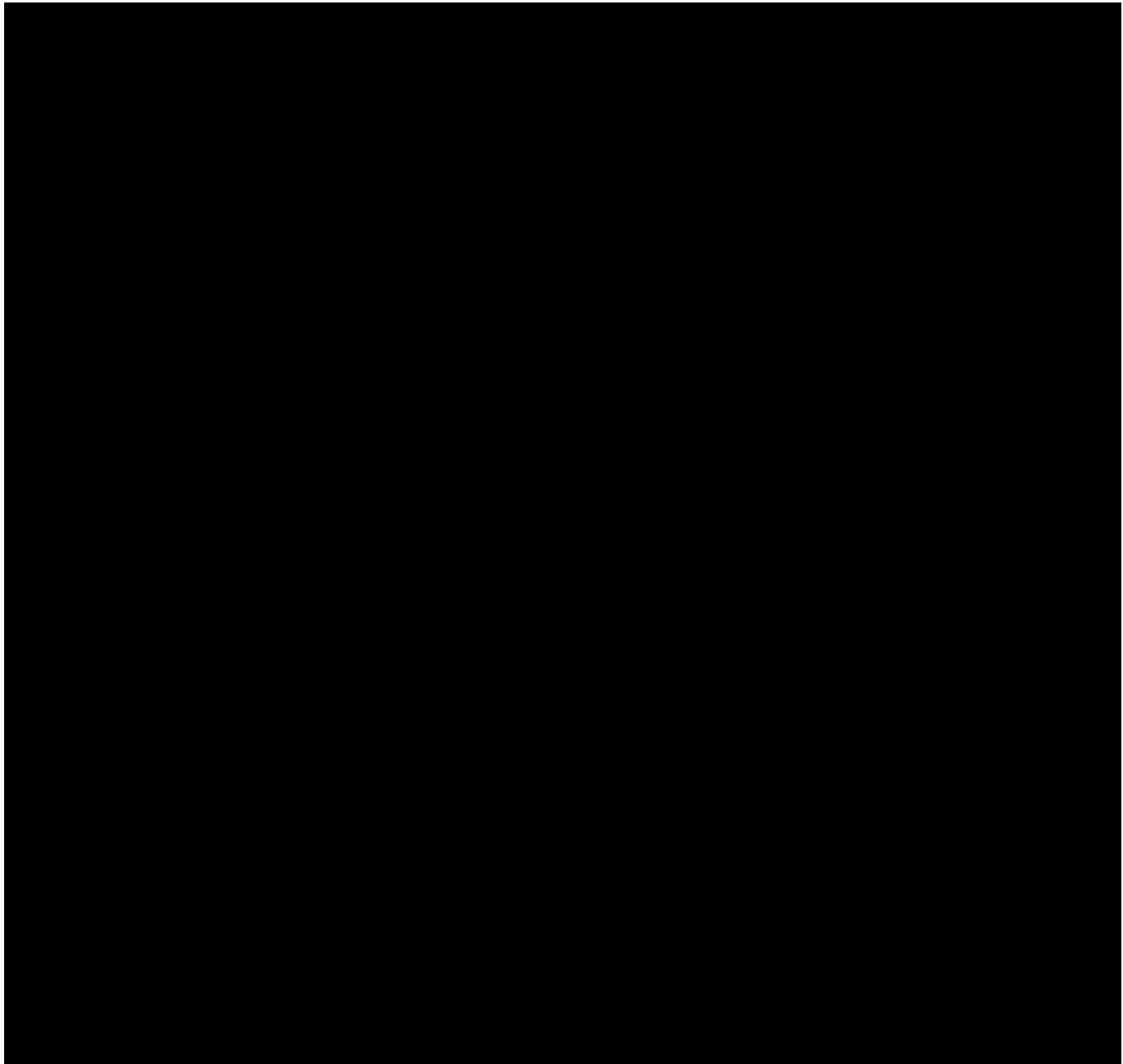


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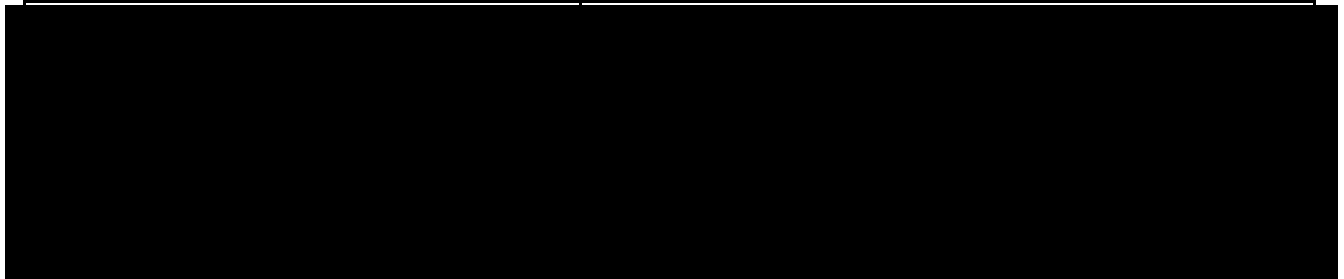
CHARITY NAME	Applied Arts Scotland
OTHER NAMES KNOWN BY	AAS
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.	SC022604
CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	[REDACTED]



Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any.

(For example, those who resigned part way through the financial period):

NAME	DATES ACTED IF NOT FOR WHOLE YEAR
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document: Constitution

Membership shall be open to all those involved in the applied arts whether that be through making, supporting, or studying in the field. An employee of the association shall not be eligible for membership; a person who becomes an employee of the association after admission to membership shall automatically cease to be a member. Any person who wishes to become a member must sign, and lodge with the association, a written application for membership. The management committee may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership. The management committee shall consider each application for membership at the first management committee meeting which is held after receipt of application.

Trustee Recruitment

Trustees are recruited through open advertisement and voted for by members, as per the AAS constitution.

Charitable Purposes

The objects of Applied Arts Scotland are to promote and support the Applied Arts in particular to support professional crafts people, designer makers and applied artists in Scotland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

- Enable makers to develop their professional practices.
- Coordinate and collaborate with a range of support organisations and statutory bodies who have a responsibility for the applied arts sector.
- Create regular networking opportunities and conferences.
- Support ongoing professional development in the sector by means of training, mentoring, apprenticeships and other activities.
- Collect and disseminate information in order to generate a bank of specific data for use in

support of the sector.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE: Please see Projects below.

PROJECTS

DIGITAL TOOL KIT: This is being used as part of a British Council India training programme. This is an on-going project and a more in-depth roll out, designed to support makers based in Scotland commences in January 2025.

CONNECTING MAKERS: These monthly online meetings ran until the end of 2022 and were stopped due to dwindling attendance, as everyone returned to their non-digital lives post-lockdown and focused on navigating the new normal. However, results from the member survey in 2023 means that AAS decided to re-start these online activities with specific themes. Following confirmation from Creative Scotland MYF these sessions have now re-launched. More information can be found here: <https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/connecting-makers/>

THE COMMONING CRAFT FUND 25/26: This avenue of funding, supported through the Creative Scotland Multi-Year Funding (MYF) enables AAS Members to take the lead and explore what ideas of mutual and reciprocal benefit and shared responsibility mean. In November 2025 two projects were funded through this project. <https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/commoning-craft/>

CLOSING THE LOOP: 'Closing the Loop' Sustainability Research Group continues to meet on a regular basis. This is a live project but does not have a project budget.

CULTURALITY: This project commenced in April 2024. This is a four-year, European research project run in partnership with thirteen institutions, arts organisations and museums across Europe. Although this is an EU Funded project, AAS makes financial claims from UKRI. More details on the project can be located here: <https://culturalityproject.eu/>

More information on all of these projects can be located here:

<https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/projects/>

FINANCIAL REVIEW 24/25

Brief Statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

At the 31st of March 2025, Applied Arts Scotland SCIO had unrestricted funds of £293 and restricted funds of £16,371. The charity's policy on un-restricted reserves is to apply them in pursuance of the charity's aims and objectives.

Donated facilities and services (if any): The charity uses donated office facilities provided by its officials, who also give their time for no charge.

OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

AAS finances fluctuate based on the external projects that we successfully secure funding for.

This financial year AAS were successful in securing Multi - Year Funding from Creative Scotland. This has enabled us to roll out a number of projects (as identified above) and invest administrative support for the organisation.

Project specific, additional funding applications that have been submitted, with decisions pending in 2025, are:

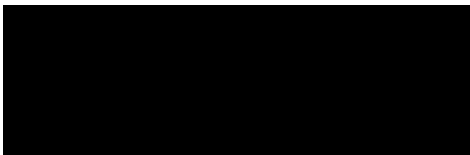
- EU HORIZONS Collaborative research project: HEART. Approx £200K for deliverables over a three-year period. Project Leads: University of Dundee and University of Staffordshire.
- EU Horizons Collaborative research project THREADS. Approx £200K for deliverables over a three-year period. This is a two-stage application. Stage one has been submitted and details of the selection to progress to stage 2 are announced in February. Project Lead: Brighton University.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the Treasurer.

Position: Treasurer (February 2024 to current day)

Date: 17/12/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Applied Arts Scotland SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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
 - 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.



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ICAS



Date: 18 December 2025



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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	6,631	44,697			51,328	63,778
Receipts from fundraising activities	3,104				3,104	4,568
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	9,735	44,697	-	-	54,432	68,346
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,735	44,697	-	-	54,432	68,346
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3,150	43,879			47,029	84,668
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	350				350	350
Preparation of annual accounts	3,480				3,480	4,180
Legal costs					-	-
Other	3,002				3,002	22,064
					-	-
A3 Sub total	9,982	43,879	-	-	53,861	111,262
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,982	43,879	-	-	53,861	111,262
Net receipts / (payments)	(247)	818	-	-	571	(42,916)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	



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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
		01	April		2024		31

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	(247)	818	-	-	571	(42,916)



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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	540	15,553			16,093	59,009
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(247)	818			571	(42,916)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	293	16,371	-	-	16,663	16,093

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Bank	Unrestricted		292	540
	Bank	Restricted		16,371	15,553
		Total	-	16,663	16,093

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
			18/12/2025



Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
		Total		-

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details	Innovate UK (Culturality) - [REDACTED]	16,665
	Hidden Floors [REDACTED]	1,344
	BC Nepal - In Our Hands - [REDACTED]	1,069

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
British Council		6,656	6,656	17,400
Creative Scotland			-	16,774
Scotland Re:Designed (SRD)	155	1,344	1,499	24,604
University of Edinburgh				5,000
INNOVATE UK (Culturality)	6,476	36,697	43,173	-
Total	6,631	44,697	51,328	63,778

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Culturality (EU Project)		33,257			33,257	1,592
Digital Toolkit (Global)					-	4,681
Distance 2					-	1,160
MMC - Make Meet Collaborate					-	3,381
Crafting Futures (various)					-	9,758
Resilience					-	11,508
Closing the Loop (Phase 2)					-	1,383
Altermatter 2 (Indonesia)					-	8,360
Creative Tech Fund (Creative Informatics)					-	4,775
Hidden Floors - SRD		1,344			1,344	18,873
BC India Craft Toolkit		5,324			5,324	666
AAS Open Exhibition					-	12,281
Membership Coordination/Events	3,150				3,150	6,250
BC Nepal In Our Hands		3,954			3,954	
Total	3,150	43,879	-	-	47,029	84,668

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below Scotland Re:Designed	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below Innovate UK	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below British Council	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below Other	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	155	6,476	-	-	6,631	16,039
Receipts from fundraising activities			-	3,104	3,104	4,568
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	155	6,476	-	3,104	9,735	20,607
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	155	6,476	-	3,104	9,735	20,607
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-		-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination				350	350	350
Preparation of annual accounts				3,480	3,480	4,180
Legal costs				-	-	
Membership Coordination & Costs				3,150	3,150	6,100
Other				3,002	3,002	23,806
Sub total	-	-	-	9,982	9,982	34,436
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments	-				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	9,982	9,982	34,436
Net receipts / (payments)	155	6,476	-	(6,878)	(247)	(13,829)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	155	6,476	-	(6,878)	(247)	(13,829)

Nature and purpose of funds

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Scotland Re:Designed	Innovate UK	British Council	Other		
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	1,344	36,697	6,656	-	44,697	47,739
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	1,344	36,697	6,656	-	44,697	47,739
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,344	36,697	6,656	-	44,697	47,739
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,344	33,257	9,278		43,879	76,826
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	1,344	33,257	9,278	-	43,879	76,826
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,344	33,257	9,278	-	43,879	76,826
Net receipts / (payments)	-	3,440	(2,622)	-	818	(29,087)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	(8,727)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	3,440	(2,622)	-	818	(37,814)
Nature and purpose of funds						