

Galloway Action Team SCIO

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 May 2026

Charity No: SC049654

Galloway Action Team SCIO
Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Galloway Action Team SCIO

Charity Registration Number: SC049654

Contact Address: Unit 7 Thistle Business Park
Station Street
Stranraer
DG9 7HJ

Trustees

Sandra Clanachan Chair

Sandra McNeil Vice Chair

Thelma Rae Treasurer

Edward Beck

Kirsty Steel

Karen Devitt

Fiona Garrett - appointed 2 May 2026

Janice McGeoch - deceased 9 March 2026

Sylvia McHarrie - resigned 23 September 2025

Freda Watson - resigned 30 April 2026

Lord Lieutenant Mrs Aileen Brewis agreed to be Patron on 29 July 2021

Independent Examiner

Lorna J F McMillan BA CA

McMillan Bain & Company

27 High Park Avenue

Stranraer

DG9 0DE

Bankers

Bank of Scotland,
64-66 George Street
Stranraer
DG9 7JN

Galloway Action Team SCIO
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 May 2026

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 2 October 2019. It has a two tier structure and as such the trustees make up only some of the members of the charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed for a three year term by the members at the Annual General Meeting. On average one third of the trustees are appointed or reappointed each year.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The advancement of citizenship or community development.

Activities

Galloway Action Team aims to:

- provide training opportunities
- provide informal education
- improve health and wellbeing
- contribute to economic development
- improve our local environment

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 May 2026

Achievements and Performance

Galloway Action Team has had a successful year. We have still been challenged like all charities and organisations. It has been essential to ensure a steady source of income through contractual work with partners and obtaining appropriate funding to ensure we maintain the service we wish to provide for our volunteers and the community.

We have funding in place to provide paid volunteers and cover the general running costs. It has been essential that we have had the help of Sleeping Giants to assist us with funding bids. This allows us to manage to get funds required. It is getting harder to obtain funding. This is due to the number of charities bidding for grants. The cost of living is another contributor to obtaining grants. This has allowed us to provide funders with the relevant information and also to gain funding over a number of years. The financial support from Hollywood Trust, Stranraer Academy, Foundation Scotland Kilgallioch, Robertson Trust, Loreburn Housing Association and Wheatley South, to name a few, has allowed us to advance our work. Other funders have also provided support and as a result Galloway Action Team have been able to provide assistance as needs have arisen.

The work with Stranraer Academy has also continued and progressed with more formal arrangements in place. Regular consultation and evaluation has ensured a structured programme for the pupils attending. The needs and relationships within the setting have been managed well. The pupils, both boys and girls, have gained confidence and new skills. The headteacher shared the success at Stranraer Academy with the headteacher of Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart. Work is now established with this secondary school and there is a need for support in similar ways already proved to be of assistance to pupils at Stranraer Academy.

The activities of the volunteers are very varied, and some arise due to needs identified or require to be repeated as volunteers change. Many of the courses allow development of life skills, managing finances, numeracy skills and cooking. Each day the volunteers have a light meal at lunchtime using our kitchen. The volunteers provide assistance to local schools within their gardens, help with outside work at Belmont Nursing Home and when needs arise. The volunteers also help with house clearings and doing gardening work for Loreburn Housing Association. A highlight for the volunteers is assisting the British Legion with their annual poppy display within the town centre. This allows the volunteers to be part of an important event within the local community.

Galloway Action Team is known within the community but have certainly been given more prominence since receiving the Kings Award. It was a tremendous achievement and promoted our work to all in the local community. Galloway Action Team is certainly known for the support it provides.

The board try to ensure the running of GAT follows all the correct procedures as laid down by OSCR and make sure the volunteers are healthy and listened to at all times. It is important that the volunteers are actively involved in helping others within the community experiencing difficulty within society.

The skills they learn can be used and allows them to gain self-satisfaction and confidence.

We have developed a five-year strategic plan for 2024-2029 due to working with Sleeping Giants. This is a live document and allows funders to see while considering a funding bid. Hollywood Trust provided funds for us to develop this work. The board members have gained much from this and the need for development work has been identified. A timetable plan for this work for all at GAT has been made and was covered from May 2025 to March 2026.

Over the last year we have played an important part in the local community. GAT helps in any way we can and ensures everyone feels valued and included at all times. We gained funding for developing the premises. It is important we have proper work space for our manager and volunteers. It ensures the area is developed to provide suitable office spaces and an area for volunteers. This gives any funders and visitors a good impression of how we work as an organisation.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 May 2026

Financial Review

The principle source of income is through successful funding applications and our work with housing providers.

The surplus for the year was £8,430 (PY - £65,084).

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of Galloway Action Team to keep three months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen expenditure of the charity or in the event of the charity being disbanded.

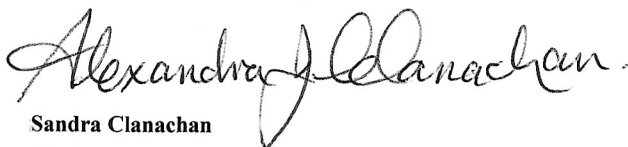
Plans for the Future

At the end of another year, Galloway Action Team will ensure we develop activities already started and introduce new pathways recognised as needs for the volunteers, and also within the local community. It is important for the volunteers to be involved within the local community, building up individual skills and being able to develop knowledge and achievements as a team. The board will ensure the activities are giving volunteers confidence, self-worth, preparing them for obtaining paid employment but also ensuring the wellbeing of the local community.

However, it is with a heavy heart, the Board are considering if it is viable to continue the charity. As indicated in the achievements, it is getting so hard to ensure monies are in place to develop GAT as would wish. The Board feel we are in a position to close as a charity and pay any outstanding bills, redundancies, etc. Sleeping Giants are finishing in June and the lack of input from them is going to cost difficulties for GAT. Two paid volunteers have training to ensure they could provide furthering of the work within other organisations. One volunteer works with Stranraer Academy as part of GAT input. The other volunteer plays an essential part of working with volunteers daily. This ensures the ethos of GAT could continue under new organisations. We wish to finish as a successful organisation and not fail and end with financial difficulties.

It is essential we now ask for assistance from OSCR to start putting procedures for the closure of GAT in place. We realise this is going to be difficult, but we are prepared to follow all information given to us. It is essential this is addressed. The closure is proposed to be completed asap.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Sandra Clanachan

Chairman

Date: 25 August 2026

Galloway Action Team SCIO

SC049654

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Galloway Actions Team SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2026 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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

An 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 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.



Name: Lorna J F McMillan BA CA

Address: 27 High Park Avenue, Stranraer, DG9 0DE

Date: 25 August 2026

Galloway Action Team SCIO
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 May 2026

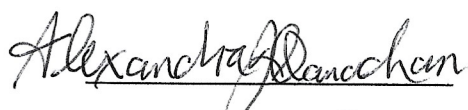
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2026	2026	2026	2025
		£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>	Note				
Donations	4	2,796	-	2,796	3,759
Grants	5	21,000	70,788	91,788	129,954
Charitable activities	6	40,406	-	40,406	30,134
Other trading activities	7	750	-	750	25,043
Other Income		-	-	-	-
		64,952	70,788	135,740	188,890
Other		-	-	-	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		64,952	70,788	135,740	188,890
<u>Payments</u>	8				
Costs of generating funds		-	7,346	7,346	11,865
Charitable activities		9,516	94,014	103,530	95,788
Governance costs		13,344	-	13,344	8,759
Other Payments		393	2,697	3,090	7,393
<u>Total Payments</u>		23,252	104,057	127,310	123,806
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year before transfers		41,699	(33,269)	8,430	65,084
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year		41,699	(33,269)	8,430	65,084

Galloway Action Team SCIO
Statement of Balances
At 31 May 2026

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 Note £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>				
Bank & cash balances				
brought forward	53,965	60,769	114,734	49,650
Movement in year:				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	41,699	(33,269)	8,430	65,084
Bank & deposit balances				
carried forward	<u>95,664</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>123,164</u>	<u>114,734</u>
<u>Investments at market value</u>				
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	<u>15,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,235</u>	<u>12,825</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Cost of expenses not yet paid/cashed:				
HMRC - May PAYE	572	-	572	522
NEST - May Pension	-	-	-	348
Bounce Back Loan	3,166	-	3,166	6,967
	<u>3,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,737</u>	<u>7,837</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 25 August 2026.

For and on behalf of the trustees

 Sandra Clanachan - Chair
 Thelma Rae - Treasurer

Galloway Action Team SCIO**Notes to the Accounts****Year ended 31 May 2026****1. Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & 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 objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

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. Related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

4. Analysis of Donations & Sponsorship

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Miscellaneous Donations	220	-	220	1,300
Christmas Appeal	-	-	-	1,952
Sandhead Bridge	-	-	-	507
SJ Burns	700.00	-	700	-
Howdens	250.00	-	250	-
James Blair Ltd	500.00	-	500	-
S&A Homes	500.00	-	500	-
McLure Green Valley	475.50	-	476	-
Stranraer Millenium	150.00	-	150	-
	<u>2,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,796</u>	<u>3,759</u>

5. Analysis of Grants

Foundation Scotland	-	30,000	30,000	30,500
Postcode Community PCT	10,000	-	10,000	25,000
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
National Lottery	-	-	-	19,100
Hollywood Trust	-	12,788	12,788	18,738
Robertson Trust	-	8,000	8,000	-
Wheatley South Pledge	5,500	-	5,500	5,000
D&G Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	-	-	-	9,616
D&G Council ERI Scheme	5,000	-	5,000	2,000
Strannoch Windfarm	500	-	500	-
	<u>21,000</u>	<u>70,788</u>	<u>91,788</u>	<u>129,954</u>

6. Income from Charitable Activities

DGHP	17,540	-	17,540	6,185
Loreburn	8,796	-	8,796	15,864
Stranraer Academy	8,000	-	8,000	6,000
D&G DEHS	4,000	-	4,000	-
Others	2,070	-	2,070	2,085
	<u>40,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,406</u>	<u>30,134</u>

7. Income from Other Trading Activities

Disposal of Van	-	-	-	21,743
Disposal of Trailer	750	-	750	3,300
	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>25,043</u>

Galloway Action Team SCIO
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 May 2026

8. Analysis of Payments

Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Rent		3,000	3,000	3,000
Business insurance		856	856	810
Heat & Light		1,138	1,138	322
Telephone		1,539	1,539	1,171
Office Repairs		167	167	5,998
Water		646	646	563
	-	7,346	7,346	11,865

Charitable activities

Salary & Pension	2,591	73,727	76,318	70,543
Office Expenses	3,005	2,638	5,643	2,095
Waste Disposal	1,523	654	2,177	1,089
Van & Trailer Expenses	17	11,466	11,483	13,583
Materials	665	303	968	2,033
Tools	251	1,513	1,764	886
Workwear/PPE	-	899	899	996
Volunteer Expenses	-	2,334	2,334	2,276
Xmas Gifts	975		975	1,303
Training	281	480	761	130
Cleaning	25		25	72
Kings Garden Party	-	-	-	500
Interest & Charges	133		133	226
Sundries	50		50	56
	9,516	94,014	103,530	95,788

Governance costs

Sleeping Giants - Funding	8,484		8,484	3,416
Refund of No-One Left Behind Funding	-		-	1,063
Inicia HR	550		550	-
Independent Examiner	510		510	480
Loan Repayments	3,800		3,800	3,800
	13,344	-	13,344	8,759

Other payments

Purchase of Security Camera & TV	-	-	-	523
Purchase of Trailer	-	-	-	5,700
Purchase of Trailer	-	-	-	680
Purchase of Pressure Washer	-	-	-	270
Purchase of Chainsaw	-	-	-	220
Purchase of Strimmers	-	698	698	-
Purchase of Hedge Trimmer	-	125	125	-
Purchase of Lawnmower	-	1,149	1,149	-
Purchase of Leaf Blower	-	169	169	-
Purchase of Hedge Trimmer	-	556	556	-
Purchase of Printer	393	-	393	-
	393	2,697	3,090	7,393