of Scotland LTA leagues. Junior teams

were also entered in their leagues.

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- Coaching continues to be one of the strengths of the club with a great deal of group and individual coaching taking place for both adults and juniors. In November the club's head coach who had been with the club for 13 years gave notice to resign to take up a full time role with Padel Scotland. We were delighted to interview and be able to offer the Head Coach role to a young new coach who has been a member of the club since he was 5 and has progressed through all levels to become a Level 3 coach. He has gained experience in the UK and abroad and with such excellent relationships built over time we are delighted to welcome him on board in the club. He has some exciting new ideas to take coaching forward at the club and will be supported by a number of assistant coaches.
- The singles league run by the club continues to be very popular with members.
- The club held two successful American Tournaments during the year. Barbecue's were held at the culmination of each tournament. A successful quiz night was held in November with 16 members taking part in what was a very enjoyable evening. The club Championship weekend was also a popular social event. These events provide an opportunity for members to socialise and for new members to meet others.
- The trustees held 10 meetings during the year. All meetings were held in person with options to join online if trustees needed.
- The club's membership at the end of 2025 was approximately 400, which represents a slight fall from 415 reported last year. Although this is down from the record level of 490 at the same point in 2021 and 460 at the same time in 2022 this is still considered to be a very acceptable number and historically high. The club continues to accept new members without restriction. In addition we hope the option of dual surfaces next year brings on board some new members
- As commented on in last year's report, the club has had contact over a period of years with Edinburgh Council Planners with regard to the club's floodlights. Prior to February 2025 the last communication from the council was in December 2023. In February 2025 we received a Planning Enforcement Investigation which stated that following complaints from two neighbours who alleged that the club's floodlights were in breach of the club's planning conditions, the Planning Officer had conducted a daytime visit. The Planning Officer stated that, in his view, there was a breach of planning condition and that a visit during the hours of operation of the floodlights would now be conducted. To the best of our knowledge no such visit has taken place.
- In September 2025 we received a further communication in regard to the Planning Enforcement Investigation which largely repeated the comments from the February 2025 communication.
- The club continues to be supported by the Lawn Tennis Association and Lichfield Planning Consultants in matters pertaining to our dealings with Edinburgh Council Planning on floodlighting issues. A number of meetings were held involving the club, LTA and Lichfields during September and October 2025 which resulted in a detailed response being submitted to Edinburgh planners in late October 2025. Since that time, nothing further has been heard from planning.
- In April we undertook a court Rejuvenation process on the Front courts after concerns were raised on their condition , especially in the wet. After the initial bedding in process of the rejuvenated courts feedback from members, teams and other clubs visiting was primarily very favourable
- Having undertaken the rejuvenation process the Trustees were able to turn their attention to the replacement of the back courts. With a view to their constitutional obligation to safeguard the future of the club it was important the trustees consider all possible surfaces with ultimately the decision between the existing artificial grass surface or the new artificial clay. After an extensive consultation period with club members as well as a lengthy due diligence process gathering information from coaches, contractors and other clubs the length and breadth of the UK the

decision was made to move forward with Artificial clay thus giving Colinton the USP of being a dual surface club. This work will be undertaken starting in February 2026.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (cont'd)**

- In July the Larch tree at the Entrance of the club was removed as it was no longer viable. It had been assessed last year and confirmed it was dead which meant it was at risk of falling down. The skill of the tree surgeons, RS Treecare, to remove it with minimal disruption was very impressive. The same company was able to help us when a storm damaged the willow tree behind the clubhouse and they were able to make this area safe.
- The trustees are always mindful of the need for the club to be achieving its charitable objectives. In early summer we were pleased to work with Currie Primary School to offer a 6 week block of free tennis lessons for young people in difficult circumstances such as foster children or young carers. All the participants received a free tennis racket as well as being offered free club membership.

## **Financial Review**

### **Financial Information**

Full details of the activities of the Club during the period can be found within the accounts as detailed on pages 8 to 10.

A surplus of £5,157 was generated in the year.

As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis there will at times be expenditure falling into the year that covers other periods.

The Trustees need to ensure that the Club has sufficient reserves to meet ongoing capital improvements. Planning for requirements for the next 5-10 years is ongoing.

As previously mentioned, courts 1-3 benefitted from a rejuvenation process that should extend their useful life by at least 5 years. The total cost of this work carried out at the beginning of the season was £15,600.

The trustees would like to highlight the cost of the replacement of courts 4-6 in 2026 as being £88,216.11 with an additional quote of 5,368.00 to complete the barriers between the courts to prevent cross contamination. The trustees would like to highlight this figure included a negotiated reduction on the original quote of £8,286.09.

The club will continue to retain a healthy cash at bank position and the Trustees will continue to safeguard this whilst being mindful of any capital expenditure requirements, not least the very substantial investment on the back courts.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees**



**Christopher Trigg ACA**  
**Treasurer**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE ACCOUNTS OF COLINTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, the Statement of Balances and the associated Notes to the Accounts.

This report is made to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to report my opinion as set out below and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent examiners**

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 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the Regulations). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 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 examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 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:

(a) 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 Act and Regulation 4 of the Regulations, and
- ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the Regulations have not been met, or

(b) to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steven Corbett (Retired CA)  
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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**Colinton Lawn Tennis Club**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**

|                                               | 12 months to<br>31 December 2025 | 12 months to<br>31 December 2024 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                               | £                                | £                                |
| <b>Receipts</b>                               |                                  |                                  |
| <b>Subscriptions</b>                          |                                  |                                  |
| Senior                                        | 18,542                           | 16,650                           |
| Intermediate                                  | 878                              | 846                              |
| Mini                                          | 1,260                            | 1,694                            |
| Junior                                        | 4,566                            | 4,266                            |
| Family                                        | 5,899                            | 6,866                            |
| Senior Citizen                                | 5,410                            | 6,355                            |
| Non-Playing                                   | 236                              | 204                              |
| Country                                       | 492                              | 900                              |
| Student Away                                  | 925                              | 594                              |
|                                               | <b>38,206</b>                    | <b>38,375</b>                    |
| <b>Other Income</b>                           |                                  |                                  |
| Interest                                      | 4,487                            | 4,670                            |
| Visitors                                      | 3,123                            | 31                               |
| Social Events                                 | 1,375                            | 451                              |
| Other Revenue                                 | 250                              | 0                                |
| Donations                                     | 0                                | 14,000                           |
|                                               | <b>9,235</b>                     | <b>19,152</b>                    |
| <b>Total Income</b>                           | <b>47,442</b>                    | <b>57,527</b>                    |
| <b>Payments</b>                               |                                  |                                  |
| Depreciation                                  | 12,586                           | 10,414                           |
| Coaching                                      | 1,154                            | 0                                |
| Coaching in the Community                     | 550                              | 0                                |
| Balls                                         | 1,476                            | 1,165                            |
| Water Rates                                   | 1,924                            | 2,520                            |
| Insurance                                     | 2,582                            | 2,606                            |
| Pavilion Management                           | 1,173                            | 1,297                            |
| Repairs & Maintenance                         | 12,011                           | 10,580                           |
| ESLTA Affiliation & LTA Registration          | 1,490                            | 1,720                            |
| Electricity                                   | 2,091                            | 4,562                            |
| General Expenses                              | 591                              | 177                              |
| Tournaments                                   | 361                              | 539                              |
| Social                                        | 2,078                            | 763                              |
| Subscriptions                                 | 658                              | 710                              |
| Courts                                        | 1,560                            | 2,268                            |
|                                               | <b>42,285</b>                    | <b>39,321</b>                    |
| <b>Surplus of income<br/>over expenditure</b> | <b>5,157</b>                     | <b>18,206</b>                    |

**Colinton Lawn Tennis Club**  
**Statement of Balances**

|                                    | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    | £                | £                |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                | 71,892           | 68,878           |
| Bank and Cash in Hand              |                  |                  |
| Fixed term deposit                 | 98,619           | 94,131           |
| Current account                    | 45,634           | 47,980           |
| <b>Amounts Receivable</b>          |                  |                  |
| Debtors                            | 0                | 0                |
| <b>Amounts Payable/Liabilities</b> |                  |                  |
| Creditors                          | 0                | 0                |
|                                    | <b>216,145</b>   | <b>210,989</b>   |
| <b>Represented By</b>              |                  |                  |
| Opening Balances                   | 210,989          | 192,783          |
| Surplus for the period             | 5,157            | 18,206           |
|                                    | <b>216,145</b>   | <b>210,989</b>   |
| <b>Reserves</b>                    |                  |                  |
| Unrestricted Reserves              | 216,145          | 210,989          |
| Restricted Reserves                | 0                | 0                |
|                                    | <b>216,145</b>   | <b>210,989</b>   |

Approved by the Trustees on February 2nd 2026 and signed on their behalf by the following: -



**Christopher Trigg ACA**  
**Treasurer**

February 2nd 2026

*The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts*

## COLINTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

#### 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

##### Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

##### Funds structure

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

##### Governance costs

Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity. The only such items during the period were in connection with the independent examination which was carried out free of charge.

#### 2. Trustees' Remuneration

No Trustees received any remuneration or expenses acting in their capacity as Trustees from the charity during the year.

#### 3. Related Parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

#### 4. Fixed Assets

| Fixed Assets<br>comprise                      | Year<br>completed<br>or renewed | Cost<br>£       | Rate of<br>Depreciation<br>per annum | Dec-24<br>Book<br>Value £ | 2025<br>Additions<br>£ | Depreciation<br>in 2025<br>£ | End Dec 2025<br>Book<br>Value £ | Assumed<br>use<br>remaining<br>(years) |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Clubhouse                                     | 1991                            | 96,839          | 5.0%                                 | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Courts 4-6 (Undersurface)                     | 1998                            | 19,493          | 5.0%                                 | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Courts 1-3 (Undersurface)                     | 2002                            | 37,330          | 5.0%                                 | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Floodlighting                                 | 2002                            | 32,400          | 10.0%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Fencing                                       | 2002                            | 17,247          | 10.0%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Kids' Zone and Practice Wall<br>refurbishment | 2010                            | 10,000          | 10.0%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Fencing – Part Renewal                        | 2011                            | 1,955           | 10.0%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Courts 4-6 (Tiger Turf)                       | 2012                            | 37,771          | 12.5%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Courts 1-3 (Tiger Turf)                       | 2014                            | 38,623          | 12.5%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Kids' Zone (Tiger Turf)                       | 2016                            | 7,578           | 12.5%                                | 0                         |                        | 0                            | 0                               | 0.0                                    |
| Courts 4-6 (undersurface)                     | 2020                            | 10,169          | 12.5%                                | 3,813                     |                        | 1,271                        | 2,542                           | 2.0                                    |
| Boundary Wall Rebuild                         | 2021                            | 4,500           | 5.0%                                 | 3,600                     |                        | 225                          | 3,375                           | 15.0                                   |
| Practice Wall Extension                       | 2021                            | 4,250           | 10.0%                                | 2,550                     |                        | 425                          | 2,125                           | 5.0                                    |
| Floodlights 1-3                               | 2021                            | 26,408          | 10.0%                                | 16,835                    |                        | 2,641                        | 14,194                          | 5.4                                    |
| Floodlights 4-6                               | 2023                            | 20,564          | 10.0%                                | 16,452                    |                        | 2,056                        | 14,395                          | 7.0                                    |
| Floodlights 4-6                               | 2024                            | 19,690          | 10.0%                                | 17,721                    |                        | 1,969                        | 15,752                          | 8.0                                    |
| Fencing Works                                 | 2024                            | 8,786           | 10.0%                                | 7,907                     |                        | 879                          | 7,029                           | 8.0                                    |
| Courts 1-3 rejuvenation                       | 2025                            | 15,600          | 20.0%                                | 0                         | 15,600                 | 3,120                        | 12,480                          | 4.0                                    |
|                                               |                                 | <b>£409,203</b> |                                      | <b>£68,878</b>            | <b>£15,600</b>         | <b>£12,586</b>               | <b>£71,892</b>                  |                                        |

Colinton Lawn Tennis Club premises were valued in March 2021 at £570k on the basis of continuing use as a tennis club by Ryden LLP