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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FOR

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Our Purpose

CVO East Ayrshire is the third sector interface for East Ayrshire, which exists to support and strengthen our local third sector. We operate within East Ayrshire, providing services and guidance to help third sector organisations to thrive.

"We really appreciate everything CVO EA has done in supporting our organisation and it goes without saying if we can do anything in return just let me know."

Our Story So Far: Our Mission

In line with our mission CVO East Ayrshire supports the growth of a strong and diverse third sector empowering organisations and initiatives that work to enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities across East Ayrshire.

Advancement of education: providing training in various skills, particularly those that assist residents in obtaining paid employment.

Furtherance of health: implementing initiatives that contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the community.

Relief of poverty, distress, and sickness: supporting schemes aimed at alleviating hardship among community members.

Community development: establishing, operating, and supporting projects of a charitable nature that benefit the East Ayrshire community. These objectives are pursued with a commitment to equality, ensuring that all activities promote equal opportunities without bias to race, creed or gender.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Third Sector Interface

The focus of our activities for 2024/25 has been centred on supporting the community and East Ayrshire third sector organisations to manage their capacity for the essential services they deliver. This work has been critical as communities continue to navigate ongoing and new challenges, including the cost-of-living crisis, energy price increases and the effects of global events. However, some organisations found it challenging to meet the growing demand for support due to increased living costs. This challenge has been made even more problematic by a shift towards single-year funding models which disrupts the workforce and service planning efforts. Volunteer fatigue has emerged as a noticeable issue, with increasing demands on support services like food banks, warm spaces and advice and support centres.

Additionally the demand for mental health and wellbeing support has been significant as evidenced by the high demand for the Scottish Governments Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. The past year has seen significant financial achievements that have bolstered support across East Ayrshire's third sector. We are now in Year 4 of the Community Mental Health And Wellbeing Fund and to date 168 organisations have received in excess of £1,518,577 in funding for local projects addressing mental health and social isolation which is a critical need across East Ayrshire.

Our Third Sector Employability Grants programme funded through The Local Employability Partnership showed strong progress from the sector with individuals receiving mentoring support to advance their employment, education, and training goals. The year saw a notable increase in requests for funding support as organisations faced ever increasing demands. In response, we purchased an online funding search platform, Grant Finder, which streamlines grant research and access. To further strengthen community connections we held a successful Third Sector Showcase Event, which attracted large national funders and 220 participants from across East Ayrshire's Third Sector and the Community Planning Partnership. This event exemplified our commitment to providing local organisations with vital opportunities and connections which empowered them to better meet community needs.

Connect Call

CVO's Connect Call is a telephone befriending service which provides free and confidential support in offering friendship opportunities and assistance to anyone in East Ayrshire who may live alone or experience social isolation. Connect Call continues to help reduce social isolation and loneliness. There are currently 12 trained volunteers working in the service who contact 228 people weekly with new referrals being received on a daily basis from over 30 different agencies. The volunteers deliver weekly calls to clients whose ages range from 29 - 98 years. In addition to the telephone befriending service CVO also delivers a weekly Brew and a Blether session at WG13 to provide people with an informal and relaxed opportunity to come together, connect and enjoy free refreshments. Between 14 - 24 people attend each week with a range of positive feedback being received in relation to the impact the group has made in each client's life.

Benefits from the service:

- One of the primary benefits is the alleviation of social isolation, particularly among vulnerable or lonely individuals. Regular phone calls and social activities provide a consistent connection and a sense of companionship, promoting mental wellbeing.

- Human connection and interaction are essential for mental health. A befriending service can contribute to improved emotional wellbeing by providing a supportive relationship and a platform for individuals to share their thoughts and feelings.

- By fostering socialisation within a community setting, the service helps individuals become more engaged in their local communities. This can lead to stronger community bonds and a sense of belonging.

- The regular contact and positive interactions offered by the befriending service can contribute to an overall improvement in the wellbeing of participants. Feeling connected and supported can positively impact both mental and physical health.

- Through signposting to other community and statutory services, the befriending service can act as a gateway to additional support resources. This can help address specific needs and challenges that individuals may be facing, promoting early intervention and assistance.

CVO East Ayrshire has operated Connect Call for the past ten years, which is a free and confidential telephone befriending service aimed at reducing loneliness and social isolation among residents of East Ayrshire. The service connects trained volunteers with individuals who may benefit from regular, friendly phone conversations. Due to the demand Connect Call is seeking volunteers who can commit to approximately three hours per week, typically on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Volunteers will receive training and ongoing support, making this a rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact in someone's life. The Connect Call volunteers hosted 5 successful tea dances this year. This has been a lovely way to bring people together-especially older adults-for music, movement, and social connection.

WG13 works in partnership with Connect Call offer a free Brew and a Blether group which is a relaxed community gathering where people come together for a hot drink and a friendly natter. No agenda, no pressure-just warmth, welcome, and good conversation. The group can have up to 28 in attendance every week.

Connect Call Feedback

"Wednesday is the most important day of the week - it is the day that I get my weekly call."

"You all bring sunshine into my life"

"Every call uplifts my spirit"

"Your call is the highlight of my week"

"You are the only person that I speak to weekly"

Community Connectors

Community Connectors are an essential service commissioned by the East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (EAHSCP). Our team of 8 Community Connectors are aligned with GP practices, health practitioners and the Crosshouse University Hospital's Emergency Department. The main objective of this service is to connect individuals in the community with non-medical support services and resources that can help improve their overall health and wellbeing. Across the past year our Community Connectors supported a total of 953 clients. Our team of 8 Community Connectors have been in post for 10 years.

The service is commissioned by East Ayrshire's Health and Social Care Partnership and managed by the Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Ltd. Community Connectors are aligned to GP practices across East Ayrshire and work closely with practice teams and aligned practitioners. We engage with and actively support clients to find and access services or resources best suited to meet their needs and circumstances.

The project not only provides a responsive and holistic service for clients but also progressively influences the workloads of GP practices by reducing the number of unnecessary appointments. The service is available to any person registered with a GP practice. The Community Connector team have forged strong links across most of East Ayrshire's statutory and third sector organisations and the response to the service from professionals and clients has been overwhelmingly positive.

The relationships Community Connectors have built have helped establish this service as a reliable and meaningful resource in East Ayrshire. The Community Connectors work across East Ayrshire, each Community Connector are dedicated individuals who assist residents to access local services, community groups, and wellbeing resources.

Operated by CVO East Ayrshire in partnership with the East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, the connectors are based within GP practices and collaborate closely with healthcare teams to provide holistic, non-clinical support.

Over the last 12 months the Community Connectors have continued to be an essential and valued service. The service works in Partnership with Primary Care Services to deliver a comprehensive, informative and supportive service while continuing to be person-centred and holistic in their approach.

Each Connector is aligned to one of the GP Practices across East Ayrshire which promotes joint working within the surgeries across the various teams including Mental Health Practitioners, Nursing staff, Financial Inclusions Teams and GP's themselves. This ensures positive outcomes for the individuals referred, as well as reducing pressure on Primary Care Services overall. Connectors also have direct links into Advocacy and services that work to support Children and Families.

Over the past 12 months the Community Connectors have worked with agencies who support refugees, immigrants and displaced families, this has meant working closely with the resettlement teams to support people out of deprivation and poverty.

Connectors also attend joint forums and meetings with other Health and Social Care Partners (HSCP) including Social Work Front Door Hub meetings for both North and South of the locality. This allows a continuity of services and immediate actions can be taken when required. It also ensures the Connectors are a visible presence in the communities they represent and the role of the Connectors is being shared across all sectors.

The most frequent reasons for referral include welfare benefits, social activities, anxiety depression and social isolation. Since Covid the Connectors have seen a significant rise in referrals for housing, homelessness, and addiction. Often these issues do not sit in isolation, other factors at play can include poor mental health or support with benefits maximization. Access to different pathways is not always straight forward so often certain areas need to be prioritised but always working within a personal centre approach.

Community Connector Feedback

"I've got loads of things wrong with me, spina bifida, arthritic knees, awful sore hip and the cardiac nurse referred me to HARP, I don't have angina but I have got a shadow on my lungs that is being investigated. I've got COPD and I hope the class makes any undamaged lungs stronger. I could hardly walk after my first class, but it's getting easier"
"Thank you very much, you have been a lifeline for me, i appreciate everything that you have done for me. I do not know how I would have coped if you had not been able to assist me"

"Thank you so much for helping me, I can now sleep at night without worrying about losing my home"

"I appreciate all that you do, you have helped me so much"

"Appreciated having all the information printed out in a font size accessible to me, I was then able to go over this with my partner and be confident in the groups and activities I chose to try out"

We have five Community Engagement Workers across East Ayrshire who facilitate community participation by organising and setting up groups, events and forums where residents can share their views and lived experiences while participating in social activities that they enjoy.

During the past year CVO East Ayrshire expanded the social groups that we provided to combat social isolation and improve wellbeing in the local area. We have added groups in Galston and re- introduced activities in Shortlees and Cumnock to provide more residents of East Ayrshire with local access to services.

Our groups now include living rooms, a knitting and craft group, community drop ins, womens wellbeing groups, music groups, cultural group and walking groups throughout East Ayrshire. These groups provide a safe and friendly environment for their members to socialise and gain access to wider community supports. The groups also allow for peer support as group members become friends and share experiences.

Community Hubs and Groups

We have a number of community hubs across East Ayrshire:

- Community Routes in Cumnock
- Our Wee Place in Shortlees
- Irvine Valley Community Hub in Galston
- Open Doors in Kilmarnock
- GRAFT in Kilmarnock

Our community hubs provide a space for CVO activities and group work such as Cultural Connections, knitting, wellbeing, craft and music groups. In addition to this they are also available for third sector and partner agencies to deliver outreach services including one to one and group work.

The new Irvine Valley Hub is managed by CVO East Ayrshire and is a partnership approach to providing opportunities for people of the Irvine Valley and surrounding areas particularly those impacted by poverty, unemployment, and social isolation. The Hub will also provide opportunities for the development of local third sector organisations and the associated benefits ensuring no one is truly left behind. There is very limited open, flexible space for community use in Galston.

We believe the Community and Skills Hub will become a vibrant centre for people, community and wider stakeholders and has the potential to bring in visitors from further afield. It will respond to local need while addressing a number of key local and national policy objectives. The Community and Skills Hub will make a significant contribution to social cohesion. It will empower our communities to manage and deliver their own services to match local needs both now and in the future.

The delivery of community led activities and supports will enhance the wellbeing of local residents not only in relation to health but also increased local belief, aspirations and confidence to take ownership of their own local solutions.

Feet 1st

Feet 1st is an essential footcare service that operates throughout East Ayrshire. At Feet 1st we offer a preventative footcare service for people of all ages both within a clinic setting and within the community.

Feet 1st is a social enterprise and provides a quality, friendly service offering preventive measures to help minimise potential problems or methods to effectively treat issues. This service has played an important role in maintaining an improved overall quality of life and health. Our Footcare Technicians assess, treat and maintain foot health by trimming toenails and educating clients on basic footcare, each appointment lasts 30 minutes and appointment are on an 8 week cycle.

Since 2020 NHS Podiatry has no longer offered basic toenail clipping and this has increased the demand for Feet 1st. At present we have 1094 clients on our database ranging from 18 to 100 years of age. Feet 1st helps clients maintain healthy feet which in return helps improve their mobility and reduces the risk of falling. It enables clients to carry out normal day-to-day activities without any discomfort.

We recently started another part-time worker due to the demand on the service and currently have 2 full time workers and 3 part-time workers providing clinics in the following areas:

- Cumnock
- Belford Mill, Kilmarnock
- Galston
- Dalmellington
- Ochiltree

We also offer home visits for clients who are unable to attend the clinics and hold clinics in a number of care homes across East Ayrshire.

The largest number of referrals come from the following agencies:

- Self-referrals
- Learning Disability Team NHS
- NHS Podiatry
- GPs Nurses
- Third sector support services Foot care is essential for maintaining overall health and well-being.

Key benefits of proper foot care include :

- Prevents pain and discomfort: Proper foot care helps to alleviate pain caused by conditions like bunions, corns, calluses, and plantar fasciitis.

- Discomfort and keeps your feet feeling good.

- Improves Mobility: Healthy feet are vital for walking, running, and overall movement. Caring for your feet reduces the risk of injury and ensures you can move freely and comfortably.

- Prevents Infections: Regular foot care helps to keep your feet clean and dry, reducing the risk of fungal infections, like athlete's foot, and bacterial infections. It also helps prevent ingrown toenails.

- Enhances Circulation: Foot care, such as gentle massaging and proper circulation-boosting exercises, can improve blood flow, which is especially important for people with diabetes or poor circulation.

- Maintains Skin Health: Taking care of your feet, such as moisturizing the skin, helps prevent cracking and dryness, which can lead to infection.

Regular inspection of your feet can help detect early signs of deformities, allowing for prompt treatment and preventing them from worsening. When your feet are healthy, your whole body can feel better. Taking time to care for your feet can lead to improved posture and alignment, as well as fewer aches and pain. Foot pain or discomfort can negatively impact your mood and energy levels. Proper foot care can alleviate this stress and help maintain a positive mental state.

The Graft Project

Gaining Respect And Fostering Trust

GRAFT is a multi-faceted project that aims to alleviate the effects of poverty within our communities, make steps towards addressing its root causes and bring those people at the fringes of our society who are most excluded the chance to get involved in helping others to help themselves. It offers affordable maintenance services to those who may not otherwise be able to access them and at the same time gives routes into volunteering to people who are excluded from traditional means.

We combine this community role with commercial contracts. Our core work streams are:

- Grass Cutting Scheme
- Landscaping jobs: including hedge cutting, weeding, path clearing, laying pathways, weeding and general landscaping.
- Painting and decorating.

By adopting a social enterprise model and incorporating paid commercial work with the delivery of services to the most marginalised within our communities we have provided the stability required to build towards a sustainable project. We will continue to expand the scope and capacity of the project specifically in relation to using our skills, experience, and reputation as a socially conscious organisation to secure paid work or contracts.

Our core aims are to:

- Provide a dignified response to a wide range of identified community need and aspiration

- Lever a shift from crisis to preventative interventions. o Provide volunteer opportunities out with "traditional pathways".

- Enable positive progressions through volunteering to learning and employment. Build individual capacity and community resilience. Employability Unlocking Potential is a community-based pre-employability course within our GRAFT Community Hub. Providing essential work experience within CVO's GRAFT Project, combined with tailored person-centred community learning for 15 unemployed participants to open doors into education or employment.

The GRAFT Project supports the rehabilitation of those involved in the Justice System and individuals with substance use disorder (SUD). Providing an opportunity for individuals to gain invaluable work experience within a community enterprise which focuses on the development of garden and landscaping skills, woodwork, DIY and other general labour skills. During the reporting period of the last year, 15 individuals participated on the Unlocking Potential course engaging with a one-day work placement and one day community-based education theory day. All 15 participants completed the course successfully.

- 13 have successfully been offered employment opportunities.

- 2 are continuing their placement providing significant community benefit and have continued to be supported by CVO to overcome barriers and develop personal skills.

Gym and Fitness

The CVN and GRAFT teams supported by Unpaid Work Placements have built a gym area within their unit has gone from strength to strength. The gym was introduced to encourage people with a lived experience of the justice system to turn their backs on a life of crime and find focus through improved health and wellbeing.

Regular participation in exercise has been shown to decrease overall levels of tension, elevate and stabilize mood, improve sleep, and improve self-esteem. Two of our supervisors are boxing coaches and have offered their time to support people to develop essential life skills to thrive both in and outside of the gym. Classes are delivered in a controlled environment to channel participant's energies whilst also providing respite from any difficulties at home.

Offering boxing training with a difference the programme helps participants develop six core values while offering structure and routine in a fun environment:

- Purpose
- Adaptability
- Imagination
- Discipline
- Emotional control
- Teamwork

Community Voices Network

The GRAFT and Community Voices Network (CVN) Projects have a long history of pioneering the involvement of people with direct experience of the criminal justice system. This year the projects have designed several ways to listen to the views of experts by experience and involve them in the design and delivery of services.

GRAFT Unpaid Work

The GRAFT unpaid work team has shown continued dedication during the year. The unpaid workforce have collectively worked as part of a team, sharing skills and experience to achieve positive outcomes not only for each individual, but also wider community of East Ayrshire. Work based tasks undertaken include general building maintenance including Health and Safety checks/ replacements where required, decorating, furniture repair and assembly, as well as gardening maintenance (grass cutting, hedge trimming, landscaping etc).

It has been evident throughout this year that by creating a positive working environment which promotes sharing of skills and knowledge, can lead to the development of new skills as well as sense of achievement for those involved.

Grafix Design Studio and Print Shop

The GRAFT unpaid work team have shown dedication and worked tirelessly to refurbish a large room in the CVO's local premise at Belford Mill, Kilmarnock. The team transformed the room into a new Grafix Print Studio, providing time and skills to empty the old unit, paint walls, repair furniture, complete joinery tasks and install new fixtures to enhance the room, creating a welcoming environment for all. Their collective efforts have transformed the space into a vibrant area for future trainees and volunteer placements; helping to reduce isolation, promote confidence and develop new skills. Their hard work not only revitalised the facility but also fostered a strong sense of community spirit, proving that collaboration and generosity can make a meaningful impact.

WG13

WG13 is a unique venue in Kilmarnock offering delicious food, events, training and space to hire, all with a social conscience. Restaurant & wine bar and so much more. WG13 offers a unique dining experience and boutique venue in the heart of Kilmarnock.

WG13 is a social enterprise that over the past ten years has provided life changing training and work experience for those who otherwise may have been left behind. It is an innovative social enterprise, developed and run by the Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Ltd.

The Dining Room has a relaxed cafe menu and laid-back feeling during the day. Delicious food, rich coffees and fresh home baking are the order of the day.

The Drawing Room is a venue for private functions, business and community events, exhibitions, live music and training.

Little Shop Big Stories @ WG13

Little Shop @ WG13 is a social enterprise gift shop retail space in WG13-physical and online- that sells thoughtfully curated products with a social or environmental mission at its core. Unlike traditional gift shops, its primary goal is to create positive impact rather than maximise profit.

The shop reinvests its profits into causes such as:

- Supporting marginalised communities promoting ethical and sustainable production.
- Providing job training and employment opportunities.
- Funding local social activities or free initiatives

Gift shop items typically include:

- Handmade crafts from local or underrepresented young people.
- Fair trade snacks or accessories
- Art prints, stationery, and greeting cards with meaningful designs, designed by our trainees.

The Digital Room is WG13s Employability and Community Hub which is welcoming, inclusive space designed to support individuals on their journey towards sustainable employment and greater community engagement.

The hub acts as a central point for accessing practical support, personal development opportunities and tailored employability services while fostering a sense of belonging through community focused activities.

Key Objectives:

- Empower individuals to build skills, confidence, and readiness for work.

- Provide access to holistic support addressing barriers such as mental health and wellbeing, digital exclusion, and financial hardship.

- Connect people with local employers, training providers, and volunteering opportunities.

- Strengthen community resilience and reduce social isolation through events, peer support, and social groups

Employability

Last year CVO delivered two community based employability courses, an opportunity for 20 young people aged between 16-29 with additional support needs. Our young people had a range of complex support needs including ASD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Sight and Hearing Impairment, Communicative Disorders and Mental Health Conditions.

All 20 young people completed the Accredited 15- week employability course from September 2024 to March 2025 and they achieved an SCQF Level 4 Certificate of Work Readiness. The course was divided into three core elements every week (Theory, Work Placement and Drop-In).

We delivered a 'Theory Day' every Friday. Our Job Coaches supplemented classroom learning with practical work experience across our social enterprises. The programme enabled our young people to choose a work placement within one of our social enterprises or community venues.

The third element of Upskill was our Friday Living Room Drop-In, where young people can meet in a familiar safe space to relax and interact with others for additional support, peer-support and social engagement.

WG13 Case Studies

Case Study 1

Rhys is a young carer to his dad who had spent some time looking for work with no luck and had become withdrawn and thought he lacked the skills for employment. He contacted us after seeing an advertisement on Facebook. He wanted to gain skills and have practical experience to draw on in interviews. Even with lots of family responsibilities Rhys attended every week, he was always caring and polite and the staff all commented on how great a help he was during his work placement. We worked on making his CV stand out and skills he would need for employment. Rhys continued to look for work and one week after completing his 12-week course he was successful in gaining a part time position in ASDA. At Graduation his parents expressed how proud they were of him and just how much he gained from coming along to the open doors course. He had grown in confidence and started believing that he did have what it takes to enter the labour market

Case Study 2

Sarah's mum attended one of our social groups within WG13 and had expressed a concern for her 16 year old daughter who was struggling to find a path and was unsure what she wanted to do. Sarah started attending the knitting group with her mum where a was able to build a relationship up with her as she was very wary of other people. Once she knew me and other WG13 staff I explained the benefits of our course. We worked on confidence in unfamiliar environments and before long she was serving customers in our gift shop and starting to feel a real sense of pride. Sarah has now applied to Ayrshire College and hopes to attend full-time and study after completing her work experience.

Ayrshire East Foodbank

Ayrshire East Foodbank operates in a number of locations across East Ayrshire, dedicated to providing emergency food and support to individuals and families facing crisis situations. Established in 2012, the foodbank operates under the umbrella of the Trussell Trust network and is managed by CVO East Ayrshire. Ayrshire East Foodbank operates on a referral basis with individuals in need given an appointment to attend their nearest distribution centre where they are provided with three days' worth of emergency food provision.

Ayrshire East Foodbank conducted a reviewed of our signposting processes. We assessed how well clients are guided to relevant services and resources. The review included evaluating the clarity of information provided, the accessibility of materials and the effectiveness of staff or volunteers in directing clients to other helpful resources locally. The reviews of signposting processes focused on improving client experience, ensuring that people in need are quickly and accurately informed about all available internal and external support options. As a result of this work we were awarded funding to employ a Foodbank Community Connector who can provide additional support to help address the underlying causes of the crisis.

This year Ayrshire East Foodbank has experienced significant challenges due to increased demand and limited resources. Like most Foodbanks we are seeing a sharp rise in the number of people seeking emergency food support while donations-both food and financial-have been declining. Our volunteers and staff are always enthusiastic and keen to support those in need but this situation is putting considerable pressure on volunteers and supplies and there is an urgent need for additional support from the community, local organisations, and potential funders.

Feedback from Foodbank service users

"Because of my poor mental health, asking for help is difficult, so the food bank has provided me with a safe space to be able to talk and to find help that I need"

"I was embarrassed about having to ask for help with something like food for my children. When I got to Open Doors the welcome was so nice and they were really friendly and they gave my children a treat, a drink and a book. I remember coming home with the parcel, putting the food in my cupboards and they felt like they were nearly full, I thought, 'this is amazing, and it has lifted a weight off my shoulders until I get paid from work again."

"Without the foodbank, I don't think I would be here today, I am now volunteering at the Foodbank, getting my life on track as well as giving back to help others like I have been helped."

"The Foodbank is definitely more than emergency food, I am finally respected, appreciated and valued."

Foodbank Case Studies

Case Study 1

Mr M had phoned for food provision and presented at Open Doors one of our community hubs in Kilmarnock; He looked tired, under the weight of invisible burdens. His story was of countless steps taken-many to nowhere, life hadn't always been this way for Mr M. Just two years ago he had a job, accommodation, and enough money left over for the basics in life before he lost his job during the pandemic and things got worse. His bills piled up, and he had to decide every month whether to eat or keep the electricity on.

Mr M had to attended the Open Doors Foodbank for emergency food provision but didn't feel he deserved the help. Due to countless attempts to seek support, he had given up on life and was only existing, the Foodbank Community Connector handed him a bag of canned goods, pasta, and milk. She noticed his tired hesitant expression and invited him in to have a chat. Mr. M was overwhelmed and had trust issues by this point in life. During their conversation Mr M started opening up, he explained how he was being evicted, how his mental health was declining, that he barely saw his children as he couldn't afford the bus fare to visit and he had other significant challenges.

The Connector took small steps at a time and began outlining options, she supported him with his basic needs and came up with a plan to work through his issues. She also looked at a community employability support programme and helped him with the applications and support going forward. "Someone believes in me" Mr M replied several times. Mr M left with more than a bag of food that day, he had a plan-a flicker of hope that maybe, just maybe, tomorrow wouldn't feel as heavy.

The support process was ongoing for Mr M and he attended the groups within Open Doors hub. Mr M would say "how nice it is to have a nutritious bowl of warm soup, it's the best part of his week" In time Mr M started to lift his head and he wanted to live again, he was more than willing to put in the work to achieve a better lifestyle. "Once what felt like a drowning broken man living hell on earth, now feels and looks like a man brimming with self-confidence" Mr M said as he laughed.

Mr M attended the employability support programme and took advantage of the training, along with ongoing support appointments with the Connector. Once all Mr M's basic needs were met he was ready to go onto the next phase of life again and applied for a part time job. He is now working within his community and thriving again day by day, he has weekends with his daughter and is concentrating on being the best member of his community he can be and also donates to the foodbank from time to time as a thank you gesture. "I'm glad I had the courage to ask for food that day as someone believed in me and it has changed my life"

Case Study 2

Mr. R was referred to the Foodbank through the GRAFT Project where he had been volunteering while looking for employment. He experienced delays with his benefit payments which resulted in him being without money to buy food and fuel. The Foodbank was able to provide Mr R with a 3 day emergency food parcel which meant he was not going hungry and could put what little money he had towards fuel costs whilst waiting for his benefit payments. Mr R was very grateful for the help he received through the foodbank. He began to volunteer for the Foodbank distribution centre based in the GRAFT Project which had helped him when he was in need. "It helped my confidence a lot, and I enjoyed being able to help the people who came in to the foodbank".

As part of his volunteering Mr R was able to access numerous training opportunities which he completed to increase his skills and employability. His training included:

- Manual Handling
- Health & Safety
- Fire Risk Awareness
- First Aid

Mr R was able to minimise the impact of his crisis situation by receiving an emergency food parcel. He avoided undue stress and hunger through the support offered to him. He was also able to increase his volunteering experiences after being made aware of the Foodbank and how it operates. Through his combined volunteering roles at the GRAFT Project he was able to access training and develop his skills and over all employability.

We are very pleased to report that Mr R has recently been successful at interview for a job vacancy. He is looking forward to starting his new post though has said that he will miss his volunteering role.

Third Sector Forum

Our East Ayrshire Third Sector Forums hosted in WG13 continue to be resounding successes, bringing together a diverse range of charities, community groups, and social enterprises from across East Ayrshire to collaborate, share insights and strengthen existing and new partnerships. These forums provide valuable platforms for open dialogue on key challenges and opportunities facing the sector with engaging workshops, inspiring speakers, and productive networking sessions.

Participants always leave feeling empowered and connected with renewed energy to drive positive change in East Ayrshire. The forums highlight the power of collaboration and the critical role the third sector plays in building a fairer, more inclusive East Ayrshire. This year we have hosted Third Sector

Locality Forums in Stewarton, Cumnock, Irvine Valley and Dalmellington which has marked a significant step forward in strengthening community engagement and collaborative working at the local level. These forums create dedicated spaces for third sector organisations to come together, share local intelligence, identify emerging needs, and co-design solutions that are tailored to their specific communities. By fostering closer relationships between voluntary groups and community representatives, the locality forums support more coordinated and responsive service delivery.

This grassroots approach ensures that local voices are heard, resources are better aligned, and collective action is taken to address issues that matter most to the people in each area. We are setting up a The Third Sector Chief Officers Forum which will serve as a strategic leadership platform where senior leaders from across the voluntary and community sector come together to collaborate, influence, and drive forward collective priorities. This forum will provide a space for Chief Officers to share intelligence, discuss emerging issues, and shape the direction of local, regional and national policy. It will foster a unified voice for the third sector, strengthening the third sector in East Ayrshire's position within multi-agency partnerships and strategic decision-making structures.

By championing innovation, peer support, and shared learning, the Chief Officers Forum will play a crucial role in enhancing the sector's capacity to deliver meaningful change and improve outcomes for communities across East Ayrshire. To further strengthen community connections we held a successful Third Sector Showcase Event, which attracted large national funders and 220 participants from across East Ayrshire's Third Sector and the Community Planning Partnership. This event exemplified our commitment to providing local organisations with vital opportunities and connections which empowered them to better meet community needs.

Grafix Design Studio & Print Shop

Our social enterprise Grafix offers a quality design and print service to both local and national customers. Initially creating printed gift items for the Little Shop at WG13, specialising in personalised and bespoke designs, we have expanded our offering to now include printed marketing materials, stationary and branded merchandise. We have many loyal and repeat customers, both individuals and organisations, that continue to come back to Grafix as they understand by choosing us they are having are helping to achieve our goal of having a positive social impact, rather than solely being focused on profit.

We provide training and work placements for those with a creative interest that have additional barriers to employment within a supportive environment. Trainees can get involved in all aspects of Grafix, from initial ideas and design, through to the printing and marketing of final physical products, learning and developing new skills along the way. Grafix has a growing number of small third sector organisations as customers.

We recognise that many of these organisations are at a disadvantage when it comes to obtaining their printed marketing materials and merchandise as they can't access any discounts or lower prices typically offered with large quantities. We aim to bridge this gap by offering a fair and good value price for our services even with smaller quantities, as well as offering third sector discounts.

Most excitingly, Grafix has recently officially expanded and moved into a new, purpose designed studio premises within Belford Mill. This new space means more room to continue to grow, innovate, and make an even bigger impact on the trainees we support and through the services we offer. We are excited about the opportunities this brings-whether it's creating more jobs and training, expanding our services, or collaborating in new ways.

Impact 2024-2025

- 100% Positive destinations for all employability participants
- 1280 Volunteers registered
- 468 Organisations supported
- 228 Isolated people receive weekly calls from volunteers
- 168 organisations have received in excess of £1,518,577 in funding from the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund over the past three years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is still the charities aim to build up reserves of six months running costs however progress towards this goal has been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and the ongoing cost of living crisis.

FUTURE PLANS

Our vision is to create a sustainable model for the charity going forward given the economic uncertainty and the need to retain skills and expertise within the organisation.

We have identified key outcomes to enable us to achieve this.

Evaluate effectiveness: Reviewing the impact of current programs and initiatives is an ongoing process and underscores areas where we could improve or scale up services.

Short-term goals: To further expand our outreach services by increasing the number of key partner agencies engaging with our hub facilities in Kilmarnock, Galston and Cumnock.

Long-term goals: Longer term we will continue to focus on our beneficiaries however we plan to incorporate additional data into our monitoring and evaluation of services. This data will reflect the work of key partner agencies in relation to the projected population shift and changes to the local demographics.

Diversify revenue streams: The Charity will explore different ways to fund our services and generate income.
Collaborate with other organisations: We will continue to build partnerships to maximise resources and expertise and extend our reach.

Volunteer recruitment: We will further develop existing services or incentives to attract and retain volunteers, such as training, recognition, or opportunities for personal growth.

Community involvement: We will foster partnerships with local businesses, schools, and other third sector organisations to build a stronger community network.

Staff development: The charity will invest in training for our staff team to improve service delivery, leadership, and volunteer coordination.

Incorporate feedback: We will regularly collect feedback from staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries to improve services and ensure you're addressing evolving community needs.

Increase visibility: We will utilise social media, local news outlets, and community events to increase awareness of your charity's mission and services.

Financial sustainability: We will work towards developing a strategy to ensure the long-term viability of the charity, including creating a business model that generates revenue while serving the mission.

Succession planning: We will ensure that leadership is sustainable by having plans for leadership development and transitions.

Impact measurement: We will implement tools to measure both short-term and long-term outcomes to ensure the charity is meeting its objectives and making a meaningful difference.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Charity constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All the directors of the company are also trustees of the charity and there are no other trustees.

Any director who was appointed by the directors in the period from the date of the last annual general meeting shall retire in office.

Out of the remaining directors, the two directors who have been longest in office since they were last appointed shall retire from office. Any retiring director is eligible for re-election.

Organisational structure

The charity is organised so that the directors meet regularly to mange its affairs.

Administrative matters are dealt with by the manager, the staff and by the company secretary.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Financial reporting and administration is now overseen by the Treasurer, the Manager and the Financial Administrator. The charity is working with its bankers to ensure that financial matters are managed appropriately and that best use is made of the available resources. Staff training has been identified in areas such as charity accounts and financial reporting to ensure that staff and Board members are fully aware of their legal requirements.

Additional Risk Assessments have been undertaken as follows

Financial stability in relation to the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis on income generation.

Lone Working Policies have reviewed as we have moved back to full-service delivery and home visits.

Review of induction process and the additional of a number of new training modules.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC247449 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

SC024931

Registered office

Belford Mill
16 Brewery Road
Kilmarnock
KA1 1NY

Trustees

Directors and Trustees

Brian Broadley (Chairman)
Matthew Hood (Treasurer)
Samuel Hudson (Secretary)
Danny Lascelles
Mary Ritchie

COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Auditors

Henry Brown & Co
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
26 Portland Road
Kilmarnock
Ayrshire
KA1 2EB

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Henry Brown & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

M Hood - Trustee

Matthew Hood

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty related to going concern
We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which explains that the charity has accumulated unrestricted deficits arising from historic events. This indicates that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the charity will continue to operate for at least the next 12 months. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the charity continuing to make unrestricted surpluses, reducing the level of accumulated unrestricted deficits, generating sufficient cash flows from its operations and ensuring continued financial support from its funders.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations.
- whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance.

As with all audits performed under ISAs (UK), all procedures were designed and performed in such a way as to take account of the overall control environment, management's attitude toward those controls and the ever present risk that controls may be overridden by management.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in which the Charitable Company operates, focussing on those laws which had a direct effect on the material balances and disclosures in the Charitable Company's financial statements. Key laws & regulations considered in this context are:

- Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

In addition, we considered other laws & regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements, but compliance is necessary for the continued operations of the Charitable Company, or to avoid a material penalty. Laws & regulations considered in this context are:

- Employment law
- Health & safety regulations
- General Data Protection Regulations
- Anti Money Laundering Regulations

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures, and testing to supporting documentation.
- Enquiring of management concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and correspondence with HMRC and OSCR.
- Reviewing correspondence with the company solicitors, and receiving confirmation from same, in respect of any instances of noncompliance.

In the assessment of the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we have made enquiries of management on their assessment of the susceptibility of the financial statements to fraud (and any known, suspected, or alleged instances in the year), reviewed of large and unusual transactions, tested the appropriateness of journal entries, assessed whether the judgements made in the Charitable Company making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential management bias, and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business. entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. In addition we carried out analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships and designed and performed tests to identify undisclosed related party transactions.

In response to the presumed significant risk associated with the recognition of income we designed and performed tests, including the testing of income completeness and cut off.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and the trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Gregor Orr B.Acc. C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Henry Brown & Co
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
26 Portland Road
Kilmarnock
Ayrshire
KA1 2EB

26 October 2026

COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,471,963	436,956	1,908,919	1,785,761
Other trading activities	3	101,978	-	101,978	96,750
Investment income	4	1,239	-	1,239	1,424
Total		1,575,180	436,956	2,012,136	1,883,935
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	45,865	-	45,865	89,222
Charitable activities	6				
Representation and assistance of the voluntary sector across East Ayrshire		1,479,827	386,101	1,865,928	1,698,326
Total		1,525,692	386,101	1,911,793	1,787,548
NET INCOME		49,488	50,855	100,343	96,387
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		(130,471)	256,502	126,031	29,644
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(80,983)	307,357	226,374	126,031

The notes form part of these financial statements

COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: SC247449)

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	109,415	8,269	117,684	135,517
Investments	15	1	-	1	1
		109,416	8,269	117,685	135,518
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	67,055	140,000	207,055	211,228
Cash at bank and in hand		167,698	307,582	475,280	330,517
		234,753	447,582	682,335	541,745
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(425,153)	(148,493)	(573,646)	(551,232)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		(190,400)	299,089	108,689	(9,487)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(80,984)	307,358	226,374	126,031
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		(80,984)	307,358	226,374	126,031
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds				(80,984)	(130,471)
Restricted funds				307,358	256,502
TOTAL FUNDS				226,374	126,031

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Hood - Trustee Matthew Hood

B J Broadley - Trustee Ben Broadley

The notes form part of these financial statements

COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (EAST AYRSHIRE) LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(64,674)	(52,468)
Net cash used in operating activities		(64,674)	(52,468)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		1,239	1,424
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,239	1,424
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(63,435)	(51,044)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	93,538	144,582
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	30,103	93,538

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	100,343	96,387
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	17,833	21,779
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	2,978
Interest received	(1,239)	(1,424)
Decrease in stocks	-	21,837
Decrease in debtors	3,925	45,638
Decrease in creditors	(185,536)	(239,663)
Net cash used in operations	(64,674)	(52,468)

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	4,885	5,423
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	470,395	325,094
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	(445,177)	(236,979)
Total cash and cash equivalents	30,103	93,538

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	330,517	144,763	475,280
Bank overdrafts	(236,979)	(208,198)	(445,177)
	93,538	(63,435)	30,103
Total	93,538	(63,435)	30,103

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Going Concern
Due to the strains placed on the charity during the COVID-19 pandemic and the level of hardship experienced by so many during that time, the charity was forced to utliise the cash flow generated from restricted funds to underpin the operational costs of the charity.

In the post pandemic period the charity has been working to restore unrestricted reserves and has made positive inroads reducing the unrestricted deficit year on year. Due to an ever increasing level of demand this has not yet been achieved as at the balance sheet date.

It is anticipated that by the end of financial year 31 March 2027, unrestricted reserves will have returned to surplus and as such the trustees consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis when preparing the accounts.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements

Depreciation
Depreciation of fixed assets has been based on estimated useful lives and residual values deemed appropriate by the trustees. Estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually and revised as appropriate.

Bad Debts
Bad debt provisions are provided at rates deemed appropriate by the trustees.

Specific allowances are provided for when it is known to the trustees that the debtor is not recoverable in part or in full.

General allowances are provided based on the trustees' cumulative knowledge and experience of the industry, where it is deemed probable a portion of the debtors balance will become unrecoverable.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charitycharity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of VAT up until the end of August 2015 as the charity could not reclaim the VAT. Since September 2015 the charity has been registered for VAT and reclaims VAT on a partial exemption basis.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirement of the charity and include audit fees and the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in those cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of theses resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure
Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include bank office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts activities. Support costs are allocated across projects or funds based on the resources used by those projects or funds.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

At each reporting date fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carry amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the Statement of Financial Position. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is shorter. The interest element of these obligations is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Donated goods
Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount or waivers offered.

Creditors and Provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Financial Instruments
The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Basic Financial Assets
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Any impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account. Subsequent reversals are reversed recognised in profit and loss but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

Classification of Financial Liabilities
Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic Financial Liabilities

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors
Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method..

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the report of the trustees.

Employment Benefits
The costs of short-term employee benefits including holiday pay are recognised as a liability and an expense.

Government Grants
Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty
In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	43,960	47,077
Grants	1,718,587	1,705,148
Management fee/rental income	49,059	19,280
Graft Project income	84,896	14,256
Feet Ist fees	12,417	-
	1,908,919	1,785,761

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other grants	1,718,587	1,705,148

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
WG13 Income	101,978	96,750

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,239	1,424

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening stock	-	21,837
Purchases	45,865	67,385
	45,865	89,222

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Representation and assistance of the voluntary sector across East Ayrshire	1,629,269	193,104	43,555	1,865,928

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Representation and assistance of the voluntary sector across East Ayrshire	193,104	180,250

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Representation and assistance of the voluntary sector across East Ayrshire	1,754	41,801	43,555

The amount charged in respect of non-audit services for the year was £4,080.

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	17,833	21,779
Other operating leases	-	14,873
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	2,978

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	14,000	14,000

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	769,129	837,454
Social security costs	55,086	56,277
Other pension costs	14,929	15,028
	839,144	908,759

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Manager, development workers, trainees	43	49

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12. STAFF COSTS - continued

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025	2024
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,325,341	460,420	1,785,761
Other trading activities	96,750	-	96,750
Investment income	1,424	-	1,424
Total	1,423,515	460,420	1,883,935
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	67,385	21,837	89,222
Charitable activities			
Representation and assistance of the voluntary sector across East Ayrshire	1,483,410	214,916	1,698,326
Total	1,550,795	236,753	1,787,548
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(127,280)	223,667	96,387
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	(3,191)	32,835	29,644
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	(130,471)	256,502	126,031

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	105,000	136,024	141,972
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	-	122,419	141,972
Charge for year	-	13,605	-
At 31 March 2025	-	136,024	141,972
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	105,000	-	-
At 31 March 2024	105,000	13,605	-

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	45,894	26,956	455,846
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	28,982	26,956	320,329
Charge for year	4,228	-	17,833
At 31 March 2025	33,210	26,956	338,162
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	12,684	-	117,684
At 31 March 2024	16,912	-	135,517

15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	1
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	1
At 31 March 2024	1

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	207,055	195,259
VAT	-	531
Prepayments and accrued income	-	4,412
Prepayments	-	11,026
	207,055	211,228

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 18)	445,177	236,979
Trade creditors	82,154	90,581
Social security and other taxes	12,153	13,234
VAT	1,602	248
Other creditors	16,560	10,107
Accruals and deferred income	-	185,083
Accrued expenses	16,000	15,000
	573,646	551,232

18. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	445,177	236,979

Whilst the nature of fund accounting, whereby the bank balance is split into constituent part broken down by fund, indicates the existence of bank borrowing at the balance sheet date. This is only a timing difference arising due to general funds being used to underpin the short term cashflow requirement of restricted charitable projects until grant funding to which the charity was entitled was released and no bank borrowings actually exist.

19. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	162,200	162,200
Between one and five years	608,000	630,400
In more than five years	512,700	652,500
	1,282,900	1,445,100

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(233,229)	(111,559)	(344,788)
Feet First	14,793	10,182	24,975
East Ayrshire Foodbank	-	5,291	5,291
East Ayrshire Employability Fund	48,201	(34,936)	13,265
Mental Health T*** Fund	36,492	(18,615)	17,877
Integrated Health & Social Care (Unrestricted)	-	138,050	138,050
Graft Project	3,272	61,074	64,346
	(130,471)	49,487	(80,984)
Restricted funds			
SAC Mobile Unit	11,025	(2,756)	8,269
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing	245,477	61,313	306,790
Trussell Trust	-	(8,493)	(8,493)
Recruitment Incentive Grant	-	792	792
	256,502	50,856	307,358
TOTAL FUNDS	126,031	100,343	226,374

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	424,587	(536,146)	(111,559)
Feet First	61,095	(50,913)	10,182
East Ayrshire Foodbank	15,754	(10,463)	5,291
East Ayrshire Employability Fund	194,077	(229,013)	(34,936)
Mental Health T*** Fund	101,864	(120,479)	(18,615)
Integrated Health & Social Care (Unrestricted)	715,849	(577,799)	138,050
Graft Project	61,954	(880)	61,074
	1,575,180	(1,525,693)	49,487
Restricted funds			
CVN	25,715	(25,715)	-
SAC Mobile Unit	-	(2,756)	(2,756)
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing	373,241	(311,928)	61,313
East Ayrshire Employability funded by the Robertson Trust	23,000	(23,000)	-
Trussell Trust	-	(8,493)	(8,493)
Recruitment Incentive Grant	15,000	(14,208)	792
	436,956	(386,100)	50,856
TOTAL FUNDS	2,012,136	(1,911,793)	100,343

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	(3,191)	(127,280)	(130,471)
Restricted funds			
WG13 - Scottish Attainment Challenge	6,107	(6,107)	-
SAC Mobile Unit	14,701	(3,676)	11,025
IH & SC Partnership	9	(9)	-
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing	12,018	233,459	245,477
	32,835	223,667	256,502
TOTAL FUNDS	29,644	96,387	126,031

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	1,423,515	(1,550,795)	(127,280)
Restricted funds			
WG13 - Scottish Attainment Challenge	-	(6,107)	(6,107)
SAC Mobile Unit	(1)	(3,675)	(3,676)
IH & SC Partnership	-	(9)	(9)
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing	373,006	(139,547)	233,459
Peer Outreach	87,415	(87,415)	-
	460,420	(236,753)	223,667
TOTAL FUNDS	1,883,935	(1,787,548)	96,387

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	(3,191)	(77,793)	(80,984)
Restricted funds			
WG13 - Scottish Attainment Challenge	6,107	(6,107)	-
SAC Mobile Unit	14,701	(6,432)	8,269
IH & SC Partnership	9	(9)	-
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing	12,018	294,772	306,790
Trussell Trust	-	(8,493)	(8,493)
Recruitment Incentive Grant	-	792	792
	32,835	274,523	307,358
TOTAL FUNDS	29,644	196,730	226,374

Net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	2,998,695	(3,076,488)	(77,793)
Restricted funds			
WG13 - Scottish Attainment Challenge	-	(6,107)	(6,107)
CVN	25,715	(25,715)	-
SAC Mobile Unit	(1)	(6,431)	(6,432)
IH & SC Partnership	-	(9)	(9)
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing	746,247	(451,475)	294,772
Peer Outreach	87,415	(87,415)	-
East Ayrshire Employability funded by the Robertson Trust	23,000	(23,000)	-
Trussell Trust	-	(8,493)	(8,493)
Recruitment Incentive Grant	15,000	(14,208)	792
	897,376	(622,853)	274,523
TOTAL FUNDS	3,896,071	(3,699,341)	196,730

East Ayrshire Food Bank funds are held to provide access to food provision for the most vulnerable and those in need within communities.

IH & SC funds are held to provide a range of community-based services aimed at supporting the most vulnerable within our communities and mitigating the impact of social isolation, mental health issues, financial poverty and poverty of access.

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Community Connectors: deliver a service supporting Primary Care services and are aligned to GP practices across East Ayrshire. Their role is to support and strengthen the connections between GP practices and the Third Sector in order to enhance patient wellbeing. Community Connectors work holistically taking a person-centred approach and encouraging clients to access and utilise services within their communities and achieve personally identified positive outcomes.

Feet 1st : is a personal foot care/nail cutting social enterprise which evolved in response to redesign of local Podiatry Services. The service was co-produced with local older people, stakeholder groups, NHS Ayrshire and Arran Podiatry team and CVO (EA) Ltd.

MHTF: Funding is provided for three Community Engagement Workers and a Children and Young Persons Counsellor who are aligned with the Community Connector team to work holistically taking a person-centred approach and encouraging clients to access and utilise services within their communities and achieve personally identified positive outcomes.

Digital funds held at the year-end will be used to provide community based care telehealth and telecare services to enable people to live at home safely for pro-active peer support for East Ayrshire seniors.

Sky funds held will be used for provision of out of school activities for 5-16 year old and family based support for their parents and carers.

SAC funds were used to purchase a dedicated catering bus and staff to support care experienced young people train in all aspects of hospitality.

Hart: provided chair based exercises for older residents within East Ayrshire

IH & SC Partnership: IH & SC funds are held to provide a range of community-based services aimed at supporting the most vulnerable within our communities and mitigating the impact of social isolation, mental health issues, financial poverty and poverty of access.

Mpower Projects: The Digital Navigator role will support East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnerships to identify citizens at risk who could benefit from enhanced social connectedness and/or Technology Enabled Care solutions. Taking an holistic person centred approach to develop health and wellbeing anticipatory care plans in order to reduce unnecessary demand on general practice and presentation to unscheduled healthcare.

Community Mental Health and Wellbeing: The intended outcome of the Fund is to develop a culture of mental wellbeing and prevention within local communities and across Scotland with improved awareness of how we can all stay well and help ourselves and others. The Fund seeks to contribute to the four key areas of focus from the Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan:

1. Promoting and supporting the conditions for good mental health and wellbeing
at population level
2. Providing accessible signposting to help, advice and support
3. Providing a rapid and easily accessible response to those in distress
4. Ensuring safe, effective treatment and care of people living with mental illness

Community Based Adult Learning: is required to meet more than one of the following outcomes:

- Adult learners shape and inform decisions on the diverse opportunities and support they need to help them recover from the impact of COVID-19 and re-engage in learning.
- Increased engagement, re-engagement and support for adult learners and communities who need it most, including those disproportionately disadvantaged by COVID-19.

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

CRF2: The overall aim of the project was to identify the impact of Covid on the most vulnerable and isolated residents within SIMD rural and urban communities and use this information as a valuable piece of research to produce a blueprint recommendation plan for provision of services to support meaningful long term and sustainable recovery.

Digital Community Assistant: funding for a Digital Community assistant to work alongside the Digital Connector to provide community-based care telehealth and telecare services to enable people to live at home safely for pro-active peer support for East Ayrshire seniors.

21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

At the balance sheet date, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Ltd (CVO EA) owed the Stuff for Kids and Youth Project (The SKY Project) £nil (2024: £nil).