



Castleton Hall Braemar

Castleton Community Centre Association

Trustees' Annual Report

1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

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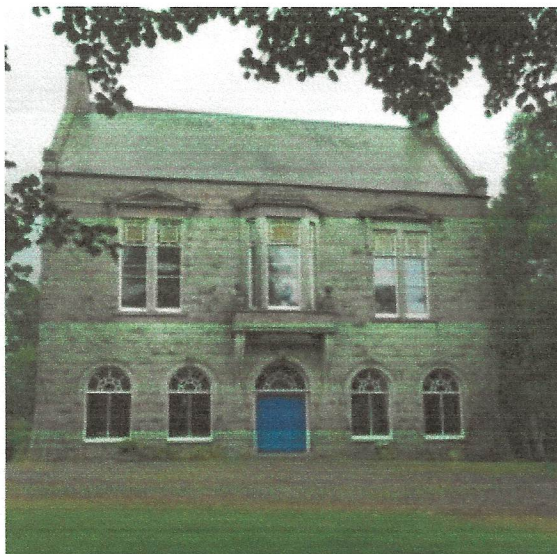
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Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year

1. James Wood (Chairman)
2. Santa Charles (Treasurer)
3. David Torrance (Secretary)
4. Mrs Marlyn Baker
5. Mrs Patricia Thomson
6. Simon Blackett



Objectives and activities

Castleton Community Centre Association was set up in the early 1990s to raise funds to refurbish the Victoria Hall in Castleton Braemar. (The building is usually known as Castleton Hall to distinguish it from the other village hall in Braemar also called Victoria Hall, all to do with estate egos a century and more ago).

The building, built by public subscription on land supplied by the Farquharsons of Invercauld in the 1890s was to be used as a Public Hall, Reading Room and Library.

The building has also been used as the Invercauld Galleries by the then Mrs Farquharson of Invercauld.

The Halls had lain unused for a few years when it was decided that they should be resurrected to their original use as halls for local community use and the Castleton Community Centre Association was started.

The objects of the Association are

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Braemar and environs without distinction of political, religious or other options, by association with voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the quality of life for the said inhabitants
- b) To secure the establishment, maintenance and management of Castleton Hall for activities promoted by the Association in furtherance of the above objects, or any of them

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The running of the hall is carried out by the trustees in accordance with our constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Each user group is invited to nominate one of their office bearers or members to serve on the management committee.

Other independent members of the community are also welcome to serve on the committee.

Achievements and performance

A new lease has been signed by the CCCA and the Invercauld Estate and is given on very generous rental and terms.

The full maintenance day took place and a very large amount of "junk" was disposed of, freeing up a lot of storage space.

The new heating and frost protection in the areas with a water supply has been very effective with no winter problems for the first time in years.

A grant from Braemar Community Hydro has allowed us to upgrade the heating in the large hall.

We continued to have payment problems with SSE due to them not sending bills to our preferred address, with the result bills were not paid and a debt accumulated (This is now cleared).

Financial review

The accounts show a net surplus for the year of £1,464 (net deficit £106 – 2024). Due to grants received income has risen to £6,960 (£5,219 – 2024). Expenses incurred have increased slightly to £5,496 (£5,325 - 2024) mainly due to a reduction in electricity costs. This was due to an issue with billing and costs for this period have been paid post year end.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present our reserve funds are unacceptably low, and active measures are being taken to improve this situation, with several fund raising events being planned.

There is also a review of our hire charges underway, and also the method of charging groups for energy usage.

Future plans

We are actively pursuing methods of increasing the usage of the halls.

Fundraising events are being organised, and grant funding is being pursued

Additional information

As always, we are very grateful to those who carry on the running of the hall and the grounds without being seen, for example ongoing legal paperwork, accounts, outside and indoor maintenance.

A selection of groups that use the facilities are

Mother and Toddler Group

Beaver Scouts : Cub Scouts and Scouts and as storage for the Explorer Scouts

The Braemar Choir

Castleton Hall Archery

Table Tennis

As can be seen from the above list, we cater for groups for the very young through to senior members of the community

The Halls are also used for meetings and weekend group accommodation

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Torrance', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Print name

DAVID S. TORRANCE

Designation

SECRETARY CCCA

Date

23/06/26

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 (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.		
Signed:		Date:	23/06/2026
Name:	Gillian Metcalfe		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACCA		
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Financial review and Accounts

Castleton Community Centre Association
Year Ended 30 September 2025
Income & Expenditure Statement

	Year Ended 30 September 2025			2024
	General	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Donations	500	-	500	500
Grants	-	3,415	3,415	1,500
	500	3,415	3,915	2,000
<u>Income from Charitable Activities</u>				
Hall Hire	3,045	-	3,045	3,219
	3,045	-	3,045	3,219
Total Income	3,545	3,415	6,960	5,219
<u>Expenses</u>				
<i>Charitable Activity Expenses</i>				
Insurance	184		184	-
Electricity	504		504	2,600
Cleaning	-		-	844
Rent	190		190	-
Bank charges	34		34	-
Repairs & Maintenance	1,169	3,415	4,584	1,881
	2,081	3,415	5,496	5,325
Total Payments	2,081	3,415	5,496	5,325
Net receipts / (payments)	1,464	0	1,464	(106)
Transfers to / (from) funds	0	0	0	0
Surplus / (deficit) for period	1,464	0	1,464	(106)
Funds Brought Forward	823	-	823	929
Funds to Carry Forward	2,287	0	2,287	823

Castleton Community Centre Association
Year Ended 30 September 2025
Statement of Balances

	Year Ended 30 September 2025			2024
	General	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	823	-	823	929
Surplus/(deficit) for year	1,464	-	1,464	(106)
	<u>2,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,287</u>	<u>823</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd June 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Charles
 Trustee

Castleton Community Centre Association
Year Ended 30 September 2025
Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements 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

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. There were no restricted funds at 30 September 2025.

3 Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the financial period.