

Scottish Charity No. SC049717



Connect2

Trustees' Report and Accounts
For the year ended 5 April 2026

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 5 April 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2026.

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Status of Charity and Governing Document

Connect2 (known as 'Connect2 TC Forth Valley') was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 8 November 2019. The charity registration number is SC049717.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The charity trustees are responsible for setting operational policy and strategy for the charity. The constitution requires a minimum of 3 trustees and a maximum of 7 to serve at any time. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There is no fixed term for office.

The Trustees who served during the year and to the date of this report are:

Ian Batt	Chair	(appointed 29 October 2025)
David Currie	Secretary	
Robert Cullens	Treasurer (interim)	(appointed 21 January 2026)
Margaret MacDonald		
Stephen Melvin		
William Carter		(died 21 June 2025)

The Board met quarterly during the year, overseeing strategy, financial performance, and risk. Key decisions included the adoption of a three-year strategy (2026–2029), development of an outcome's framework, and strengthening financial oversight. Two new Trustees were also appointed during the year, further strengthening the Board's capacity and expertise.

Objectives

Connect2 is a Christian charity providing relational, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by addiction and related challenges across the Forth Valley.

The Charity's purpose, as laid out in its governing document, is:

'As part of our Christian faith, we provide spiritual and moral support to vulnerable people across Scotland. Our main aims are:

- To support people in need, whether because of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other challenges. We do this by helping individuals affected by substance misuse to access local groups, services, or rehabilitation centres.
- To advance education by providing information, training and learning opportunities.

We work mainly in Scotland where the individuals who need support will be our main beneficiaries.

Activities and achievements

This has been a year of continued growth, strengthened foundations, and deepened impact within our communities. We remain committed to walking alongside individuals and families affected by addiction, offering consistent, relational support that brings real and lasting change.

Weekly street outreach operated across multiple locations, alongside regular recovery hubs and expanded daytime outreach provision.

Connect2 is now operating within two high schools, supporting young men who are not fully engaging with education, including those with challenging behaviour and poor attendance. Early intervention and relational support are used to help re-engage them and improve outcomes.

Activities and achievements (continued)

A parental course, Drug Proof Your Kids (DYPK), was introduced to support parents, grandparents, and carers in understanding how they can play a practical and proactive role in guiding and supporting their children.

Our outcomes and impact have been:

- Over 2,000 repeat engagements recorded across Connect2's services, demonstrating sustained connection and trust across outreach, hubs, and schools.
- More than 50 active volunteers contributed over 2,300 hours to support delivery, reflecting strong community involvement and commitment.
- Individuals were supported into housing, structured support pathways, and residential rehabilitation, showing clear progression.

A clear example of progression is seen in an individual who moved from active addiction, supported weekly over a 24-month period, into residential rehabilitation, which he successfully completed. He now sustains his own tenancy, has maintained employment for over 18 months, and has entered into marriage, demonstrating sustained outcomes in stability, independence, and overall wellbeing.

- Increased wellbeing and reduced isolation were consistently reported, highlighting the impact of ongoing, relationship-based support.

Impact Dashboard 2025-2026

Measure	Impact
 Engagement	2,000+ Repeat visits across outreach, hubs, and schools
 Volunteers	50+ active volunteers supporting delivery
 Volunteer Hours	2,300+ hours contributed
 Progression	Individuals supported into housing, support pathways, and rehab.
 Wellbeing	Ongoing reduction in isolation and increased belonging

Reducing isolation • Increasing belonging

I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters for their dedication and compassion.

Future plans

Connect2 will continue to strengthen its foundations while preparing for future growth. Priorities include developing a Day Centre, expanding hub provision, and further embedding outcomes and reporting frameworks. The charity remains committed to long-term, sustainable impact through partnership working, community engagement, and continued investment in people.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 5 April 2026

Financial review

Results for the year

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 5 to 8. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 5 reflects a surplus for the year of £61,647 (2025: deficit of £26,837). Total reserves, including restricted funds, amounted to £76,923 (2025: £15,276).

Reserves policy

The Board has a fully documented reserve policy.

The Trustees have agreed to aim for reserves that equate to three months' core operating costs. This will be reviewed annually and adjusted based on:

- The nature of our income (eg grant-based or recurring donations)
- The predictability of funding
- Commitments to staff and service users
- The wider operating environment (eg economic and sector trends)

The Board reviewed average monthly core expenditure (staffing, service delivery, overheads) based on the past 12 months of activity. Trustees also considered planned programme expansion, potential delays in grant payments, and future staffing commitments. In light of these factors, the Board agreed that three months' core costs would provide adequate cover for short-term disruptions and allow the charity to respond with integrity and stability.

The target reserves at year-end were £20,000. Our general fund of £76,413 meets this policy but the focus for the trustees in the year ahead will continue to be to seek ways to secure sustainable funding sources for the organisation.

Risk Management

A formal risk register has been developed and is being embedded, with regular review of key risks including staffing, funding, and increasing service demand.

Thanks

The Trustees are grateful for the financial support of individual donors, churches and other funders who provided us with funding during the year and for their volunteer who provides support with the administration of the Charity.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Batt

Ian Batt
Chair

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the year ended 5 April 2026

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2026 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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

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 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

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.

Alison Franks

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Date: 15 June 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 5 April 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £
Receipts						
Donations - individual	10,906	1,540	12,446	21,465	1,187	22,652
Donations - church	54,579	100	54,679	8,426	-	8,426
Donations - Celebration event	448	-	448	-	-	-
Gift aid on donations	1,885	-	1,885	7,094	-	7,094
Grants	35,000	34,759	69,759	-	12,498	12,498
Legacy income	7,050	-	7,050	-	-	-
Fundraising income	2,219	2,189	4,408	3,412	-	3,412
Volunteer clothing income	478	-	478	1,324	-	1,324
Bank interest	422	-	422	333	-	333
Total receipts	112,987	38,588	151,575	42,054	13,685	55,739
Payments						
Gross salaries	34,858	33,764	68,622	37,932	28,170	66,102
Employer pensions	1,334	-	1,334	1,278	-	1,278
Employer national insurance	-	-	-	93	-	93
Staff travel and other expenses	907	-	907	293	-	293
Event costs	3,017	2,278	5,295	2,427	-	2,427
Hub costs	699	-	699	-	-	-
Bus supplies and fuel	1,735	-	1,735	2,824	-	2,824
Bus repairs and maintenance	3,145	-	3,145	577	100	677
Volunteer clothing costs	610	-	610	1,330	-	1,330
Purchases on behalf of service users	968	27	995	2,349	-	2,349
Insurance	2,808	-	2,808	2,715	-	2,715
IT costs	20	538	558	-	-	-
Subscriptions	1,046	607	1,653	586	439	1,025
Training	16	-	16	141	-	141
Printing and stationery	203	-	203	327	-	327
Accounting costs	240	-	240	240	-	240
Independent examiner's costs:						
Independent examination	-	864	864	-	702	702
Tax return	144	-	144	-	-	-
Charitable giving	100	-	100	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	53	-	53
Total payments	51,850	38,078	89,928	53,165	29,411	82,576
Surplus/(deficit) for the year before transfers	61,137	510	61,647	(11,111)	(15,726)	(26,837)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	(54)	54	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year after transfers	61,137	510	61,647	(11,165)	(15,672)	(26,837)
Total funds brought forward	15,276	-	15,276	26,441	15,672	42,113
Total funds carried forward	76,413	510	76,923	15,276	-	15,276

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Balances

As at 5 April 2026

	Notes	2026			2025		
		Opening balance £	Surplus for year £	Closing balance £	Opening balance £	Deficit for year £	Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand							
Current account		15,276	61,647	76,923	42,113	(26,837)	15,276
Total cash at bank and in hand		15,276	61,647	76,923	42,113	(26,837)	15,276
Represented by:							
Unrestricted fund	2						
General fund				76,413		15,276	
				76,413		15,276	
Restricted funds	3						
Corra fund				-		-	
Software fund				-		-	
Audit fees fund				-		-	
ASDA fund				457		-	
Falkirk Council Schools fund				-		-	
Go Fund Me Christmas gifts fund				53		-	
Haven fund				-		-	
				510		-	
Total funds				76,923		15,276	
Statement of assets at 5 April							
				2026		2025	
				£		£	
Motor vehicles - 1 bus (2024: 2 buses)				3,000		3,000	
Gift aid due				2,480		2,140	
Tax overpaid				-		-	
				5,480		5,140	
Statement of liabilities at 5 April							
				2026		2025	
				£		£	
Independent examination fees				864		864	
Tax return fees				144		-	
Taxation and social security				281		770	
				1,289		1,634	

The financial statements on pages 5 to 8 were approved by the Trustees on 12 June 2026 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Ian Batt

Ian Batt
Chair

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 5 April 2026

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They were previously prepared under the Accruals basis and in accordance with the Charities SORP. The impact of the change in basis is disclosed in note 5.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 5, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise donations, grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

2. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 06.04.25	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 05.04.26
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	15,276	112,987	(51,850)	-	76,413
Total unrestricted funds	15,276	112,987	(51,850)	-	76,413

Explanation of funds

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

3. Restricted funds

	Balance at 06.04.25	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 05.04.26
	£	£	£	£	£
Corra fund	-	16,664	(16,664)	-	-
Software fund	-	607	(607)	-	-
Audit fees fund	-	864	(864)	-	-
ASDA fund	-	995	(538)	-	457
Falkirk Council Schools fund	-	10,500	(10,500)	-	-
Go Fund Me Christmas gifts fund	-	2,358	(2,305)	-	53
Haven fund	-	6,600	(6,600)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	38,588	(38,078)	-	510

Explanation of funds - overleaf

Notes to the financial statements

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3. Restricted funds (continued)

Explanation of funds

The *Corra fund* represents grant funding received towards the cost of staff salaries.

The *Software fund* represents donations received towards the provision of Blue Door software.

The *Audit fee fund* represents donations received towards the costs of our end of year examination.

The *ASDA fund* represents a grant received towards the cost of the purchase of IT equipment.

The *Falkirk Council schools fund* represents grants received towards work with 2 local schools.

The *Go Fund Me Christmas gifts fund* represents money raised to provide gift vouchers to our service users at Christmas.

The *Haven fund* represents money received for the provision of consultancy by the Head of Operations.

4. Trustee and related party remuneration and expenses

Remuneration was paid to 1 Trustee in his role as Head of Operations of the Charity. He was paid gross salary of £32,641 and employer pension of £792 (2025: £32,599 and £791). There was no remuneration paid to any of the other Trustees during the year (2025: nil).

Remuneration was paid to Joan Melvin, wife of one of the Trustees in her role as Outreach Worker. She was paid gross salary of £10,272 (2025: £8,899). There was no remuneration paid to any of the other related parties during the year (2025: nil).

No expenses were paid to trustees in the year other than for the reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the charity (2024: nil).

Donations of £3,147 (2025: £11,552) were made to the Charity by trustees and their related parties in the year.

Adelaide Boyle, sister-in-law to one of the trustees, carries out the bookkeeping for the charity on a volunteer basis.