Falkirk Junior Bike Club SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC050242

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Falkirk Junior Bike Club SCIO ('known as' name is FJBC)

Charity Number

SC050242

Address

Grange Meadows, Stenhousemuir, Larbert, FK5 4XA

Current Trustees

The trustees of Falkirk Junior Bike Club SCIO on the date of approval of the Trustees' Annual Report and the dates they served (unless they were in position for the whole financial period of the accounts forming part of this annual report) were as follows:

Mark Drackford	Chair
Fraser Johnston	Head Coach
Paul Burns	Treasurer
Caroline Quigley	General Secretary
Elspeth McStay	Wellbeing and Protection Officer (Lead)
Paul Duncan	Wellbeing and Protection Officer (Support) (appointed 27 March 2025)
Marc Wright	Communications and Marketing Officer
Fiona Ellis	Equipment Officer
Gemma McAusland	Club Kit Officer
Melanie Mullen	Social Secretary

The positions of Membership Secretary and Fundraising and Sponsorship Officer are vacant.

Graham McQueen	Membership Secretary (resigned 31 March 2025)
Tom Whalley	Fundraising and Sponsorship Officer (resigned 16 February 2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The club is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 24 June 2020. The club was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of Falkirk Junior Bike Club were transferred to Falkirk Junior Bike Club SCIO on 25 June 2020.

Appointment of trustees

The structure of the club consists of the members and the committee. The people serving on the committee are referred to in the constitution as charity trustees. The committee are responsible for the general control of the activities of the club.

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting. Trustees are either members of the club or have specialist experience/skills which may be of assistance to the committee. The committee consists of a minimum of ten trustees and a maximum of fifteen trustees, with a maximum of three trustees eligible to be elected from out with the membership.

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Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The club's purposes are the advancement of public participation in sport for people aged four and above by/through:

- providing regular, high quality coaching sessions to young people, to develop the next generation of cyclists;
- supporting the development of skilled and committed volunteers, coaches and mountain bike leaders;
- promoting the club within the local community;
- ensuring a duty of care to all members of the club;
- providing all of its services in a way that is fair to everyone;
- advocating for investment in cycling facilities locally.

Activities in the year

2025 was another highly successful year for the club, in a year in which we both increased our overall membership numbers, whilst also achieving a number of "firsts" in national competitions.

Our mainstay of club sessions continued to operate throughout the year, with continued efforts from all our volunteers, to, where possible, make sessions available from February right the way through to December. Our army of volunteers still operate Saturday sessions with the highest volume of riders, but special recognition should go to the volunteer teams who handle the sessions that operate throughout the working week. In particular, those that show up week in week out to run the "core" groups on Tuesday and Wednesdays, who have to deal with the worst the Scottish weather can throw at us, alongside the challenges of keeping everyone safe and having fun in the dark! These core sessions, coupled with the Thursday night road sessions available to most of our younger riders, and the additional development squad sessions on a Monday and many Sundays, mean we are close to operating a session on every day of the week. For an organisation run completely by volunteers, our ability to keep up this volume of sessions is nothing short of exceptional. So, a huge thank you to all those volunteers who help us sustain such a high level of activity!

It should be noted that one volunteer in particular was singled out for her efforts. Fiona Ellis was recognised as Volunteer of the Year at the Scottish Cycling Awards in November 2025 for her extensive work in the club, and beyond across the cycling community. Congratulations Fiona!

From the competition side of things, we hosted no less than fifteen events throughout the year, including eight weeks of Pump Track Races at Zetland Park and an expanded four weeks of Dirt Crits at Callendar Estate Activity Centre. We also hosted our first ever Scottish Championships, with Tulliallan hosting the Youth Circuit Championships, and we teamed up with West Lothian Clarion to deliver the Cyclo-Cross Championships later in the year.

There have been some outstanding racing performances this year, and it was extremely notable for the club to have its first Scottish Champions crowned. Our very first Scottish Champion was Rose Martin, as she won the Youth Crit Championships, and this was quickly followed by Evan Howson at the MTB XC Championships. The Hill Climb Championships saw three further Scottish Champions from FJBC landing, with Gregor McNaught, Arran Drackford and Isla Reekie taking their respective age group titles. As we turned to winter, an outstanding ride from Alexander Mullen secured him the Cyclo-Cross Championships jersey – crowning a phenomenal year for our young riders across all of our core disciplines!

Plans for future

2026 is, of course, when we celebrate our ten-year anniversary. And what a journey we have been on! We are planning a number of different events throughout the year to celebrate, which will provide plenty of opportunities for members past and present to get involved. Our youth committee have been planning hard, and have lots of exciting activities to deliver, to celebrate this remarkable achievement. Of course, our core sessions will continue as usual, and the rider talent across all our groups will, I am sure, continue to develop.

If you are half as excited as I am to see what the next 10 years brings and, as an adult (young or old!), you do not already play a part in delivering that, then please get in touch! We are always on the lookout for people to help in all forms of volunteering. Whatever your skills, we can use them!

Looking forward to another year, and another ten!

Financial Review

Summary

Receipts for the year were £66,583, a decrease of £23,679 against the prior year.

The reduction in income lies within two main areas:

a) a decrease of £23,925 in Grants, with the club applying for minimal grants in 2025. However, it should be noted that the club received some grant funding towards the end of 2024, which was utilised in 2025, completing the investment in defibrillators for each of the club's main locations, and purchasing equipment to support the activities of the club (both funded via Falkirk Council);
b) a decrease of £4,521 in Receipts from Fundraising Activities, mainly due to a lower number of entrants in the national race event that the club hosts annually. As mentioned in "Activities in the year", the club continued to host a number of race events across all disciplines during the year.

The above reductions in income were partially offset by an increase of £6,183 in Donations, with average membership numbers increasing to over 130 in the year.

Payments for the year were £75,995, a decrease of £13,748 against the prior year.

The reduction in expenditure lies mainly within the following area:

a) a decrease of £12,451 in Payments relating to Charitable Activities (Unrestricted Funds), mainly due to the cessation of the club's contribution to the Scottish Cycling Accelerate and Activate scheme – the club did in fact receive a partial refund of monies paid in 2024, with an overall net impact of a £8,082 reduction in expenditure in 2025.

Despite this reduction in Payments relating to Charitable Activities (Unrestricted Funds) in 2025, the club still invested £26,571 in this area, with expenditure on First Aid and coaching courses for volunteers, spend on talent development with coaching and support for participants at race events, hire of local facilities to accommodate the number of sessions provided by the club, and provision of social events to foster the strong connections within the club.

At the end of the year, the closing cash balance was £8,593, a decrease of £9,412 on the previous year's closing cash balance. The £9,412 decrease was made up of:

a) a decrease of £14,219 in Restricted Funds, with expenditure in 2025 relating to funds which had been receipted in 2024 or before;
b) an increase of £4,807 in Unrestricted Funds (General Funds), with increased membership income and lower expenditure (club contribution to Scottish Cycling Accelerate and Activate scheme).

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Policy on the Reserves

The trustees believe it is prudent to maintain a figure in reserves to allow for emergencies and unforeseen circumstances. This figure is in addition to restricted funds received which have not been expensed. The trustees believe an appropriate unrestricted reserve figure, taking in to account the club's current activities, is £2,000. This gives a significant period of cover in terms of the club's current fixed costs.

As at 31 December 2025, the club held unrestricted monies of £6,163, which represents an increase of £4,807 on the previous year, and which is above the level recommended by the trustees.

Given the factors which resulted in the club holding unrestricted reserves below the recommended level at the end of 2024, the trustees are content with this position which provides some headroom for the club.

Despite the current challenges within the external environment, including rising costs, the trustees remain confident that the club can continue to flourish, with memberships numbers for 2026 again looking positive.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Mark Drackford
Chair
24th September 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Falkirk Junior Bike Club SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages nine to eleven.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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.

Signature: S McDonald

Name: Stuart McDonald

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: Chartered Accountant (ICAS)

Address: [redacted]

Date: 24/9/26 24th September 2026

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £s	2025 Restricted Funds £s	2025 Total Funds £s	2024 Total Funds £s
Receipts				
Donations	28,930		**28,930**	22,747
Grants	2,325		**2,325**	26,250
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	28,751	808	**29,559**	34,080
Receipts from Other Charitable Activities	5,769		**5,769**	7,185
Total Receipts	**65,775**	**808**	**66,583**	**90,262**
Payments				
Expenses for Fundraising Activities	34,403		**34,403**	35,863
Payments relating to Charitable Activities	26,571	15,021	**41,592**	53,880
Total Payments	**60,974**	**15,021**	**75,995**	**89,743**
Net Receipts / (Payments)	**4,801**	**(14,213)**	**(9,412)**	**519**
Transfers between funds	6	(6)	**0**	0
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	**4,807**	**(14,219)**	**(9,412)**	**519**

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Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £s	2025 Restricted Funds £s	2025 Total Funds £s	2024 Total Funds £s
Cash at bank and in hand				
Opening Cash	1,356	16,649	**18,005**	17,486
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	4,807	(14,219)	**(9,412)**	519
Closing Cash as at 31st December	**6,163**	**2,430**	**8,593**	**18,005**
Other assets				
Kit for Sale	5,766		**5,766**	5,275
Equipment (estimated value)	4,500	6,700	**11,200**	10,200
	10,266	**6,700**	**16,966**	**15,475**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Mark Drackford
Chair
24th September 2026

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the club.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Trustee remuneration

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

Through the "Accelerate and Activate" programme, Scottish Cycling employed a Club Development Officer, who worked in partnership with the club, and the club made a contribution to the cost of this programme.

4 Trustee expenses

No expenses were paid to charity trustees during the year.

5 Transfer between funds

£6 was transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted funds, being the re-allocation of minor balances remaining on specific restricted funds, where the deliverables have been met.