



# **WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK (SCIO)**

Scottish Charity No: SC051335

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS year ended 31 March 2025**

Trustees' Annual Report

Independent Examiner's Report

Statement of Receipts and Payments including Statement of Balances  
and notes to the accounts.



## CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Producing an annual report provides the opportunity to bring together all the facts and figures from the past year, taking stock of where we have come from and pointing the direction for the future.

But we must not lose sight of the things that are much harder to measure, and the purpose of our charity: the impact that the West Lothian 50+ Network has on our members' lives.

This year we have once again witnessed the transformation of many more lives, as more people found their way to new purpose following retirement, new social activities and new friendships, helping them to avoid the social isolation that so many older people can face. Anecdotally there are many stories of how new members change and increase in confidence as they find their feet in the Network, whilst the Member Survey conducted at the end of 2024 provides personal testimonials from members who have felt the benefits of being part of the Network.

We achieve these outcomes through a wide variety of activities and events, all of which serve the common purpose of bringing people together for positive social interaction. This is co-ordinated by our excellent staff team but is largely made possible with the input of our amazing team of volunteers, a resource that is very hard to quantify.

I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the fantastic year we had as we celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024. We enjoyed four amazing short holidays, visited many interesting places on our monthly day trips, and enjoyed some excellent events, including the excellent anniversary concert staged by our choir at the Regal Theatre in Bathgate. A lot of planning and work from all those involved but a truly memorable year.

We continued to welcome new members to the Network and are indebted to all the group leaders who helped us to meet the challenge of forming new groups to cope with continued new demand. It is thanks to members stepping up to lead new groups that last year we made great strides forward in bringing down waiting lists for activity groups, one of the key reasons that people join the Network.

Other positives in 2024/25 saw the strengthening of the Board of Trustees, with the admission of new trustees who have added to the range of skills and brought new energy to the Board.

We continued to enjoy excellent support from the local community and look forward to continuing to develop new and strengthened partnerships with organisations with common interests.

The year was not without its challenges. As costs continue to rise, and we face increased competition for external funding, the Network is working harder to seek best value for our members in all that we do. We are grateful to our fundraiser who continues to source funding to help maintain our activities, and to the numerous external funders who have confidence in the work of the Network, entrusting us with the financial support we need to maintain our premises, staff and other running costs and activities. We are also fortunate in having huge support amongst our membership who are helping us to rise to the challenges, redoubling our efforts to seek new fundraising opportunities so that we can continue to make a significant difference to the lives of older people in West Lothian.



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **(year ended to 31 March 2025)**

This is the second annual report and accounts of West Lothian 50+ Network (SCIO) and the first full year after all activities transferred from the original West Lothian 50+ Network on 1 October 2023

Income from membership fees and our own fundraising events have been supplemented by significant external funding streams. This has enabled us to maintain our staff, premises and general running costs as well as funding new groups, activities and venues.

### **CONTEXT**

The West Lothian 50+ Network operates in an environment where the local elderly population is growing faster than the national Scottish average. Recent figures published by West Lothian Council, in the context of local demand for health and social care services show that the numbers of people in West Lothian aged 65 to 74 is expected to increase by 19% by 2028, with those aged over 75 increasing by 39%. This is compared to the Scottish average growth of 14.4% in the 65 to 74 population and 25.4% increase in those aged over 75 during the same period.

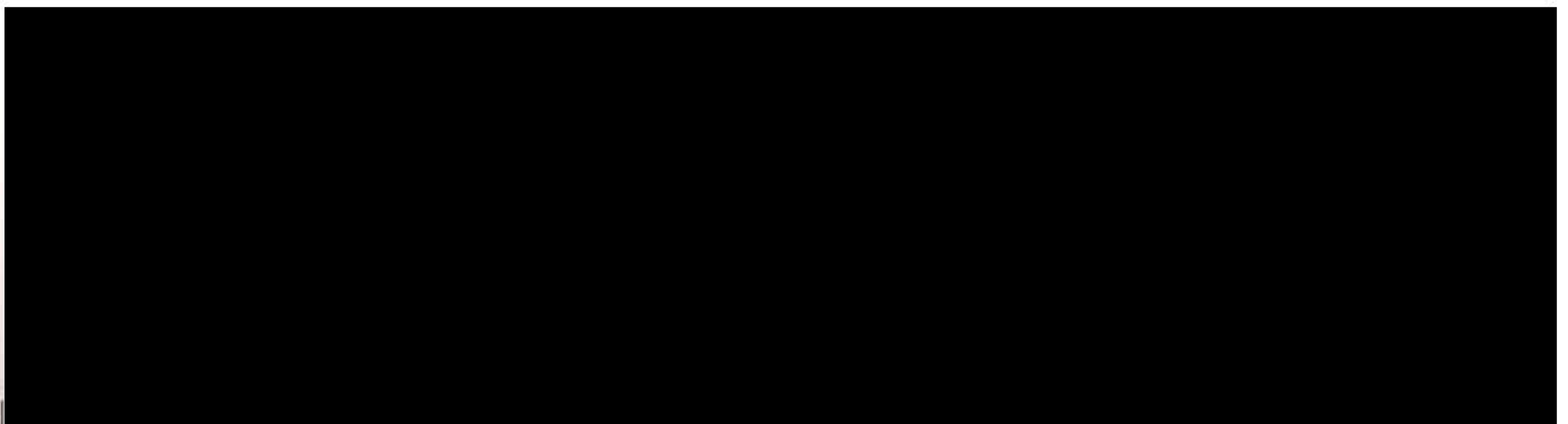
This rate of growth has implications for the Network as a provider of services for older people and is likely to impact on membership growth leading to increased demand for member activities, staff time, volunteers, premises and funding.

In August 2024 we produced a 3-year business plan which focuses on these key areas. Whilst we aspire to continue to extend the benefits of the Network to all those who could benefit, and aim to continue to increase our geographic spread across West Lothian, we needed a period of consolidation following the surge in membership following Covid. Therefore, for the first year of the plan, 2024- 2025, our emphasis has been on sustaining our existing membership and consolidating what we do versus growth and expansion. As a result, we have made good progress in supporting new members and seen great improvement in the management of waiting lists for groups.

### **DIRECTION AND STAFF**

The Network is overseen by a Board of Trustees, all of which are volunteers elected from the membership. The trustees give the Network strategic direction and ensure that the funds are properly managed. There are four Office Bearers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition, individual trustees oversee areas such as Activity Groups, Trips and Holidays, Marketing and Communication, Premises, Speakers and Events.

The trustees who have acted in 2024/25 are as follows:





Day to day operations at our Members' Hub/administrative centre are run by a part-time charity manager and two part-time member support staff. In 2024/25 we became an accredited Living Wage employer.

Unfortunately funding for our part-time Volunteers and Activities Coordinator came to an end during this period and we had to take the difficult decision to close this position.

## MEMBERSHIP

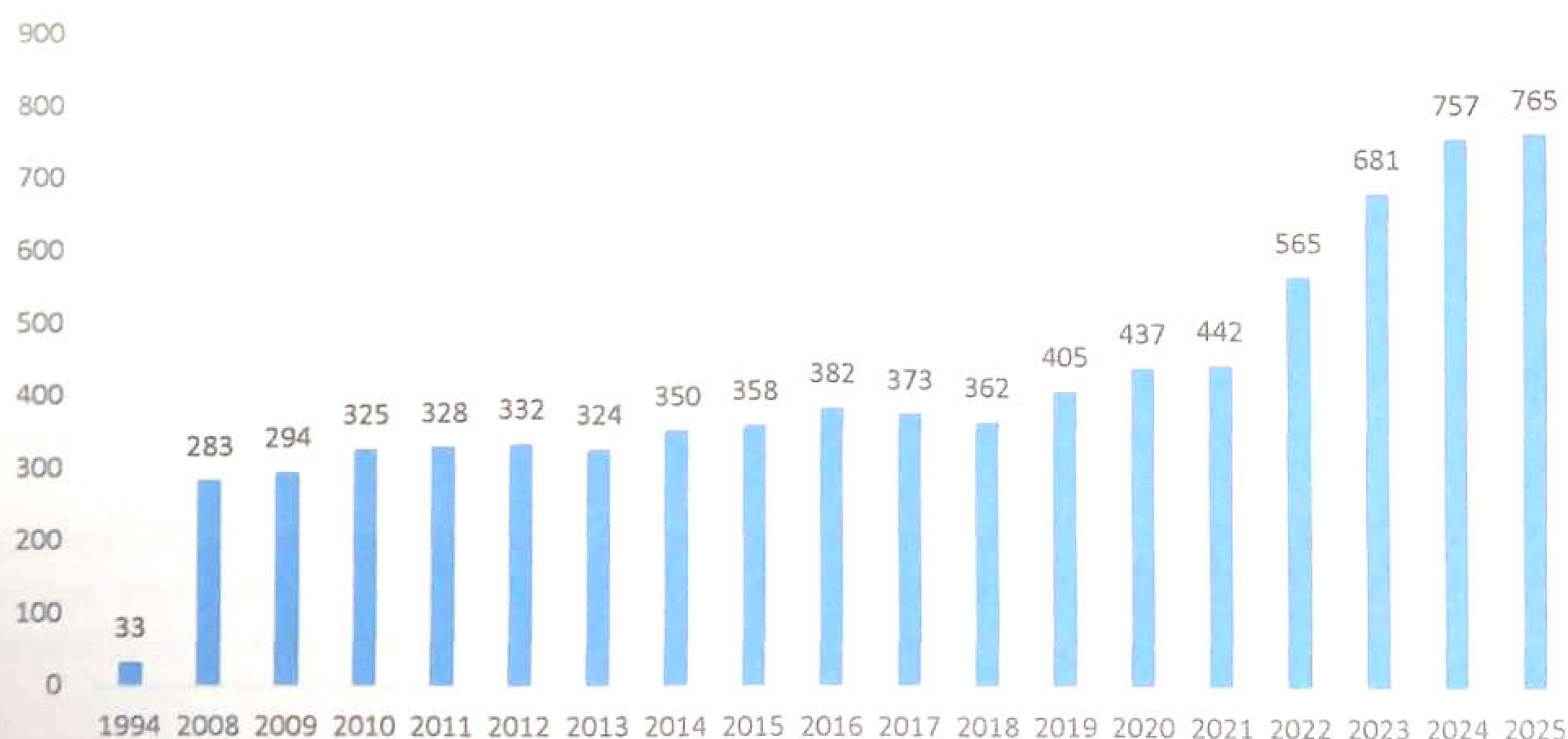
Membership of the West Lothian 50+ Network at 31 March 2025 stood at 765 and was slightly higher than at the end of March 2024.

Statistics show that 57.51% of the membership joined in the last three years (2022 to end March 2025), which has resulted in a large cohort of new members, and unprecedented demand for group membership.

Although based in Bathgate, traditionally the hometown of most of our members, we remain committed to our aim of broadening our membership across West Lothian. This has had some success, with the membership based in Bathgate now at 39%.

Our members range in age from those in their '50s, to a few in their '90s. The age range for the majority of our members is 70-79 years (43%). Those in their '50s and '60s comprise some 36% of our membership. 78% of the membership is of pensionable age.

Membership Levels 1994-2025





## **VOLUNTEERS**

Our member volunteers are the lynchpin of the West Lothian 50+ Network. Including our volunteer trustees, and those who lead and support some 70 different interest groups and activities, some 10% of our members are actively involved in volunteering, a truly fantastic contribution and one which begins to explain the Network's success.

Some 70 volunteers lead a group, some lead more than one group, bringing people together on a regular basis, providing companionship and purpose for many, week in, week out.

A smaller group of dedicated volunteers support our events, whether it be in the planning of those events, or delivery on the day – undertaking home baking, organising raffles, setting up tables and chairs, rolling sleeves up in the kitchen, providing refreshments, serving teas, washing up...

Our team of "meeters and greeters" volunteer alongside our staff team in the hub, helping to welcome members and those enquiring about becoming a member.

Others have supported our fundraising efforts, seeking sponsorship and support from local businesses, whilst others still have helped to promote our Network in the wider community, manning stalls at community awareness days, distributing posters, assisting at bucket collections.

Over 30 volunteers stepped up last year to undertake our first aid training sessions.

## **PREMISES**

Our Members' Hub and administrative centre in the centre of Bathgate continued to be well used by many of our activity groups, with 26 groups meeting in the designated Activity space on a regular weekly or fortnightly basis.

The Members' area to the front of the building is used as an informal meeting space/drop in area for members and visitors. Tea and coffee are available as well as information on the Network and its activities. There is also space for information about community activities. This space remained very popular with members providing a social space to sit and meet others, enjoy a free cuppa, or take a book or puzzle from our bookshelves. Our premises are accessible, with a stairlift to deal with a small flight of steps.

After staff, premises are our biggest cost and in 2024/25, we had to bear several unexpected, premises-related costs in addition to the annual rent, including roof and drainage repairs.

Groups that do not meet at our Members Hub come together in a wide range of other premises across West Lothian, including community centres, church halls, sheltered housing complexes, sports centres, cafes, pubs and restaurants.



## **BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER**

### **i) Monthly Members' Meetings**

Members' Meetings were held on the third Saturday of each month, except for October (replaced by our annual Craft Fair and Coffee Morning), December (when we held our annual Christmas party), and March (when we held our first Swing into Spring meeting).

These meetings are an opportunity to bring our members up to date with the business of the Network and with any plans for the future. They provide opportunity to let members know of any trips, holiday or events coming up. Minutes of the meeting are taken and are sent out to all members by email or by post so that every member is kept informed. A variety of guest speakers, including a local historian, a former wildlife crime prevention police officer, and the local arts development officer, brought topics of interest to our members.

### **ii) New Members' Meetings**

Informal regular drop-in meetings have been introduced for members who have recently joined the 50+ Network or for those who are interested to find out more before taking the plunge. These well-attended meetings give new members the chance to meet informally with other new members and Network trustees, and to find out more about the Network.

### **iii) Special Interest Groups**

An extremely important aspect of the Network's activities is the wide range of group activities and social opportunities on offer. These are one of the mainstays by which the Network fulfils its aim of providing opportunities for companionship and helping members keep active in mind and body.

At 31 March 2025 the Network offered some 73 special interest groups, with 67 members involved as volunteers to lead them. The Network and its members greatly appreciate the time and support given by these volunteer leaders.

The Network also subsidised (with external funding support) certain taught classes for which a specialist instructor is required (such as Yoga or Improve and Move). Any member with a special interest or skill is encouraged to start a new group if there is sufficient demand.

Our groups met in a variety of locations, and we continued to start new groups in locations both within and outwith Bathgate, aiming to improve access to activities for members across the county.

One of the key challenges of our growing Network is meeting the demand to join activity groups



Network groups include the following interests:

Art (2 groups)	Monday Stitchers
Badminton	Move 'n' Improve (2 groups)
Balloon Drumming	Nattering Needles
Book & Blether	Network Singers
Book Club (2 groups)	NuYu (exercise and healthy eating)
Bowling (2 Groups)	Patchwork
Canasta (2 groups)	Photography
Chess For Fun	Pins and Needles
Classic Silver Screen	Pool
Coffee Club (8 groups)	Reminiscence
Coffee and Games Group	Rummikub
Conversational French	Saturday Night Club
Crafts (2 groups)	Scrabble (2 groups)
Culture	Spanish
Cycling (2 groups)	Squawkers
French (2 groups)	Supper Club
Gardening	Table Tennis
Genealogy	Tai Chi
Italian (2 groups)	Theatre
Jewellery	Ukulele
Line Dancing	Veterans
Lunch Club (2 groups)	Walking (6 groups)
Mah Jong and Games	Writers' Chat Group
Men's Group (2 groups)	Yoga
	Zumba

#### iv) Day Trips

We continued to run monthly day trips by coach throughout the period with an affordable base cost set at £18pp excluding attraction entrance fees. The trips all proved very popular, with many being oversubscribed, resulting in two coaches being booked for the October drive through the Trossachs and Perthshire.

Trips during this period took members to Peebles, Scone, Cultybraggan, Anstruther, Culross, Callender, Kelso, Ayr, Berwick, Dunkeld, Dundee and Glasgow.

#### v) Holidays

During the period we organised four coach holidays, taking members to the North Coast 500 in April 2024, to Belfast and the Antrim Coast in October 2024, a short Twixmas break in Strathpeffer in December 2024, and to Derbyshire and the Peak District in March 2025.

#### vi) Events

Volunteers in our Events team organised a number of excellent events for our members during the year, providing many opportunities for people to come together and find companionship. These include:



- The Art Group's Exhibitions in April and December 2024
- Ceilidh in May 2024
- Waiking Day in Melrose in June and a Waiking Day St Andrews in October 2024
- Summer Drop In session in July 2024
- Fundraiser coffee morning for Macmillan in September 2024
- It's Showtime! Our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert staged by our choir at the Regal Theatre in Bathgate in October 2024
- Tree Planting 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in October 2024
- Coffee and Crafts in November 2024
- Network Singers' "Joy to the World" Christmas Concert in December 2024
- Members Christmas Party in December 2024
- Twixmas Drop In session in December 2024
- Volunteers Lunch in January 2025
- Quiz Night in March 2025

In addition, we held a number of information sessions for our members:

- Benefits Advice session delivered by the council's Advice Shop in May 2024
- Online Safety delivered by Trading Standards in May 2024
- Dementia Awareness session delivered by Age Scotland in June 2024
- Prostate Cancer Awareness session delivered by Prostate Scotland in August 2024

## **FINANCES**

The organisation holds a current account and a savings account with the Bank of Scotland.

The accounts are formally reported on by our external examiner, Brian Maloney F.C.C.A.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees review the Reserves Policy for the Network each year. To ensure a viable future for the organisation, it is necessary to retain a sufficient reserve to cover essential running costs.

The Trustees consider 6 months of core running costs and salaries to be a minimum level of reserves - some £43,000 based on our budget for 2025/26.

Unrestricted funds at the period end were £27,507 and so are less than 6 months of core expenses.

However, £42,012 of the restricted funds at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were specifically for core costs so the Trustees are content that the reserves policy is met.

Steps need to be, and have been, taken to increase unrestricted reserves, including an increase in the membership fee from 1 April 2025 and a review of coach trip fees following a significant increase in the cost of coach hire. Other fundraising initiatives have been introduced to assist with growing the level of unrestricted reserves to satisfy the Reserves Policy.



## EXTERNAL FUNDING

Much of the work of the West Lothian 50+ Network (SCiO) is made possible by several external funders and sponsors, and we are indebted to them all for the support and encouragement they give us.

We continued to use the services of a professional fundraiser who makes appropriate applications to funding sources on behalf of the Network. As most of the funding the Network receives is restricted in how it can be spent, our fundraiser also undertook the necessary follow up work to report back on how the funding has been applied.

The total annual cost of running the Network is budgeted to be £111,000 in 2025/26. That includes salaries, rent and repairs, insurance, electricity, stationery, telephone and internet, bank charges, professional fees, refreshments, IT support, cleaning and rubbish removal, equipment, postage, group venue costs, the Christmas party and other miscellaneous costs.

In 2024/25, external grants received covered 66% of the annual running costs, principally for rent and staff salaries. This percentage is down from 73% in 2023/24 and 78% in 2023/23, which reflects the increasingly competitive environment for the limited funds available. We are also advised that this has been impacted by the changed priorities of some funders who no longer target their funding towards charities for older people. A further challenge of this type of funding is its short-term nature, typically made available for one year, which makes it hard to plan for the long term.

This leaves a considerable sum to be covered by our own fundraising activities. However, funds raised internally help to meet the expectation from external funders that the Network has the capacity to meet some of its own running costs.

Our thanks to the following organisations which funded us in 2024/25:

- Age Scotland
- Albert Hunt Trust
- Basil Death Trust
- Binks Trust
- Coop Community Fund
- Home Instead
- JTH Charitable Trust
- Linlithgow Round Table
- Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust
- PF Charitable Trust
- Queensbury House Trust
- The Row Fogo Charitable Trust
- Royal Co. of Merchants Edinburgh Community Fund
- Souter Charitable Trust
- Stagecoach Community Fund
- Thistledown Charitable Trust
- The Hugh Fraser Foundation
- The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All
- The Stafford Trust



- The Walker-Shoolbraid Charitable Trust
- West Lothian Council – Pensioners' Christmas Fund
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (Scottish Government Fund, administered by VSG WL)
- A number of West Lothian councillors have supported the Network through local disbursement funds

We are also grateful for the support we have received in the local community, with donations from Morrisons, Tesco, Scotmid and other local business regularly supporting our activities.

## **MEMBERS' FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Given that external funding covers approximately 66% of the Network's annual running costs (see above), and membership fees currently raise around £19,000 each year, which represents only 13p for every £1 of our budgeted running costs in the current year, this leaves quite a sum to be raised each year from members' fundraising activities.

In 2024/25 contributions were made by our annual pop-up thrift shop, which this year exceeded all previous fund-raising efforts, and by events such as the annual coffee morning and craft fair, ceilidhs, concerts performed by our choir, and other events, raffles and donations, book, jigsaw and greetings card sales, surpluses on coach trips and holidays, gift aid recoveries and interest on bank savings.

Trustees greatly appreciate the contribution of an active Events Group which has successfully planned and run a number of these activities. The tremendous result was also achieved by the team who ran our Pop-Up Thrift Shop this year is also acknowledged.

## **COLLABORATIVE WORKING**

The Network is pleased to be a member of Age Scotland, the national Scottish charity for older people, and West Lothian Voluntary Sector Gateway, which works to strengthen the third sector and build partnerships.

The Network is a registered Living Wage Employer and has voluntarily registered with the ICO (Information Commissioners Office).

In 2024/25 the Network took part in a number of events which brought together third sector organisations across West Lothian. These included a Mental Health Awareness Day, the Twinning Associations Fair and Silver Sunday.

Our business plan recognises the importance of building strengthened, deeper working relationships with other third sector organisations with similar client groups. This will be a key aim going forward.

## **CHARITY COLLECTIONS**

The Network has a tradition of supporting others with our annual Coin Jar collection. In this period, we elected to support Alzheimer Scotland in this way.



We also had regular charity collections for the charities and organisations represented by speakers at our monthly members meetings (including Canine Concern Scotland Trust, Quilts for Care Leavers and the Antonine Guard Re-enactment Society).

## COMMUNICATIONS

We communicated with our members using traditional methods as well as electronic / online media.

- **Minutes of Monthly Meetings:** We distributed, by email or by post, a Minute of the Members' Meeting to all members. This benefited those unable to attend whilst providing a written reminder of key points and dates.
- **Minutes of Trustees' Meetings:** In the interests of transparency, minutes of Board meetings were made available in the Hub.
- **Website:** Our website [www.westlothian50plusnetwork.co.uk](http://www.westlothian50plusnetwork.co.uk) provides a wide range of information about the Network and is a good source of information for our members, our partners, our funders and anyone considering joining the Network. This is well used by potential members, external funders and interested parties.
- **Facebook:** We use our Facebook page **@westlothian50plusnetwork** to share upcoming events, trips and other activities with our members in a way that encourages interaction with and between members. We also share information and activities organised by our partners and other organisations which may be of interest to our members. We currently have some 2.4K followers on our facebook page.
- **Email:** 89% of our members have email which is by far the most cost-effective means of communicating with our members.
- **Print:** A minority of our members have continued to receive postal communication, however as this has become increasingly expensive, we ask all members to provide an email address where possible.
- **Telephone:** Our telephone lines are answered during our advertised office hours, outside of which voice messages can be left.
- **Face to Face:** Our Members' Hub is our primary point of contact for members wishing to drop in to join/ renew their membership, enquire about or book events, trips and holidays, or just to find a friendly face when they need one. We have a members' area where all members can drop in at any time to pick up a book, jigsaw or simply have a tea or coffee and chat with friends.

## MEMBERS SURVEY

124 members responded to our survey at the end of 2024. Whilst positive overall it also provided useful insights, testimonials and suggested areas for improvement.

"I was new to West Lothian when I joined and knew no-one. I now have a full social life with many new friends. It is the best way to enjoy your retirement."

"If it did not exist I would feel more isolated, I would have less opportunities to meet people, try new hobbies, go holidays, be informed by interesting speakers, etc. The 50+ has enriched my life and I know retired people in other areas who don't have such an organization who feel lonely and isolated at home."



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
for the year ended 31st March 2025

"It has encouraged me to try new things, to have company when needed. I think it is an amazing organisation and I tell everyone that I meet about it".

THE FUTURE

West Lothian 50+ Network (SCIO) will continue to play an important part in the lives of the over fifties in West Lothian, offering many and varied opportunities to combat social isolation.

A growing Network presents a number of challenges. We will continue to strive to meet the needs of a growing membership by developing relevant new groups and activities. We recognise that when members deepen their involvement with Network, especially through some form of volunteering role, they get more out of it and gain a sense of purpose and belonging. It is essential that we provide good support for our volunteers who are key to the Network's sustainability.

Whilst the Hub offers a purpose-designed space under our own management, it has its own challenges as costs rise. We will continue to monitor other premises used by our groups. There are challenges here too, with concerns around the future of community centres, and increasing room hire rates. As part of our strategy to become less centred in Bathgate, we will continue to use and seek out alternative new venues to further our aim of extending our activities across the wider West Lothian area. The support of the private sector and other organisations, in providing spaces for our groups to meet, is appreciated.

As we made inroads in year one of our three-year Business Plan (2024-2027) we began to take stock of the impact of rapid growth, considering its implications for member activities, staff, volunteers, premises, funding and our relationships with other organisations in the wider community. Our plan for the next two years will continue to focus on these key areas as our main themes.

*This report has been approved by the Trustees on 9 July 2025 and is signed on their behalf.*

Chair

Secretary



**WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK (SCIO)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrest'd £	Restricted £	y/e 31.03.25 £	1.10.23- 31.03.24 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Membership Fees (note 1)	18,920	0	18,920	6,776
Gift Aid	1,084	0	1,084	147
Grants Received	0	72,786	72,786	38,984
Donations Received	1,447	0	1,447	142
Class Fees	7,417	0	7,417	1,909
Holidays and Trips (note 2)	55,730	0	55,730	31,112
Thrift Shop	5,757	0	5,757	519
Fund Raising & Other Income (note 3)	9,661	220	9,881	4,957
Bank Deposit Interest	895	0	895	272
	<u>100,911</u>	<u>73,006</u>	<u>173,917</u>	<u>84,818</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Donations and Gifts	1,025	145	1,169	160
Salaries and Related Costs	6,484	58,620	65,103	29,163
Rent and Service Charges	9,438	10,232	19,670	10,101
Insurance	972	2,262	3,234	0
Holidays and Trips	53,104	0	53,104	24,250
Telephone and Internet	1,030	0	1,030	612
Heat and Light	3,660	4,294	7,954	4,582
Stationery, Promotion and Office Costs	1,032	733	1,765	1,194
Cleaning and Repairs	236	450	686	718
Equipment	0	2,662	2,662	957
Postage	2,201	0	2,201	1,432
Social and Fundraising Events	1,723	2,712	4,435	3,568
IT Support	1,477	0	1,477	1,642
Professional Fees	6,505	0	6,505	5,347
Group Venue and Activity Costs	5,759	1,294	7,052	2,751
Members' Travel	0	349	349	0
Bank Charges	1,271	0	1,271	627
Hardship Fund	0	188	188	0
Sundry Expenses	165	707	872	398
	<u>96,082</u>	<u>84,647</u>	<u>180,728</u>	<u>87,502</u>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	4,830	(11,641)	(6,811)	(2,684)
<b>Funds brought forward</b>	33,329	61,990	95,319	0
<b>Funds transferred from the old 50+ Network</b>	0	0	0	98,003
<b>Closing Funds</b>	<u>38,159</u>	<u>50,349</u>	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>

**Notes:**

**1 Membership Fees**

Received for current year	10,076	652
Received in advance for following year	8,844	6,124
	<u>18,920</u>	<u>6,776</u>

**2 Holidays and Trips (Income)**

Received for current year	54,242	28,333
Received in advance for following year	1,488	2,779
	<u>55,730</u>	<u>31,112</u>

**3 Fund Raising and Other Income**

Includes monies received for following year	320	271
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**WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK (SCIO)**  
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**  
at 31st March 2025

	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
<b>Bank and Cash In Hand</b>		
Funds brought forward (transferred from old Network)	95,319	98,003
Deficit for the year	(6,811)	(2,684)
	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>
 <b>Split Between Funds</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	27,507	24,155
Members' Funds	10,652	9,174
Restricted Funds (note 4)	50,349	61,990
	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>
 <b>Made Up As Follows:</b>		
Bank Current Account	12,237	9,942
Bank Savings Account	76,171	85,277
Cash In Hand	100	100
	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>



## Notes:

## 4 Reconciliation of movements in members funds

	At 01.04.24	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31.03.25
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	33,329	100,911	96,082	38,159
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Coop Community Fund	0	500	0	500
Albert Hunt Trust (2)	2,000	5,000	2,000	5,000
W.L. Community Mental Health & Wellbeing (3)	30,241	25,000	30,241	25,000
Linlithgow Round Table	0	500	500	0
Thistledown Charitable Trust (2)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
West Lothian Council Christmas Grant	0	1,098	1,098	0
Walker Shoolbraid Charitable Trust (2)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
John Anderson	0	100	100	0
Souter Charitable Trust	0	3,000	2,000	1,000
Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust	0	2,000	2,000	0
Home Instead	0	500	500	0
Hugh Fraser Foundation	0	3,000	869	2,131
Age Scotland	0	600	600	0
JTH Charitable Trust (2)	34	500	34	500
Binks Trust	0	3,000	3,000	0
West Lothian Councillors' Disbursements	0	800	800	0
The National Lottery CF - Awards For All (2)	2,371	10,000	5,990	6,381
Queensbury House Trust	0	10,000	10,000	0
Basil Death Trust	0	3,000	3,000	0
Stagecoach Community Fund	0	1,000	203	797
Royal Co.of Merchants of Edinburgh Community Fund	1,200	0	949	251
Row Fogo Charitable Trust	4,900	0	4,900	0
Stafford Trust	1,602	0	1,602	0
Coin Jar	44	187	145	87
Other, Older Funds	16,599	220	11,117	5,702
	61,990	73,006	84,647	50,349
<b>Total Funds</b>	95,319	173,917	180,728	88,508



WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK (SCIO)

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

31st MARCH 2025

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**Independent Examiner's Statement  
To The Trustees of West Lothian 50+ Network  
Period Ended 31st March 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances.

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**Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner**

The charity 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's 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.

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**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements of the 2005 Act and Regulations to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the Accounts Regulations and:
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met; or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date 18.07.25



**WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK (SCIO)**  
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**  
at 31st March 2025

	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
<b>Bank and Cash In Hand</b>		
Funds brought forward (transferred from old Network)	95,319	98,003
Deficit for the year	(6,811)	(2,684)
	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>
 <b>Split Between Funds</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	27,507	24,155
Members' Funds	10,652	9,174
Restricted Funds (note 4)	50,349	61,990
	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>
 <b>Made Up As Follows:</b>		
Bank Current Account	12,237	9,942
Bank Savings Account	76,171	85,277
Cash In Hand	100	100
	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>



**WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK (SCIO)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrest'd £	Restricted £	y/e 31.03.25 £	01.10.23 - 31.03.24 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Membership Fees (note 1)	18,920	0	18,920	6,776
Gift Aid	1,084	0	1,084	147
Grants Received	0	72,786	72,786	38,984
Donations Received	1,447	0	1,447	142
Class Fees	7,417	0	7,417	1,909
Holidays and Trips (note 2)	55,730	0	55,730	31,112
Thrift Shop	5,757	0	5,757	519
Fund Raising & Other Income (note 3)	9,661	220	9,881	4,957
Bank Deposit Interest	895	0	895	272
	<u>100,911</u>	<u>73,006</u>	<u>173,917</u>	<u>84,818</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Donations and Gifts	1,025	145	1,169	160
Salaries and Related Costs	6,484	58,620	65,103	29,163
Rent and Service Charges	9,438	10,232	19,670	10,101
Insurance	972	2,262	3,234	0
Holidays and Trips	53,104	0	53,104	24,250
Telephone and Internet	1,030	0	1,030	612
Heat and Light	3,660	4,294	7,954	4,582
Stationery, Promotion and Office Costs	1,032	733	1,765	1,194
Cleaning and Repairs	236	450	686	718
Equipment	0	2,662	2,662	957
Postage	2,201	0	2,201	1,432
Social and Fundraising Events	1,723	2,712	4,435	3,568
IT Support	1,477	0	1,477	1,642
Professional Fees	6,505	0	6,505	5,347
Group Venue and Activity Costs	5,759	1,294	7,052	2,751
Members' Travel	0	349	349	0
Bank Charges	1,271	0	1,271	627
Hardship Fund	0	188	188	0
Sundry Expenses	165	707	872	398
	<u>96,082</u>	<u>84,647</u>	<u>180,728</u>	<u>87,502</u>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	4,830	(11,641)	(6,811)	(2,684)
<b>Funds brought forward</b>	33,329	61,990	95,319	0
<b>Funds transferred from the old 50+ Network</b>	0	0	0	98,003
<b>Closing Funds</b>	<u>38,159</u>	<u>50,349</u>	<u>88,508</u>	<u>95,319</u>

**Notes:**

1	<b>Membership Fees</b>		
	Received for current year	10,076	652
	Received in advance for following year	8,844	6,124
		<u>18,920</u>	<u>6,776</u>
2	<b>Holidays and Trips (Income)</b>		
	Received for current year	54,242	28,333
	Received in advance for following year	1,488	2,779
		<u>55,730</u>	<u>31,112</u>
3	<b>Fund Raising and Other Income</b>		
	Includes monies received for following year	320	271



## Notes:

## 4 Reconciliation of movements in members funds

	At 01.04.24	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31.03.25
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	33,329	100,911	96,082	38,159
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	0	500	0	500
Coop Community Fund	2,000	5,000	2,000	5,000
Albert Hunt Trust (2)	30,241	25,000	30,241	25,000
W L. Community Mental Health & Wellbeing (3)	0	500	500	0
Linlithgow Round Table	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Thistledown Charitable Trust (2)	0	1,098	1,098	0
West Lothian Council Christmas Grant	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Walker Shoolbraid Charitable Trust (2)	0	100	100	0
John Anderson	0	3,000	2,000	1,000
Souter Charitable Trust	0	2,000	2,000	0
Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust	0	500	500	0
Home Instead	0	3,000	869	2,131
Hugh Fraser Foundation	0	600	600	0
Age Scotland	34	500	34	500
JTH Charitable Trust (2)	0	3,000	3,000	0
Binks Trust	0	800	800	0
West Lothian Councillors' Disbursements	2,371	10,000	5,990	6,381
The National Lottery CF - Awards For All (2)	0	10,000	10,000	0
Queensbury House Trust	0	3,000	3,000	0
Basil Death Trust	0	1,000	203	797
Stagecoach Community Fund	1,200	0	949	251
Royal Co. of Merchants of Edinburgh Community Fund	4,900	0	4,900	0
Row Fogo Charitable Trust	1,602	0	1,602	0
Stafford Trust	44	187	145	87
Coin Jar	16,599	220	11,117	5,702
Other, Older Funds	61,990	73,006	84,647	50,349
<b>Total Funds</b>	95,319	173,917	180,728	88,508

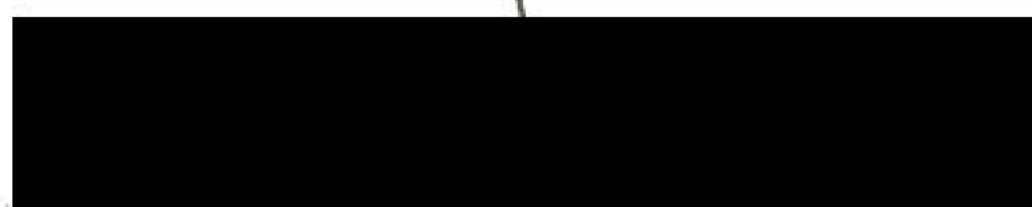
Approved By The Trustees



Chair

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Date



Secretary

18 July 2025

Date