Boghead Improvement Group

Financial Statements

For the accounting period ended

30th June,2026

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 30th June, 2026

Charity Name	Boghead Improvement Group	
Other names charity is known by	BiG	
Registered Charity Number	SC052614	
Charity's Principal Address	51 Lesmahagow Road, Boghead, Lesmahagow ML11 0JA	
Names of the charity trustees Who manage the charity	Chair Person	John McLean
	Secretary	Aileen Naismith
	Treasurer	David Thomson

The organisation is constituted in terms of a community benefit organisation, run by trustees, elected by the members.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

- Type of governing document — Constitution
- How the charity is constituted — SCIO
- Trustee selection methods — Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting

The purpose of the Boghead Improvement Group is:

- Advance citizenship and community development
- Provide recreational facilities, or organize recreational activities, with the objective of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended
- Advance environmental protection or improvement
- All under an umbrella of sustainable development

Approved by the Trustees on the 6th August,2026

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Chair Person : John McLean
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Boghead Improvement Group (BiG)

Annual Report

Reporting Period: June 2025 – June 2026

Chair's Report

The past year has been one of good, if faltering,progress for Boghead Improvement Group as the Board has continued to work towards its long-term vision of securing community ownership, improving local facilities and increasing opportunities for residents. Trustees have met regularly throughout the year, maintaining strong governance and ensuring that the organisation continues to operate effectively while progressing a number of key priorities.

Community Right to Buy

The Board's principal focus during the year was progressing the proposed community acquisition of 23/25 Lesmahagow Road.

Following receipt of an independent property valuation funded through the Renewable Energy Fund (REF), formal correspondence was again issued to both landowners inviting discussions regarding a potential sale. When no response was received, Trustees agreed to progress a "Part 5 Community Right to Buy to Further Sustainable Development" application.

Significant work was undertaken including:

- Completing the Part 5 Community Right to Buy application.
- Seeking guidance from Community Ownership Support Service and the Scottish Government Land Team.
- Preparing supporting documentation.
- Developing a comprehensive Business Plan.
- Producing information for residents explaining the proposal.
- Issuing statutory notices to landowners by registered post.

However, to the Trustees disappointment, on receipt of the statutory notices the landowners promptly put the sale on the open market via an estate agent which meant that BiG was unable to secure funds quickly enough to engage. The quick sale of the land meant that this opportunity is now closed to the Group.

These activities represent a major emphasis in the Group's long-term ambition to secure land for community benefit but were proven unsuccessful this time

Strategic Planning

The publication of the **Local Place Plan** during the year provides an important strategic framework for future development within the village. Trustees continued to work alongside Community Enterprise and local partners to ensure community aspirations are reflected within future planning.

The Board also continued to develop the organisation's Business Plan, recognising its importance in supporting funding applications and the Community Right to Buy process.

Community Development Projects

Trustees continued to pursue projects aimed at improving community facilities and promoting sustainable transport.

E-Bike Project

Working with Healthy Valleys, the Group secured an offer of two electric bikes together with a solar-powered storage cabinet.

Although considerable effort was made to identify a suitable host location, including discussions with landowners, public consultation and a leaflet campaign, no practical site could ultimately be secured. Consequently, the Group was unable to take up this offer. This avenue is still available if a suitable site were to become available in future.

Bike Repair Station

A significant success during the year was securing £1,500 of funding from Foundation Scotland (Auchrobert Wind Farm Fund) for a public bike repair station.

The equipment was purchased towards the end of the reporting period and is due to be installed adjacent to the village phone box, providing a centrally located facility for both residents and visitors.

Community Transport

Trustees explored the feasibility of introducing a community minibus service to improve local transport links.

Activities included:

- Investigating potential funding opportunities.
- Consulting residents through social media and door-to-door engagement.
- Exploring volunteer driver availability.
- Holding discussions with Healthy Valleys.
- Investigating links with Climate Action Strathaven and SPT's MyBus service.

While the project remains at an exploratory stage, valuable evidence has been gathered regarding potential community demand and future options.

Community Engagement

The Board remained committed to engaging with residents throughout the year.

Trustees:

- Presented updates at the Community Group AGM.
- Conducted village-wide leaflet drops.
- Used Facebook to seek community feedback.
- Carried out door-to-door engagement regarding transport needs.
- Continued participation in the Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill Co-ordination Group and other local partnership meetings.

This engagement has helped ensure that the Group's activities continue to reflect community priorities.

Partnerships

The Group continued to strengthen relationships with a range of organisations including:

- Community Ownership Support Service

- Community Enterprise
- Healthy Valleys
- Foundation Scotland
- South Lanarkshire Council
- TAG UK Abbey Group
- Climate Action Strathaven
- Scottish Government Land Team

These partnerships have provided valuable advice, funding opportunities and strategic support throughout the year.

Governance and Finance

The Board maintained sound governance throughout the reporting period.

Key achievements included:

- Regular trustee meetings with full attendance.
- Approval of meeting minutes and financial reports at each meeting.
- Submission of the SCIO Annual Confirmation Statement.
- Careful financial management while progressing strategic projects.

During the year, unrestricted balances remained modest as expected while external funding was secured for specific capital projects, increasing reserves following receipt of the bike repair station grant.

Environmental Improvements

Trustees successfully secured installation of signage improvements and new public right of way signage within the village and continued to work with South Lanarkshire Council regarding wider signage improvements.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming year the Board intends to focus on:

- Exploring other opportunities to progress a community space.
- Advancing the Business Plan to support future development.
- Installing the new bike repair station.
- Continuing to pursue improved community transport options.
- Strengthening funding opportunities for future projects.
- Building partnerships that support long-term community regeneration.

Conclusion

The reporting period has been characterised by steady, if not always successful, progress, together with careful planning and strong governance. While some initiatives, particularly the community right to buy and the e-bike project, were unable to proceed due to practical constraints, Trustees demonstrated resilience by pursuing alternative opportunities and securing new investment for the village.

Most significantly, progress has been made towards the Group's long-term ambition of community ownership. Together with strengthened partnerships, successful funding applications and continued community engagement, the Board has established a strong foundation for the organisation's future development and its ongoing commitment to improving Boghead for current and future residents.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Boghead Improvement Group, registered charity number SC052614

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June,2026 which are set out on pages 6 and 7

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 ("the 2005 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44) (1) (c) of the 2005 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 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 option on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no **other** 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 Regulations, and
   to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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 6th August,2026

Gerard J. Ingram AFA

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Boghead Improvment Group

Statement of Receipts and Payments - For the year ended 30th June,2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Receipts				
Grants	-	3,056	3,056	500
Loans received	1,556	-	1,556	-
	1,556	3,056	4,612	500
Payments				
Postage and stationery	119		119	6
Signage	-	-	-	215
Loans repaid	1,556	-	1,556	-
Bike stand	-	1,385	1,385	-
Professional fees	-	1,556	1,556	-
	1,675	2,941	4,616	221
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year	-119	115	4	279

Boghead Improvement Group

Statement of Balances - As at 30th June,2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Cash & Bank Balance at Start of Year	369	285	654	375
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year	-119	115	-4	279
Cash & Bank Balance at End of Year	250	400	650	654

Represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Bank Balance at End of Year	250	400	650	654
Cash Balance at End of Year	-	-	-	
	250	400	650	654