

Trustees Annual Report  
for  
Lochend Community Growing Project SCIO  
for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025



Scottish Charity No: SC044024

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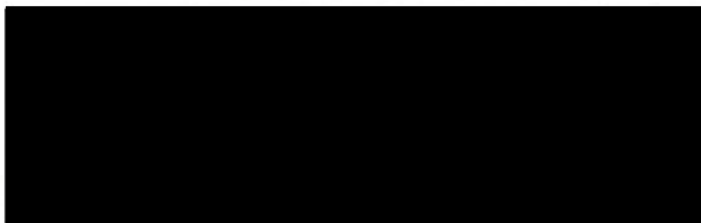
## Reference & Administrative Information

**Charity Name:** Lochend Community Growing Project SCIO

**Scottish Charity No:** SC044024

**The Charities Principal Address:**  
Lochend Secret Garden  
6a Lochend Quadrant  
EDINBURGH  
EH7 6DL

**Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:**



**Names of other trustees during the period:**



**Independent Examiner:**



**Bankers:**

The Co-operative Bank  
Southway  
Skelmersdale  
WN8 6GH

## Structure, Governance & Management

### Governing Document:

Lochend Community Growing Project was recognised as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.

### Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

At each AGM, the members may elect any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 63 to 65 of the Constitution) to be a charity trustee. All of the charity trustees elected / appointed shall retire from office, but shall then be eligible for re-election.

## Objectives & Activities

### The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purposes of Lochend Community Growing Project SCIO are:

- *The provision of 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.*
- *The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.*

We have obtained permission from OSCR to amend our charitable purpose to the following to be more inclusive, subject to approval by our members at our AGM in August 2025 subsequent notification to OSCR to update the Scottish Charity Register:

- *The provision of 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 through the provision of inclusive community led greenspace projects and activities in Lochend and the surrounding areas.*

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

Promoting a healthier life-style for people living in an inner-city socially deprived area through: connecting with nature, growing vegetables / fruit, healthy diet, exercise, social interaction, learning new skills at workshops and boosting self-confidence.

We run a garden with a membership for up to 53 individuals / families or community groups to have their own raised bed and share the communal polytunnel, tools and communal herb beds and forest garden produce. We also host open days and workshops throughout the year that are free and open to everyone in the community.



## Achievement & Performance for 2024-25

### Activities:

- July 2024 - We dismantled the compost bins, laid a new concrete base and fitted corrugated iron to the inside of the re-assembled bays.

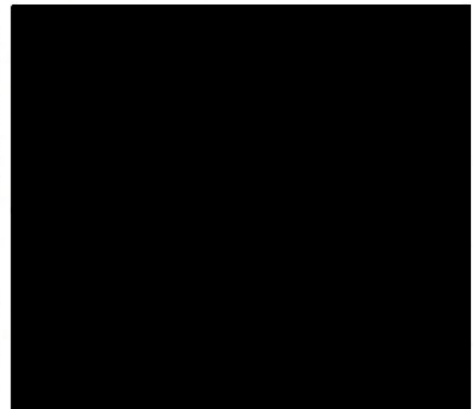


- Nov 2024 - We replaced the chip bark mulch around the garden's perimeter border (the forest garden) and the fruit orchard to suppress weeds.

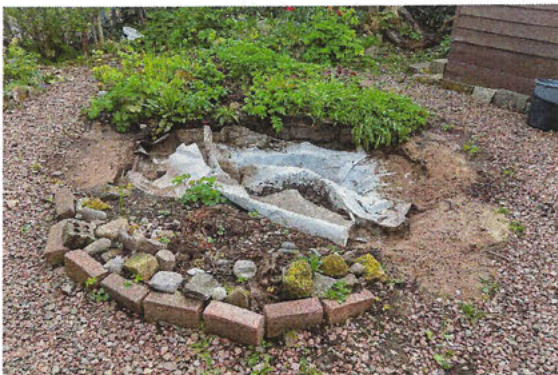


- Jan 2025 - We repaired the shed roof as best we could, and repaired the wooden fence after Storm Eowyn lifted a large section of the shed roof tiles and blew the fence over.

- Throughout the year - we repaired any raised beds where the wood had warped or rotted.




- March - May 2025 - We increased the size and depth of our pond and added a ramp at one side to make it more frog friendly and increase the biodiversity in the garden.



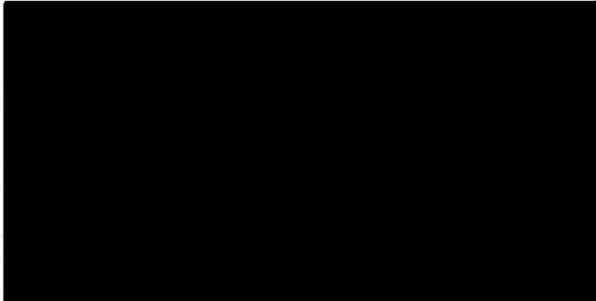
Performance:

- As at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, we have 50 individual / family / group members with only 3 empty beds available.
- March 2025 - We conducted a members survey and implemented suggestions.
- March 2025 - We became an RHS Affiliated Garden.
- April 2025 - We obtained permission from OSCR to amend our charitable purpose to be more inclusive (subject to approval at our AGM in August 2025).
- April 2025 - We received a grant of £250 which we used for events and buying new watering cans and trugs.
- April 2025 - We had an article published about LCGP in a local free magazine 'EH Direct'.

Events:

- An open day in June 2024 with a live band which our local MP attended.
  - A Winter Pruning workshop in February 2025.
  - A member's work day in March 2025.
  - An open day in May 2025 which our new MP attended.
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Local charities that have hosted activities in the garden:

- The Ripple Project ran sessions for their Catch a Breath group (for people with long term lung conditions) in 2024.
  - Edible Estates ran a consultation on a Lochend Climate Adaptation Plan during our March 2025 workday.
  - Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace delivered a series of free tai chi and qi gong classes on Friday afternoons in spring 2025 >>
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Photographs of all our events and activities are shared on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/lochendcommunitygrowing>



## Financial Review

### Statement of Reserves Policy:

Lochend Community Growing Project aims to hold a reserve of £4,500 in the bank account in the event of any unplanned large expenses that could arise (for example, if we needed to replace the polytunnel due to a storm).

### Details of any deficit:

There was a £180.73 financial deficit this year, the Trustees will continue to monitor the balance.

### Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

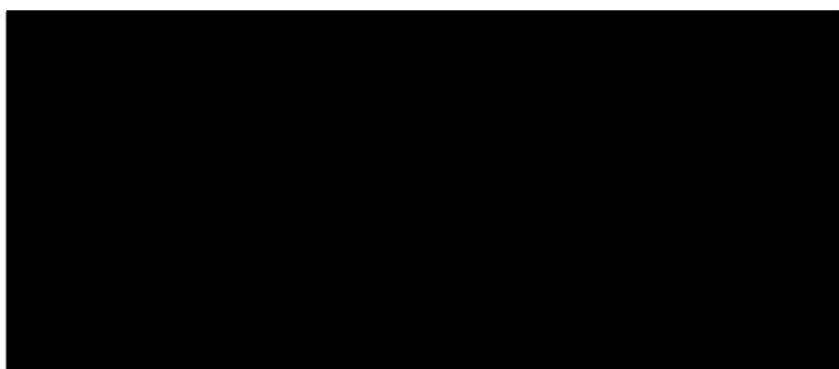
The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

## Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

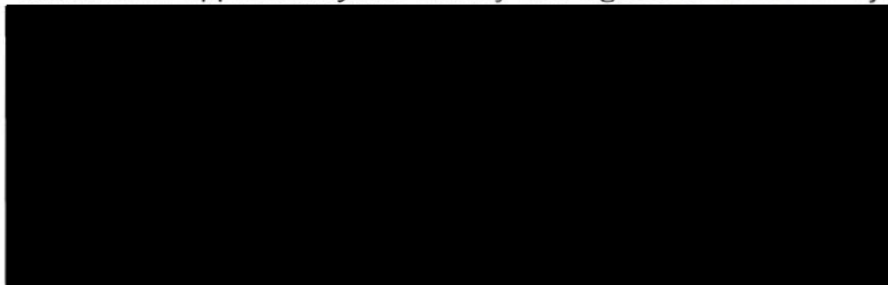


Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
Scottish Charity No SC044024

**Receipts & Payments Account - Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

	Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>						
	Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	118.26
	Receipts from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Other Charitable Activities	1	1225.57	0.00	1225.57	1,230.50
	Grants	2	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£1725.57</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1725.57</b>	<b>£1,348.76</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
	Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Expenses from Charitable Activities	3	1656.30	0.00	1656.30	1255.19
	Governance Costs		250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£1906.30</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1906.30</b>	<b>£1,255.19</b>
	Net Receipts/(Payments)		(180.73)	0.00	(180.73)	93.57
	Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
	<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(£180.73)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(£180.73)</b>	<b>93.57</b>
<b>Statement of Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>						
			Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Balances at Start of Year		5,564.25	0.00	5,564.25	5,470.68
	Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(180.73)	0.00	(180.73)	93.57
	<b>Balances at End of Year</b>		<b>£5383.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>£5383.52</b>	<b>£5,564.25</b>
	<b>Other Assets</b>	4			£12,744.00	£12,597.87
	<b>Liabilities</b>		No Outstanding Liabilities			

Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:





## Notes to the Accounts

	2025	2024
<b>1. Income from Other Charitable Activities</b>		
Membership subscriptions	1225.00	1175.00
Ripple Group Visit	0.00	50.00
Sainsburys	00.57	5.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1225.57</b>	<b>£1230.50</b>

<b>2. Grants</b>		
Charities Trust	500.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

<b>3. Expenses from Charitable Activity</b>		
Gardening Costs	933.41	720.33
Insurance	220.00	0.00
Printer/Computer Costs	26.99	46.97
Community / social events	330.54	418.32
Equipment	145.36	69.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1656.30</b>	<b>£1,255.19</b>

## 4. Assets of Lochend Community Growing Project SCIO as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025

	2025	Additions	2024
Shed / polytunnel / equipment*	£12,744	0.00	12,048.87
Laptop and printer	0.00	0.00	549.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,744</b>		<b>£12,597.87</b>

\* due to the increased cost of wood if the shed needed replacing.

## 5. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

## 6. Nature & Purpose of Funds

The statements of account for the year show the financial figures for the Charity. All funds are un-restricted and for the sole use of the Charity and its running costs.

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts 1st June 2024 - 31st May 2025**

Report to the trustees of Lochend Community Growing Project SCIO, registered charity number SC044024, on the accounts of the charity for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 set out on Pages 7 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) 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:

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.



# APPENDIX 3



Report to the  
trustees/members of

Registered charity  
number

On the accounts of the  
charity for the period

Set out on pages

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Charity name LOCHEND COMMUNITY GROWING PROJECT						
SC 44024						
Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	06	2024	to	31	05	2025
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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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\*]~~

- 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

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

Signed\*\*:

Name:

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

Address:

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

\*\* OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures