

Annual Report for Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Scottish Charity Number: SC044345

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association is a registered Scottish charity established to advance allotment gardening, environmental stewardship, community participation, and the health and wellbeing of local residents. The association operates in accordance with its constitution and manages allotment provision for the benefit of its members and, where appropriate, the wider local community. The principal address of the charity is 3 Moubray Lane, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0XH. The charity trustees who served during the financial year were Laura Cameron, Chairperson, Stephen James, Treasurer, and Chris Callachan, Secretary. Tony Parrish and Louise Pryde, Board Members.

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report for the year ending 31 October 2025. This report has been prepared to provide a clear account of the charity's structure, governance, activities, achievements, and financial position during the year. The association's charitable purposes are to manage and improve allotment provision, encourage sustainable cultivation and good horticultural practice, promote biodiversity and environmental responsibility, and provide opportunities for recreation, social participation, and community benefit. During the year, the trustees remained focused on the effective management of the allotment site, the support of plot holders, and the continued improvement of the facilities and standards of the association.

Activities and achievements

Throughout the year, the association undertook a range of activities in furtherance of its charitable purposes. These included the ongoing management and maintenance of the allotment site; monitoring the condition and cultivation of plots; maintaining paths, boundaries, gates, communal areas, and shared facilities; and encouraging safe, responsible, and environmentally sustainable gardening practices. The association also supported communication and participation among members through meetings, volunteer work parties, and the sharing of practical advice and horticultural knowledge.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity continued to provide public benefit during the year. The allotments provided opportunities for physical activity, improved wellbeing, local food growing, social contact, and environmental improvement. Typical achievements during the year included the repair and upkeep of fencing and gates, improvements to paths and water access, the maintenance of communal areas, support for new and existing plot holders, the encouragement of composting and wildlife-friendly planting, and the promotion of orderly and productive cultivation across

the site. In addition, the association worked to strengthen community engagement through seasonal activities, shared maintenance days, and the encouragement of mutual support among members. A significant achievement during 2025 was the completion of the community growing area, which enhanced the association's ability to support shared cultivation and wider community benefit. Produce grown within this area was donated to local charities, further advancing the association's charitable aims and contribution to the local community.

Governance

The association is governed by its constitution and administered by a committee of charity trustees elected in accordance with that constitution. The trustees are responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the charity, for ensuring that it acts in furtherance of its charitable purposes, and for overseeing the proper administration of the allotment site and the charity's resources. During the year, the committee met regularly to review operational matters, consider maintenance and development priorities, respond to issues raised by members, and make decisions in the best interests of the charity.

The trustees recognise their collective responsibilities under charity law and continued to keep governance, financial management, and operational risk under review throughout the year. Key matters considered included health and safety, site security, ongoing maintenance liabilities, volunteer capacity, affordability for members, and compliance with the association's constitution and relevant regulatory obligations. The trustees sought to manage these matters through regular oversight, appropriate financial controls, and the use of volunteer support and committee review to maintain the effective running of the charity.

Finance summary

The charity's accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. During the year, total receipts amounted to £4461 and arose principally from plot rents, membership subscriptions, donations, fundraising income, and any grants received. Total payments amounted to £8046 and related mainly to site lease, insurance, site maintenance, repairs, administration, and improvement works. We completed the installation of a produce cage and raised beds and improved the access and condition of the community area through a grant of £3250.

At the year end, the charity held bank and cash balances of £5115. The trustees are satisfied that the charity's funds were used in furtherance of its charitable purposes and that the association remained in a sound position to continue its activities.

The trustees continued to monitor receipts and payments during the year and aimed to retain sufficient funds to meet routine running costs, foreseeable maintenance requirements, and any planned site improvements. Financial records were kept throughout the year and the year-end balances were reconciled to the charity's bank and cash holdings. The annual accounts were verified by an independent accountant. Where relevant, notes to the accounts explain any restricted funds, significant one-off items, grant-funded expenditure, or unusually high maintenance costs. The trustees consider that the level of funds held at the year end is appropriate for the needs of the charity.

Plans for next year

In the forthcoming year, the trustees intend to continue improving the allotment site and strengthening the charity's capacity to serve its members and the wider community. Priorities will include maintaining safe and accessible infrastructure, supporting high standards of cultivation and site management, encouraging volunteer participation, and pursuing opportunities for environmental enhancement and community involvement. Planned work may include repairs to paths, fences, gates, sheds, and water capture, improvements to signage and communal areas, the recruitment of additional trustees or volunteers where required, and the development of biodiversity and community engagement initiatives. Specific priorities for 2026 include the attendance at 3 farmers' market, holding an Easter egg hunt for families and friends, a fun day for families, participation in the local open garden event, and the continued development of community produce production for wider local benefit.

Approved by the trustees on [date] and signed on their behalf by:

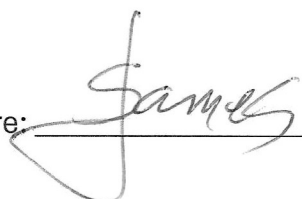
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Treasurer

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