

**PLUSCARDEN DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION**

**ALSO KNOWN AS  
PLUSCARDEN VILLAGE Hall**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC040836**

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

## Reference & Administrative Information

### Charity Name

Pluscarden District Community Association, also known as Pluscarden Village Hall

### Charity No

SC040836

### Address

Pluscarden Hall, Pluscarden, Elgin, Moray IV30 8TZ

### Trustees

Chairperson

Fiona Mitchell

Lyndsay Smailes

Margaret Davidson

Rita Sim

Ewen Riddick

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Linda Bhattacharjee

Christopher Court

Catherine Hommel

Secretary

Treasurer

(resigned 27 May 2026)

(resigned 17 November 2025)

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## **Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Constitution**

Pluscarden District Community Association ("the Charity") is an unincorporated association which was granted charitable status by OSCR on 14 September 2009. It is governed by its constitution adopted on 30 July 2009.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

The members of the Charity's committee are its Trustees. The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting. It consists of five members and up to a further five members can be co-opted by the committee.

### **Management**

The Trustees are responsible for all aspects of the running of Pluscarden Hall ("the Hall"). They are responsible for raising funds to maintain the structure and facilities of the Hall to allow it to be available for use by the local community. The Trustees meet as a committee on an approximately monthly basis or as required for forthcoming events.

## **Objectives & Activities**

### **Charitable purposes**

In summary, the Charity's aim is to promote the benefit of the local community, to advance education and to make the Hall available in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the local community.

### **Activities**

Activities vary from year to year. They usually include fundraising events such as themed suppers, pantomime, quiz nights, coffee mornings, soup and sweet events and a Christmas community gathering. The Hall is also hired out to the local populace for any social gatherings, with the permission of the Trustees.

## **Chairperson's Review**

The year to the end of August 2025 was an eventful period for the Hall. The committee met nearly every month. In addition to regular activities including health and safety reviews and policy updates, the committee dealt with the following key topics and events:

### **Funding initiatives**

External funding was obtained to cover most of the legal costs required for the transformation of the Hall Charity into a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Further funding was granted for extensive Hall renovations that include maintenance of the Hall's wooden floor, replacement of rotten external woodwork and external painting.

### **Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

Work on transforming the Hall charity into a SCIO progressed with the instruction of external lawyers who advised on the new SCIO constitution.

### **Community Garden**

The community garden, established as a section of the Charity, continued to grow. It consists principally of a polytunnel, a greenhouse and outside ground near the Hall, and is living up to its objective of creating a shared community space to organically grow fruit and vegetables. External funding enabled the purchase of various tools, soil, seeds and plants as well as a small garden shed.

### **Hall clean-up and improvements**

Numerous local volunteers helped tidy up and maintain the Hall and its grounds on the occasion of a two-day Spring clean effort. A new wooden wishing well with a blackboard was manufactured and donated by a member of the local community. Also, the Hall received two whisky barrel planters as a donation. These activities and additions significantly improved the exterior appearance of the Hall.

## **Events**

Regular soup and sweet events as well as coffee mornings have become a popular community fixture, also contributing to Hall funds. A pantomime and a charity dinner were also successfully organised during the year. Numerous private events were held on a hire basis, raising additional income for the Hall.

## **Financial Review**

The balance of funds held at the close of the year was £12,208.54. This represents a surplus of £123.91 during the year and is more than sufficient to carry the Hall through another year.

The total income during the period amounted to £13,260.68, up from £9,158.07 in the preceding financial year, mainly driven by increased hire revenue. Events once again contributed a significant amount to Hall funds including income from coffee mornings, soup and sweet events and a Christmas Pantomime. A special dinner was organised to raise money for the Highland Hospice and a total amount of £968 from the event was paid to that charity. External grant funding of £1,300 was received from Moray Cares which was spent on outdoor maintenance and improvements for the Hall. In addition, an amount of £1,994.99 was received from Rothes II Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund towards the establishment of a Community Garden.

Total expenditure for the year of £13,136.77 was significantly higher than in 2024 (£6,050.72) but included the donation to the Highland Hospice, and the items funded by the grant income mentioned above. The main driver of the remaining increase in costs was the unplanned high “catch-up” electricity charges due to bills in previous years being based on estimates of usage that proved to be too low.

## **Reserves Policy**

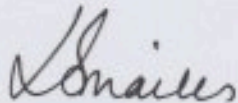
The anticipated normal running costs of power and heating, insurance and other day to day costs are now estimated at about £6,000 per annum. There are sufficient reserves to cover this for the coming year which continues to be the preferred policy of the Trustees.

## Plans for Future Periods

Key plans for the year 2025/26 include committee succession planning (recruiting new office holders and additional members), completing the transformation of the Hall's legal structure into a SCIO and implementing safety upgrade measures (exterior lighting, shed repair, new outside Hall noticeboard and replacement of water heaters in toilets) together with the corresponding external funding application for these upgrading measures.

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Approved by the Trustees on 25th May 2026 and signed on their behalf  
by:



Lyndsay Smailes  
Treasurer

Pluscarden District Community Association

August 24-25

	2025	2024	Notes / Description
<b>Items</b>			
Hall Hire	5,324.51	3,122.48	Regular Clubs, NEOS, Exiled
Events	3,663.52	4,469.66	Harvest Festival, Panto, Lotto, Coffee Mornings
Funding	3,294.99		Wind Farm, Moray Care Grant
Highland Hospice	968.00		Donations recieved for Highland Hospice
Interest	9.66		
Cash income	-	1,565.93	Cash incoming better catagorised this year. Last years split between hire & events.
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR</b>	<b>13,260.68</b>	<b>9,158.07</b>	
<b>Payments Out</b>			
Electricity	6,553.09	2,266.20	Underpaid in 2024 therefore had to overpay this year due to estimates.
Hall Insurance	720.87	671.65	Increase per inflation
Expendables	168.84	52.64	Cleaning products, sanitary goods, event items.
Equipment	356.94	1,811.34	Theatre Production/ Lighting and Misc Equipment
Fees/Licenses/Certificates	300.40	330.27	Fire Certificates, Fees, MFCHA, Council, Stripe
Maintenance (general upgrading of property)	2,073.64	918.62	Chimney Sweeps, Odds and Ends, fire alarms, cleaning, wasps, cigeratte bin,grit bin Ed Parry, pest control. Offset by Moray Care Grant
Community Garden	1,994.99		Purchases for Community Garden made accessible from Wind Farm
Highland Hospice	968.00		Donations sent to Highland Hospice
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>13,136.77</b>	<b>6,050.72</b>	
<b>Surplus/ Deficit for the year</b>	<b>123.91</b>	<b>3,107.35</b>	
<b>Statement of Balances</b>			
Opening Bank Balance	11,084.63	5,898.28	
Opening Savings Bank Balance	750.00 -		
Opening Cash Balance	250.00	3,079.35	
Closing Bank and Cash Balance	10,802.38	11,084.63	
Closing Savings Account	759.66	750.00	
Closing Cash Balance	646.50	250.00	

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