

ERSKINE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS SCIO

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO – SC052678

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 October 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name

Erskine Community Allotments SCIO

Charity No.

SC052678

Address

c/o The Secretary, 213 Mainshill, Erskine PA8 7JB

Current Trustees

Rosemary (Ros) Scott	Chair/Fundraiser
Eileen Elder	Secretary / (Acting Treasurer)
Vacant	Treasurer
Ian Scott	Grounds Convener
Steven Long	Healthy and Safety Officer
Robert Niblock	Committee Member
Thomas Allan	Committee Member
Patricia Clarke	Committee Member

Resignations

No resignations to report

Appointments

No new appointments

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity's status has changed to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered on 12 July 2023 moving it from its former Unincorporated Association status which was registered on 12 June 2016. The assets of Erskine Community Allotments Sc046634 were transferred to Erskine Community Allotments Sc052678 on registration. It has a two tier structure and as such, the trustees are also members of the Charity.

Prior to registration the Charity previously operated as Lamont Gardens, with the assets of Lamont Gardens transferred to the Erskine Community Allotments Sc046634 on registration.

Appointment of trustees

The Board, which normally meets on the second Sunday of each month, are the Charity's trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to all members.

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting by its Members which are held in November. There must be a minimum of four and a maximum of eight trustees on the Board

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

- a) The advancement of community development, through provision of and participation in community garden spaces in a sustainable and inclusive manner.
- b) the advancement of education of the general public in agriculture, horticulture, sustainable development and the protection and improvement of the natural environment through good environmental practices by encouraging and teaching a range of outdoor skills and pursuits, promoting the benefits of the natural environment and living more sustainably.
- c) to advance environmental improvement through the growing of food locally, leading to a reduction in carbon footprint, increased resilience, and opportunities for recycling organic and other materials and by promoting the benefits of and demonstrating a range of good environmental and horticultural practices such as organic growing, composting, and through reducing, re-using and recycling of resources

- d) To provide recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended by providing affordable allotment spaces, opportunities for people to grow their own food and to keep physically and socially active.

Activities

The charity provides allotment plots for the cultivation and growing of fruit, vegetables and flowers based at the allotment site, to improve the conditions of life for members generally who have a need for such facilities to enhance their health and wellbeing.

The annual judging of the allotments continue as a bit of fun and enjoyment for the plot holders and 2 external independent judges carry out the judging for us. Plot Judging took place in late July this year and the judges noticed a rise in standards of plots from the previous year.

Our Polycrub (Poly tunnel) still proves to be a massive asset to the Charity and has been well used. So much so that space is at a premium with more and more members wishing to use it to grow tomatoes, chillies aubergines and a fig tree.

We had a request early in 2025 from the BBC Production Team who were looking for an allotment site again for filming an episode of a television programme around July/August and as they had already used our site previously asked if we would be able to accommodate their request. The filming took place in August and we all found it interesting watching the filming being carried out and meeting the film crew and actors and look forward to watching the final result when it is released on TV in 2026.

Our Annual Open Day was held on 6 September 2025. We use the Open Day as our main way of raising funds for improving the allotment site and any surplus fresh fruit and vegetables are distributed to groups who support those in need ones the Open Day is over.

Achievements and Performance

In 2023 application was made to Renfrewshire Council for a Community Asset Transfer and approval was granted in January 2024 to proceed with the transfer of ownership for the allotment site and an adjacent piece of ground for it to come under ownership of the allotment site which will ensure the security of the charity as we move forward and negotiation has continued throughout 2025 to endeavour to finalise the transfer and it was hoped that the transfer would be completed by January 2026.

Demand for allotment plots still remains very high. The popularity in food growing is still growing and is encouraging you families now wanting to take part. Our waiting list continues to grow.

The group is still involved with the Renfrewshire Growing Grounds Forum. The Forum hasn't met face to face since covid and we due to the death of the person who led the group and the Council reorganising their department they have said they are looking at the way in which they can get the Forum back up and running but it will be at least April before a decision will be made on this. They do keep in touch online while we await what is happening.

We continue to fundraise through our seed scheme where members compete their order for seeds and I complete one main order through a seed catalogue from which we earn a discount on the purchases and this in turn helps to boost our funds.

The Community Payback Scheme continues to support us whenever they can to help us if they have supervising staff available to carry out the work requested.

Financial review

Our main source of funding is fees which are charged to plot holders for membership. Fees still remain the same at £20 for full plot and £10 for a half plot and there is no indication that these will rise in the near future.

We presently do not have a Treasurer and our Secretary has stepped in to carry out these duties and are checked by myself (as Chairperson) and passed to our auditor for verification. We will continue with our Secretary as acting Treasurer and I as Chairperson looking after the financial arrangements until we are able to appoint a treasurer. The group are happy for this to continue for as long as necessary.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to retain £500 in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. The trustees believe that this is an acceptable range but will continue to monitor the position.

Plans for future period

The Community Asset Transfer buy out continued through 2025 between our solicitors and the Council's legal services, there has been several delays in the legal process due to Council staffing. It has now been indicated it will be probably be the end of 2025/beginning of January 2026 before the transfer will take placed.

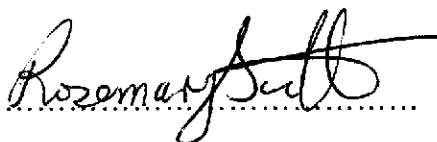
Once the Community Asset Transfer is completed we hope to start fundraising and applying for grants to start work on what will be the extension to the allotments and build 24 raised starter beds to enable us to bring in another 24 members to join us in growing food.

We received funding late October 2024 to enable us to upgrade one of the plots with two large raised beds which is going to be offered free of charge to either early learning centres, schools or if possible to people suffering from Dementia groups. Depending on weather conditions this project was completed early 2025.

We are all looking forward to the new challenges next year.

We will be scheduling dates in 2025 for:

Our Annual Plot Judging - July
Annual Open Day – August
Seed Scheme – August/September

Signed: 

Print Name: ROSEMARY SCOTT

Position: Chairperson

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

ERSKINE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS SCIO

SC052678

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	11	2024	to	31	10	2025

Set out on pages

6

(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's
statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

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

Signed: *William Vernall*

Date: 26 May 2026

Name: William Vernall

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAS

Address:

Titanium 1, King's Inch Place, Renfrew, PA4 8WF

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose



Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from				to		
	01	11	24		31	10 2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	4,706				4,706	6,829
Legacies	-				-	
Grants	-				-	3,881
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,011				1,011	2,436
Gross trading receipts	601				601	1,020
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities : Fees	880				880	880
					-	17
A1 Sub total	7,198	-	-	-	7,198	15,043
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,198	-	-	-	7,198	15,043
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	27				27	76
Gross trading payments	601				601	1,020
Investment management costs	-				-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-				-	
Grants and donations	25				25	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	360				360	
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	
Legal costs	-				-	500
Other : Admin/Insurance/NALGS	390				390	578
Grounds Convenor/General Expense	384				384	514
A3 Sub total	1,787	-	-	-	1,787	2,688
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,363	3,881			5,244	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	1,363	3,881	-	-	5,244	-
Total payments	3,150	3,881	-	-	7,031	2,688
Net receipts / (payments)	4,048	(3,881)	-	-	4,317	12,355
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	(3,881)	3,881			-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	167	-	-	-	4,317	12,355

B1 Cash funds

B2 investments

B3 Other assets

B4 Liabilities

B5 Contingent liabilities

**Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees**

Signature*

Print Name _____

Date of approval

Speer Elder.
Rosemary Holt

EILEEN ELDER

ROSEMARY SCOTT

12/4/20

12/4/26

* Please note - OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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C2 Grants

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C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	-
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
	-

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
\$				-

C6 Other information

(i) Grant Funding which was received at the end of 2023 was carried forward for the work to be carried out in early 2024 due to weather conditions and flooding for the building of an outdoor classroom area.

(ii) Ground preparation has been carried out by using unrestricted funds in the amount of £1094

Fundraising will commence with the project once the Community Asset Transfer completes in 2026.

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Erskine Community Allotments Bnk & Cash	-	-	-	-	-	6,722
Anonymous Donation	-	-	-	-	-	50
Paisley Walking Group	-	-	-	-	-	53
Members donations	5	-	-	-	6	5
Charities Trustee CP 23870	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
BBC Donation for Filming	3,700	-	-	-	3,700	-
Total	4,706	-	-	-	4,706	6,830
	reference	-	-	-	-	reference

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Renfrewshire Council	-	-	-	3,881
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	3,881
	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Open Day 2023	-	-	-	-	-	1,307
Open Day 2024 + chq payment S Goodwin	-	-	-	-	-	958
Donation Excess Seed Money fundraiser	1	-	-	-	1	16
Seed Order Fundraiser	82	-	-	-	82	155
Seed Order Fundraiser	601	-	-	-	601	1,020
I Scott repaid overpayment of purchases	-	-	-	-	-	17
Membership Fees	880	-	-	-	880	880
Open Day 2025	929	-	-	-	929	-
Total	2,493	-	-	-	2,493	4,333
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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
SAGS Membership	-	-	-	-	-	42
NALGS Membership	147	-	-	-	147	126
Kings Seeds	601	-	-	-	601	1,020
Insurance	184	-	-	-	184	184
Administration	59	-	-	-	59	227
Ground Convenors Expenses	34	-	-	-	34	476
General Expenses	350	-	-	-	350	38
Fundraising Expenses	27	-	-	-	27	76
Planning Application	-	-	-	-	-	500
Professional Fees - Auditors	360	-	-	-	360	-
Donation to Others	26	-	-	-	26	-
Total	1,767	-	-	-	1,767	2,689

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Erskine Community Allotments Brk & Cash	-	-	-	-	-	6,722
Anonymous Donation	-	-	-	-	-	50
Paisley Walking Group	-	-	-	-	-	63
Members donations	6	-	-	-	6	5
Charities Trustee CP 23870	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
BBC Donation for Filming	3,700	-	-	-	3,700	-
Total	4,706	-	-	-	4,706	6,830
	reference	-	-	-	-	reference

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Renfrewshire Council	-	-	-	3,881
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	3,881
	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Open Day2023	-	-	-	-	-	1,307
Open Day 2024 + chq payment S Goodwin	-	-	-	-	-	968
Donation Excess Seed Money fundraiser	1	-	-	-	1	16
Seed Order Fundraiser	82	-	-	-	82	155
Seed Order Fundraiser	801	-	-	-	601	1,020
I Scott repaid overpayment of purchases	-	-	-	-	-	17
Membership Fees	880	-	-	-	880	880
Open Day 2025	929	-	-	-	829	-
Total	2,493	-	-	-	2,493	4,333
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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
SAGS Membership	-	-	-	-	-	42
NALGS Membership	147	-	-	-	147	126
Kings Seeds	601	-	-	-	601	1,020
Insurance	184	-	-	-	184	184
Administration	59	-	-	-	59	227
Ground Convenors Expenses	34	-	-	-	34	476
General Expenses	350	-	-	-	350	38
Fundraising Expenses	27	-	-	-	27	76
Planning Application	-	-	-	-	-	600
Professional Fees - Auditors	360	-	-	-	360	-
Donation to Others	26	-	-	-	26	-
Total	1,787	-	-	-	1,787	2,689

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	General	Raised Beds Project			Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	4,706	-	-	-	4,706	6,829
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,011	-	-	-	1,011	2,436
Gross trading receipts	801	-	-	-	801	1,020
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	880	-	-	-	880	-
Sub total	7,198	-	-	-	7,198	10,285
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,198	-	-	-	7,198	10,285
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	27	-	-	-	27	76
Gross trading payments	601	-	-	-	601	1,020
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	774	-	-	-	774	992
Grants and donations	25	-	-	-	25	-
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	360	-	-	-	360	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning Application Fees	-	-	-	-	-	500
Sub total	1,787	-	-	-	1,787	2,588
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,094	269	-	-	1,363	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,094	269	-	-	1,363	-
Total payments	2,881	269	-	-	3,150	2,588
Net receipts / (payments)	4,317	(269)	-	-	4,048	7,697
Transfers to / (from) funds						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,317	(269)	-	-	4,048	7,697

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Nature and purpose of funds

The funds are used for the general managements of the charity and for non restricted projects.

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Raised Beds Project				Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	3,881
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	3,881
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	3,881
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,381	-	-	-	3,381	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,881	-	-	-	3,381	-
Total payments	3,881	-	-	-	3,381	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,881)	-	-	-	(3,381)	3,881
Transfers to / (from) funds	3,881	-	-	-	3,881	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	3,881

Nature and purpose of funds

The Grant was received at the tail end of October 2023/24 for us to transform an unused area of ground to build raised beds to enable us establish an education plot suitable for either nursery or primary school children to use as an outdoor classroom. The work was postponed until early 2024/2025 due to weather conditions and was completed in February 2024.