MILNGAVIE IN BLOOM

Scottish Charity No SC054412

Trustees' Report and Accounts

For the year to 16th July 2026

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 16th July 2026

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name
Milngavie in Bloom

Charity No
SC054412

Address
C/o Mrs J Bowman, 46 Beech Avenue, Bearsden, G61 3EX

Current Trustees
Mrs J Bowman (Chair)
Mr I Mitchell (Secretary)
Mr R Orr (Treasurer)
Ms M Clark
Mrs S Maclachlan
Mrs J Caldwell
Mr D Cameron
Mrs Sylvia Tate
Mrs I Cameron (appointed 09/03/2026)

Other Trustees who served during the year
Mr T Rhead – resigned 02/10/2025

Structure Governance and Management

Constitution

Milngavie in Bloom (MIB) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution which was adopted on 7th April 2025.

The association was granted charitable status by OSCR on 21st July 2025.

At an EGM on 7th April 2025 the membership agreed to transfer our activities from the old charity, SC041480 to a new Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). This was completed during this financial year with the transfer of all assets to SC054412. The old Milngavie in Bloom, SC041480 has been removed from the OSCR register of charities.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The trustees are the members of the management committee. They may be co-opted and their appointment approved at our annual general meeting.

Management

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the association whilst the work of the association is mainly carried out by volunteers. The trustees are particularly aware of their responsibilities for health and safety in relation to the volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

To promote through the participation of the Community, the advancement of environmental protection and improvement in Milngavie, by providing or encouraging the provision of displays of flowers, shrubs, trees and landscapes in places visible to the public.

To advance the education of the public concerning the natural environment through the development of environmental programmes.

In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the Association shall seek to protect, preserve and enhance the environmental amenities of Milngavie with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the residents by promoting the prevention and control of litter and otherwise by promoting high standards of cleanliness in the streets and other public places.

Activities and Achievements

Our 2025 AGM was held on October 2nd and was well attended, with an interesting talk by Chelsea Lowe on Horatio's Garden, Glasgow. Tim Rhead stood down as Chair with Janet Bowman agreeing to become Chair. Ina Cameron was co-opted onto the Committee as Gardening Group Convenor. The other members of the Committee for the past year have been Ian Mitchell (Secretary), Moira Clark (Minutes Secretary & Calendar Convenor), Robin Orr (Treasurer), Sheena MacLachlan (Clean Sweep Convenor), Joanne Caldwell (Social Media), Douglas Cameron (Volunteers and Health & Safety) and Sylvia Tate (Gardening Talks & Leaflet Distribution).

Throughout the year, Clean Sweep litter pickers have continued to clear litter twice a month from a large area in Milngavie. The car parks and area near Douglas Academy continue to be hot spots for litter. Sheena MacLachlan has done an outstanding job of organizing Clean Sweep and of notifying EDC of problems that are too big for MIB to tackle. Sheena has done this for many years with her quiet efficiency and ready smile for all volunteers. Sheena is sharing responsibility for organizing Work Sessions, with a rota starting in January.

The Gardeners have continued to plant up and maintain the 6 floral fountains, 27 barrels/planters and 25 railing planters in the precinct as well as maintaining and developing beds around the Town Centre, the Town Hall, the station, the West Highland Way, the fish ladder, Mugdock Rd, the

Antonine Garden, the Walking Man bed and the Italian Garden. The bed next to the playpark was replanted most successfully. At the Antonine Garden, the bog garden was largely cleared and replanted and compost bays created. The Community Bed was cleared of its summer display last October and the memorial bed created and dedicated before the Remembrance Day Service in November. This year more than 2000 poppies have been knitted so that we can redesign the Memorial Garden in 2027. We are indebted to Joan Crawford for not only co-ordinating the knitting of the poppies but also supplying the wool. This year the Community Bed celebrated 60 years of Milngavie Pipe Band with the display being much admired and photographed. We were honoured to have the entire Pipe Band play at the Community Bed to celebrate its installation. Thanks go to all involved in the design and planting. Congratulations go to the Allander Rd Group on, once again, achieving Level 5- Outstanding in Keep Scotland Beautiful's It's Your Neighbourhood Category. This was for their work on the Italian Garden and for the area next to the Allander Water.

That all this has been achieved by approx. 40 gardeners and 40 Clean Sweepers is hugely impressive. This year we have welcomed over 20 new volunteers including 2 Duke of Edinburgh students.

In addition to our regular work sessions, there have been many other activities. We had a stall in Tesco in November to promote our calendars in particular and Milngavie in Bloom in general. November also saw the annual leaf clear preceded by participation in the Reindeer Parade organized by the BID (Business Improvement District). The Winter Warmer soup lunch in January was well supported and was followed in March by the Volunteers' Meeting where plans for the coming year were discussed. Clean Sweep supported Keep Scotland Beautiful's Big Spring Clean in April. Despite a very wet start, litter pickers were in good spirit with coffee al fresco appreciated.

May saw the first of our gardening talks given by Caulders Garden Centre, with a second in September. Covering hanging baskets and pruning, they were much appreciated and it is hoped to have more in the coming year. June saw Milngavie Week where we had a successful plant stall at the Classic Car Show and led two floral walks. We also welcomed teams of volunteers from Morgan Stanley in June. They tackled both litter picking and gardening tasks with enthusiasm. We were all pleased to have their help. Our Summer Tea in July was held in St Andrew's Church Hall. It was well supported with lots of chat and cake. We are indebted to local churches and to the Fraser Centre for hosting our indoor activities.

As well as floral displays, well-tended public gardens and clearing litter, Milngavie in Bloom contributes a visitor attraction in the form of the red telephone box by the play park. Our thanks go to those involved in creating imaginative and seasonally appropriate displays, enhanced by the renovation of the telephone box by Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed. This includes lighting – most welcome once daylight shortens. The summer display was created with the help of Kathryn Adkins, a former student of Glasgow School of Art.

Milngavie in Bloom has links with many local groups and businesses. Gardeners work with Milngavie Ramblers on the West Highland Way. This year we have run litter picking and gardening sessions with Cubs, Beavers and nurseries, we support Duke of Edinburgh volunteers and have helped Craighdhu Primary with their bulb display celebrating their 50th birthday. We continue to be part of the Milngavie Umbrella Group and the Lennox Park Group. In September, we took part in the Fair of Clubs organised by the Community Development Trust. We have a close relationship with Bearsden

in Bloom, sharing ideas and more. Both Tesco and Waitrose have donated non-sellable plants, many of which we have resuscitated and planted.

We are registered with EDVA (East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action) group, SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations) and have re-registered with KSB (Keep Scotland Beautiful) in their non-judged category. We are currently helping EDVA establish Kirkintilloch in Bloom. We are grateful for the support of Steven Egan and Jane McArdle of EDC's Streetscene. They have responded to various requests for repairs and improvements despite limited budgets and time.

The work of Milngavie in Bloom is appreciated and is shown through comments to volunteers on workdays, spontaneous donations and the number of requests from groups. In September '26 we were delighted to be the chosen charity of the Elm Court Residents' Association who presented us with a cheque for £475.

Finally, special mention must be made of the all the work that has been done around the Milngavie in Bloom Shed. Ensuring that we have electricity and access to water when EDC secured a new tenant for the adjacent buildings was not easy. Those involved in the time-consuming negotiations worked very hard to secure a successful outcome. That done, the area around the shed has been cleared, a new greenhouse installed, and a fence erected to screen the leaf mould piles from both the car park and the café. The appearance of that small corner of Milngavie has been significantly improved.

It has been a busy and fruitful year for Milngavie in Bloom. I would like to thank all committee members for their support and hard work behind the scenes, the Gardening Group Committee and Clean Sweep Sheena for running our gardening and litter picking activities with such good will and all volunteers whose work makes Milngavie a place to be proud of.

Financial Review

These financial results reflect the combined activities of both the old Milngavie in Bloom (SC041480) and the new Milngavie in Bloom (SC054412) for the financial year.

Receipts are largely derived from personal contributions which are augmented by the sales of calendars and cards. The association also sometimes receives, and appreciates, grant income from various sources.

Receipts from 'Unrestricted Funds' totalled £14,350 (2025 £16,562). Restricted Funds receipts for the year were £nil (2025 £7,050) resulting in total income for the year of £14,350 (2025 £23,612). Payments for the year for both 'Restricted' and 'Unrestricted Funds' totalled £10,090 (2025 £26,228). The total surplus for the year was £4,260 (2025 Deficit £2,616).

Plans for Future Periods

In addition to the association's aims to improve the appearance of the areas we currently maintain, we will continue to seek additional funding if required in order to fulfil our constitution's aims to provide displays of flowers, shrubs, trees and landscapes in places visible to the public.

Policy on Reserves

Reserves on 16th July 2026 totalled £40,422. In future, we aim to ensure we have minimum reserves sufficient to meet 6 months of our normal annual spend of some £11,000. The Trustees are keen to find appropriate projects on which to spend current funds.

Approved by the Trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Janet E. Bowman

Janet E Bowman
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 16th July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Milngavie In Bloom

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 16th July 2026 set out on pages 7 to 11.

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 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.

As mentioned in the Trustees' report, the charity had received approval from OSCR to become a SCIO on 21st July 2026.

Stewart Date : 14 October 2026

Independent Examiner

Gavin Stewart (Actuary – retired)

17 Baldernock Road

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year to 16th July 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Receipts					
Donations	4	8,678	-	**8,678**	10,781
Grants	5	-	-	**-**	6,950
Fundraising		4,857	-	**4,857**	5,099
Scotrail Reimbursement		269	-	**269**	308
Bank Interest		546	-	**546**	474
Total Receipts		14,350	-	**14,350**	23,612
Payments					
Cost of fundraising		1,597	-	**1,597**	1,675
Cost of charitable activities	6	7,953	-	**7,953**	24,103
Grants and Donations	7	540	-	**540**	450
		10,090	-	**10,090**	26,228
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		4,260	-	**4,260**	(2,616)
Transfers between funds		-	-	**-**	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		4,260	-	**4,260**	(2,616)

The Notes on pages 9 - 12 form an integral part of these accounts

Statement of Balances
as at 16th July 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank & In Hand at 16/07/25	36,162	-	**36,162**	38,778
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	4,260	-	**4,260**	(2,616)
Cash at Bank & In Hand at 16/07/26	40,422	-	**40,422**	36,162

Bank & Cash Balances	**£**	£
Bank Current Account	**5,020**	6,552
Bank Current Deposit	**35,268**	29,474
Cash in Hand	**134**	136
	40,422	36,162

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Approved by the trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:-

Robin Orr
Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts – for the year to 16th July 2026

1. **Basis of Accounting**

   These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & 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 to any connected persons during the period (Year to 16/7/2025 – Nil).

   No travel expenses were paid to trustees during the year (Year to 16/7/2025 – Nil).

4. **Donations Received**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Baldernock Gardening Club	100	-	**100**	-
Bearsden Horticultural Society	-	-	**-**	2,593
Milngavie Wanderers Golden Oldies	500	-	**500**	-
Milngavie Pipe Band	200	-	**200**	-
Other donations and Gift Aid	6,878	-	**6,878**	7,918
	8,678	-	**8,678**	10,781

   The Milngavie Wanderers Golden Oldies was wound up and remaining funds donated to Milngavie in Bloom and other charities.

5. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
East Dunbartonshire Council	-	-	-	5,000
Memorial Grant Scheme	-	-	-	**1,950**
	-	-	-	6,950

No grants were received in the year. The grants in 2025 from East Dunbartonshire Council and the Memorial Grant Scheme were for the Roman Centurion Statue at the Antonine Garden (Year to 16/7/2025 - £6,950).

6. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Planting and landscaping	4,233	-	**4,233**	4,568
Tools	282	-	**282**	217
Compost and fertilisers	304	-	**304**	1,013
Litter picking	492	-	**492**	712
Station planting (recoverable)	269	-	**269**	418
Insurance	220	-	**220**	190
Administration & general	2,123	-	**2,123**	2,239
Roman Centurion Statue	30	-	**30**	14,746
	7,953	-	**7,953**	24,103

7. Grants and Donations made

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
United Free Church Milngavie	320	-	**320**	300
Fraser Centre	-	-	**-**	100
St Andrew's Church Milngavie	160	-	**160**	-
St Joseph's Church Milngavie	60	-	**60**	50
	540	-	**540**	450

The donations to Churches is principally for the use of their halls for meetings.

8. Transfer between funds

There were no transfers between funds during the year.