# Kilmallie Community Fridge and Garden

## Scottish Charity Number SC053363

## Annual Report and Financial Statements

## For the year ended 31st March 2026

**Kilmallie Community Fridge and Garden**
**Scottish Charity Number SC053363**

**Independent examiner's report to the committee on the unaudited accounts of Kilmallie Community Fridge and Garden.**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year to 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

**Respective responsibilities of trustee and independent 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 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 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.

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Supporting the Third Sector

**Kilmallie Community Fridge and Garden**
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**
**For the year ended 31st March 2026**
**Scottish Charity Number SC053363**

| | Note | Year to to 31st March 2026 Unrestricted £ | Year to to 31st March 2026 Restricted £ | Year to to 31st March 2026 Total £ | Period to 31st March 2025 Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | | |
| **Grants and Donations** | | | | | |
| Grants | 4 | - | 29,760 | **29,760** | **15,538** |
| Donations | 5 | 1,437 | - | **1,437** | **7,160** |
| **Bank interest received** | | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| **Fundraising** | | | | **-** | **-** |
| Workshop Income | | 207 | - | **207** | **271** |
| Highland Lottery | | 93 | - | **93** | **34** |
| | | | | **-** | |
| **Total Receipts** | | 1,737 | 29,760 | **31,497** | **23,003** |
| **Payments** | | | | | |
| **Charitable Activities** | | | | | |
| Project Co-Ordinator | | 4,209 | 9,671 | **13,880** | **500** |
| Eat Your Pumpkin | | - | - | **-** | **697** |
| Apple Day | | 109 | 150 | **259** | **438** |
| Electricity | | 102 | - | **102** | **74** |
| Insurance | | 233 | - | **233** | **134** |
| Xmas Party | | - | - | **-** | **461** |
| Workshop Costs / Materials | | 66 | 3,829 | **3,895** | **774** |
| Miscellaneous | | 200 | - | **200** | **109** |
| Volunteer Expenses / Xmas Party | | 621 | - | **621** | **-** |
| Community Cargo Bike | | - | 5,229 | **5,229** | **-** |
| Hall Hire | | 168 | 1,104 | **1,272** | **-** |
| Professional Fees | | - | 900 | **900** | **-** |
| Membership Fees | | 175 | - | **175** | **-** |
| Conference / Course Fees | | 59 | - | **59** | **-** |
| **Governance Costs** | | | | | |
| Independent Examination | 7 | 220 | - | **220** | **-** |
| **Total Payments** | | 6,163 | 20,884 | **27,046** | **3,187** |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers | | (4,426) | 8,876 | **4,450** | **19,815** |
| Transfers between funds | 6 | 91 | (91) | **-** | **-** |
| **Surplus/(Deficit) for the year** | | (4,335) | 8,785 | **4,450** | **19,815** |

**Kilmallie Community Fridge and Garden**
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**
**For the year ended 31st March 2026**
**Scottish Charity Number SC053363**

| | | Year to to 31st March 2026 Unrestricted | Year to to 31st March 2026 Restricted | Year to to 31st March 2026 Total | Period to 31st March 2025 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Statement of Balances - as at 31st March 2026** | | | | | |
| **Opening cash at bank and in hand** | | 6,554 | 13,261 | **19,815** | **-** |
| Add Income | | 1,737 | 29,760 | **31,497** | **23,003** |
| | | 8,291 | 43,021 | **51,312** | **23,003** |
| Less Expenditure | | 6,163 | 20,884 | **27,046** | **3,187** |
| Transfers | 6 | 91 | (91) | **-** | **-** |
| **Closing cash at bank and in hand** | | 2,219 | 22,046 | **24,266** | **19,815** |
| **Bank and Cash Balances** | | | | | |
| Bank Account | | 2,219 | 22,046 | **24,266** | **19,815** |
| Outstanding Lodgements | | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| Outstanding Cheques | | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| Petty Cash | | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| | 9 & 10 | 2,219 | 22,046 | **24,266** | **19,815** |
| | | - | - | **-** | **-** |

**Signed on behalf of all Trustees:**

**Name:** Susannah Calderan
**Date:** 5 October 2026

**The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements**

**Kilmallie Community Fridge and Garden**
**Scottish Charity Number SC053363**
**Notes to the accounts**
**For the year ended 31st March 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 remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

4 **Grants**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2026 | Total 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Highland Council | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Highlands & Islands Climate Hub | - | 5,320 | 5,320 | - |
| Highlands & Islands Climate Festival | - | 150 | 150 | - |
| TNL Awards For All | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | - |
| Scottish Land Fund | - | 900 | 900 | - |
| Scottish Community Alliance | - | 1,390 | 1,390 | - |
| Highland Third Sector Interface | - | - | - | 9,364 |
| Hubbub | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| Co-Op Community Fund | - | - | - | 1,174 |
| | - | 29,760 | 29,760 | 15,538 |

5 **Donations**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2026 | Total 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Misc Donations | 377 | - | 377 | - |
| Get Growing Scotland | 100 | - | 100 | - |
| Co-op Community Fund | 500 | - | 500 | - |
| Apple Day | 459 | - | 459 | 400 |
| Transfer from Kilmallie C/Council | - | - | - | 5,882 |
| Hubbub - Pumpkin Workshop | - | - | - | 678 |
| Kilmallie C/Council - Xmas Party | - | - | - | 200 |
| | 1,437 | - | 1,437 | 7,160 |

6 **Transfers between funds**

£91.12 was transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds (2025: £NIL).

7 **Governance Costs**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2026 | Total 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Independent Examination | 220 | - | 220 | - |
| | 220 | - | 220 | - |

8 **Volunteers**

The trustees would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate a significant amount of time for no remuneration to the charity.

9 **Unrestricted Funds**

| | At 1st April 2025 | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | At 31st March 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unrestricted Funds | 6,554 | 1,737 | (6,163) | 91 | 2,219 |
| | 6,554 | 1,737 | (6,163) | 91 | 2,219 |

10 **Restricted Funds**

| | At 1st April 2025 | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | At 31st March 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Highland Third Sector Interface | 8,761 | - | (7,939) | - | 822 |
| Hubbub (1) | 4,500 | - | (4,500) | - | - |
| The Highland Council | - | 2,000 | (2,000) | - | - |
| Highlands & Islands Climate Hub | - | 5,320 | (5,229) | (91) | - |
| Highlands & Islands Climate Festival | - | 150 | (150) | - | - |
| The National Lottery | - | 20,000 | (166) | - | 19,834 |
| Scottish Land Fund | - | 900 | (900) | - | - |
| Scottish Community Alliance | - | 1,390 | - | - | 1,390 |
| | 13,261 | 29,760 | (20,884) | (91) | 22,046 |

Highland Third Sector Inferface - Kilmallie Community Fridge & Garden Funding
Hubbub (1) - Kilmallie Community Cupboard Project Co-Ordinator Costs
The Highland Council - Project Co-Ordinator / Workshop Costs
Highlands & Islands Climate Hub - Community Cargo Bike
Highlands & Islands Climate Festival - Apple Day
The National Lottery - Kilmallie Community Fridge & Garden Projects
Scottish Land Fund - Valuation Fees
Scottish Community Alliance - Community Learning Exchange

## Trustee Report 31st March 2026

We have had another incredibly busy year, made possible by our amazing team of volunteers and their continued commitment.

Our community garden continued to meet regularly throughout the year, with volunteers planting, weeding, strimming, composting and harvesting a wide variety of produce. Some was shared with volunteers and the community, some was used for a community meal, and we even sold mint and pea shoots through Food Lochaber. With support from Hubbub and the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, we delivered eleven garden sessions, including our Easter Treasure Hunt and Community Tattie Planting Day and Seedshare events. Our community composting scheme has also continued to work well, producing compost for use in the garden. We also completed a case study for The Highland Good Food Project and their Highland Composting resource website.

We delivered a wide range of workshops and learning opportunities throughout the year. These included four seasonal foraging workshops exploring food, herbal medicine, household products and seaweed, alongside sessions on flower growing, seed saving, fermentation, sourdough, lino printing, crochet and willow weaving. These activities provided opportunities to learn practical skills, connect with others and make greater use of the resources available around us.

Our Community Apple Day returned in September and was another great success. Visitors were able to get expert fruit-growing advice while large quantities of apples were pressed into juice. The day also included crafts, the smoothie bike, home baking and plenty of community activity.

We celebrated Volunteer Week with a special lunch, giving our volunteers an opportunity to meet, socialise and celebrate the enormous contribution they make to the organisation. We also celebrated our volunteers with a Xmas Party, joined and supported by Kilmallie Community Centre and Kilmallie Community Council.

During the year we attended the Community Fridge Network's first Scottish Gathering in Glasgow, the Highlands and Islands Climate Conference in Inverness and Partnering for Progress in Fort William. At the latter, we were proud to share that our volunteers had helped save over 59 tonnes of food from waste since 2021, alongside more than 800kg of food waste transformed into compost through our community composting scheme.

Another major development was the purchase of our community cargo bike, supported by CLLD funding through the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub. We also took part in training to build confidence and skills in using the bike, which gives us another sustainable option for supporting food collections and other activities.

We launched our community newsletter and continued to invest in staff development. Our sessional worker completed Volunteer Management training with HTSI, the Community Action in Practice course with the Eden Project, and successfully gained an Award in Leadership through the Social Enterprise Academy.

We also began exploring a potential Community Asset Transfer of the unused play park beside our existing community garden. An Expression of Interest was submitted to The Highland Council and funding was secured from the Scottish Land Fund to support a valuation. We also put a survey out to the local community. There is still considerable work to do, but it represents an exciting opportunity for the future.

At the beginning of 2026 we began a five-session Zero Waste Kitchen workshop programme, focused on helping people stretch household budgets while reducing food waste. Sessions covered using leftovers, batch cooking, reducing waste, making foods from scratch and soups, combining practical cooking skills with opportunities to prepare and enjoy food together.

We were delighted to learn that our application to the National Lottery Awards for All was successful, providing a year of funding from March 2026 to help us continue our community fridge, gardening activities and programme of workshops.

Throughout the year we continued to receive and redistribute significant quantities of surplus food. Additional surplus received through local partnerships also allowed us to share food with Plantation Community Larder, extending the benefit beyond our immediate community.

None of this would be possible without our volunteers who put in a huge amount of effort to keep everything running smoothly.

A huge thank you to every volunteer, participant, partner, facilitator and funder who has supported us throughout the year and helped us to make a positive difference in our community.