

Langside Hall Trust

Trustees' Report and Accounts

Year to 31st March 2025

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12 months to 31st March 2025

Charity number

Langside Hall Trust is a Scottish Charity, number SCO44244.

Charity Constitution

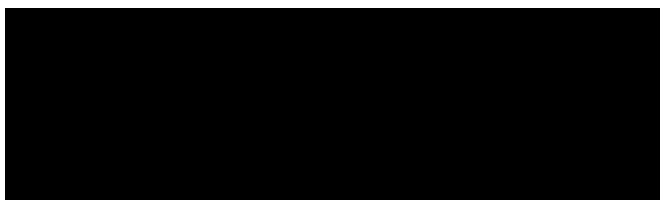
The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was established on 4th September 2013.

Principal Address

The Charity's Principal address is Langside Hall, 5 Langside Avenue, Glasgow G41 2QR.

Charity Trustees

The trustees of the charity during the period were:



Charitable Purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

- 1.1 the advancement of community development;
- 1.2 the promotion of the voluntary sector and the effectiveness or efficiency of charities, particularly through the provision of office accommodation and ancillary facilities for voluntary associations and charities;
- 1.3 the advancement of the arts, heritage, and culture;
- 1.4 the provision of recreational facilities, and the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life of service users, particularly within south-east Glasgow and its environs (the "Operating Area");
- 1.5 the advancement of citizenship and the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, particularly through encouraging self-development of young people and the elderly through participation in the activities offered;
- 1.6 the advancement of health, particularly through the provision of fitness classes and activities; and
- 1.7 the advancement of education primarily through (but not limited to) the operation of a centre providing a variety of facilities and activities based within the Operating Area.

Activities during the period

During the period from 31st March 2024 until 31 March 2025, the Trust continued to push forward its plans to refurbish Langside Halls.

As noted in the previous Annual Report, the Trust continued to engage with the Council's People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) team and from August 2023 with Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT). GBPT's advice to the LHT Board was that the only feasible way forward was a significantly phased approach to the full refurbishment of the Halls.

As of end-March 2024, GBPT was successful in securing funding support from Glasgow City Heritage Trust to cover the costs of bringing the original professional team - Hoskins Architects, Jura Consultants and BCC Quantity Surveyors – to rephase and re-cost the project. This work was undertaken over the period to July 2024 and an Addendum to the original Feasibility Study of June 2021 was produced. The Addendum provided a proposed rephrasing of the project and updated costs for the full refurbishment of Langside Halls. The Addendum did not include the (significant) costs associated with the refurbishment of the adjacent Bothy building. The Addendum was further refined over the following months to November 2024.

In November 2024 PMGC notified the Trust of an expression of interest in the Halls by Inhouse, a Glasgow-based events company that stages summer events locally at Queen's Park Arena. Over November and December 2024 through to January 2025, the Trust engaged in an intensive series of increasingly detailed meetings with Inhouse and GBPT to investigate and develop a mutually acceptable proposal to work together as the *Langside Hall Partnership* to produce a viable business plan and working arrangements for taking on Langside Halls from Glasgow City Council and the current operator Glasgow Life. The Partnership produced several iterations of a 5-year Business Plan proposal culminating in Version 5.2 in (20th) March 2024 that was submitted to PMGC/GCC for its consideration. The Business Plan was predicated on the Addendum's estimated costs to re-open the Halls on a *de minimis* basis - only the Main Hall and an (uncosted) remodeling of the Basement to create a second venue space within the building.

In tandem, the Trust engaged directly with local Elected Members across three Wards – Southside Central, Langside and Pollokshields – and secured community and local political buy-in to the Partnership's plans.

[From April 2025 onwards, the Trust engaged (with Inhouse) Elected Members from across all parties and wards to help the Partnership secure Ward-based NIFF and other funding and to leverage PMGC to secure the balance of funds from the Council to enable the Partnership to aim towards it taking possession of the Halls potentially as of 1 April 2026].

Over the period to end March 2025, the Halls continued to be a target of increasingly visible and worrying levels of anti-social behaviour, from continual tagging and spray painting to latterly the destruction of significant part of the Halls' stone balustrade which was pushed into the building moat. This antisocial behaviour significantly increased community concerns over the future of the Halls and a community and local and citywide political determination to see something positive happen at Langside Halls and to see it used once more as a building at the heart of the community.

The development of Langside Halls Partnership has been a very positive development and it will change the focus the Trust making it more the "voice of the community" rather than a community owner, developer and then operator of the Halls. The implications of this in term of the work of the Trust and the expansion of its membership and Trustee members will be addressed by the Trust over the next period 2025/2026.

Financial Report

Langside Halls Trust Treasurer's Report. The Trust's opening bank balance as at April 2024 was £1,928.15 and as at end March 2025 was £1,928.15.

LHT Income

The opening account balance of £1,928.15. was unchanged from the previous year with no new income received.

LHT Expenditure

The Trust incurred no expenditure during the year.

The closing balance of the account as at end March 2024 was £1,928.15.

Reserves Policy

The Trust does not currently have any financial reserves.

Approval of this Trustees' Report

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Full name

[Redacted signature area]

Position

Trustee

Date

11 December 2025
