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Strathblane Community Development Trust

(Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements

Year to 31 January 2026

Strathblane Community Development Trust

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Strathblane Community Development Trust

Report of the Directors *for year to 31 January 2026*

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 January 2026.

Status of Trust and Governing Document
Strathblane Community Development Trust ("the Trust") was incorporated on 17 January 2008 as a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a recognised Scottish charity, number SC039328.

Charitable Objectives
The Trust was formed to benefit the communities of Strathblane, Blanefield and Mugdock by promoting community development, education and citizenship. A full description of the objects of the Trust is given in the Articles of Association.

Directors
The Directors who served during the year were:

Robert Davies (resigned 30th November 2025)
Mark Elder
Hannah Freireich
Alistair Gray
Mirte Greve (appointed 1st December 2025)
Julie Hutchison
Patries MacIntyre
Murray McGarvie
James Millar
Andrew Thompson
Margaret Vass (Chair)

Appointment of Directors
The Directors are all volunteers and residents of Strathblane, Blanefield or Mugdock. Strathblane Community Council has the power to appoint two directors. Other directors are appointed by the members of the Trust in General Meeting following recommendations by existing directors and taking into account their particular expertise and skills. Directors may be co-opted by the Board during the year, such appointments falling to be ratified by members at the next General Meeting.

Administrative Structure
The Directors are responsible for direction and administration of the Trust. The Trust has no employees and the Directors receive no remuneration.

Achievements and Performance
The Directors encourage the formation of working and project groups with a view to widening the opportunities for residents to become involved in projects for the benefit of the community. These groups are provided with guidelines setting out the parameters within which they may operate under the aegis of the Trust and perhaps benefit from its charitable status which gives access to funding and other opportunities not otherwise available. The Board hopes that the Trust will continue to be used in this manner with new groups starting up where appropriate.

The Trust owns 100% of the share capital of Thomas Graham Library Limited. That subsidiary company owns the building of the Thomas Graham Community Library which was opened on 18 April 2023 by Angus Graham, the major donor. There are site lease and operating agreements in place with Stirling Council and it is expected that ownership of the site will transfer to Thomas Graham Library Limited in 2026/7.

Most income and expenditure in respect of the library occurred in previous financial years. In the financial year to 31 January 2026, a further £6,500 was granted by the Trust to Thomas Graham Library Limited to fund further expenditure on the construction of the building.

The library continues to provide the community with a purpose-built, modern facility that is well used and has been warmly welcomed. In addition to the normal library activities the facilities are used by local groups for meetings and events and for Life Long Learning courses provided by Strathclyde University. During the year the Library was the subject of a site visit by DTAS (Development Trusts Association Scotland), as an exemplar project.

Other groups connected with the Trust have also been active:

- The Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary continues to provide a valuable resource to the community There was income in the year from a fund raising ceilidh, whilst the volunteers worked on further planting and maintenance.

- The Paths Group has concentrated on the maintenance and repair of its existing assets and has continued to develop the idea of the Blane Valley Link Path. They continue to lobby for the improvement of other paths in the area which are not under their control.

- The Trust is continuing to liaise with Building Control to receive a completion certificate for the Bothy to enable it to be used as an asset for the community.

- The Allotments Group continues to be very active with 40 plots and a number of communal areas. Members assist in the general maintenance and repair of the allotments as well as tending their own plots. Repairs and maintenance of the fencing in particular, are ongoing.

- Campsie Crooners continues to attract good numbers of singers to their fortnightly sessions with lots of new members. They have also participated in a number of community events.

- Strathblane Heritage Society held a number of well attended events during the year and worked on a heritage trail for the community.

- A new group is investigating options for renewable energy projects in the area.

- The series of films focussed on climate action continued into the year and were well received. A series of talks on the local biodiversity and landscape are planned for 2026.

The Trust continues seek to increase its membership and works hard to communicate with the community through its website www.strathblanecdt.org, regular Instagram posts, Facebook posts and Blane Valley Bulletin articles, to increase engagement and understanding of its purposes and activities.

It is important for all our working groups to follow good and standard practice. The Trust has worked to ensure that our governance is robust particularly in relation to our charitable role. This provides the framework that our groups, affiliates and subsidiary company can use. During the year the Trust board participated in a number of sessions, run by DTAS, to redefine our Vision, Mission and Values and develop a Balanced Scorecard model. It is hoped that these will further strengthen the role of the Trust, ensuring that it is more prominent in the community and encouraging more involvement as well as giving focus to our activities. The working groups will however continue to be the engine for delivery of projects that benefit the community.

The Trust is very conscious of the need for it to represent the wishes and priorities of the community. These are set out in the Local Place Plan which was completed during the year and on which the Trust worked with Strathblane Community Council.

The Board expresses its thanks and appreciation to the several organisations and many volunteering individuals without whose support none of these benefits to the community would have been achieved.

Grant Making Policy
Grants will not be made by the Trust unless in exceptional circumstances.

Grants and Donations Received
During the year ended 31 January 2026 no grants were received by the Trust. Donations were received in the year from a number of individuals and organisations. Details are given in Notes 2 and 4 to the financial statements.

Investments
In the year to 31 January 2026, some funds were held in a deposit account providing interest. The interest has been allocated to the General Fund for use in running of the Trust.

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Report of the Directors *for year to 31 January 2026*

Results for the Period
The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 6 to 13. The Statement of Financial Activities on Page 6 reflects a net expenditure of £3,117 for the year (2025: expenditure of £19,061).

Reserves
At 31 January 2026 unrestricted reserves amounted to £12,058 (2025: £9,784), restricted funds were £94,797 (2025: £100,188), giving total reserves of £106,855 (2025: £109,972).

The Directors are satisfied that unrestricted funds are sufficient to enable the Trust to continue its activities.

Independent Examiner
Catherine Baxter of Baxter Accounting and Tax Services Ltd is proposed for re-appointment as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the Board

Margaret Vass
Director

Dated 5/10/26

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Report of the Independent Examiner *for year to 31 January 2026*

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year to 31 January 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner
The directors 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 directors consider that an audit is not required for this period under Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether any 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the directors 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 4 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.

In my opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the accounts.

Catherine Baxter CTA ..... 1 October 2026 .....

Catherine Baxter
Chartered Tax Adviser

Date

Strathblane Community Development Trust

Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	2026	2025
Income		£	£	£	£	£
Donations	2	572	-	-	572	272
Investment income		995	-	-	995	1,493
Other trading activities	3	1,802	-	3,828	5,630	1,304
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	5,447	5,447	3,533
					-	-
Total income		3,369	-	9,275	12,644	6,602
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	5	1,440	-	14,321	15,761	25,663
Total expenditure		1,440	-	14,321	15,761	25,663
Net income/(expenditure)		1,929	-	(5,046)	(3,117)	(19,061)
Transfers		345	-	(345)	-	-
Total funds brought forward		9,784	-	100,188	109,972	129,033
Total funds carried forward		12,058	-	94,797	106,855	109,972
Comprising						
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund		12,058	-	-	12,058	9,784
Designated		-	-	-	-	-
		12,058	-	-	12,058	9,784
Restricted Funds						
Greenheart		-	-	1,237	1,237	1,237
Paths development		-	-	2,860	2,860	3,399
Library		-	-	63,175	63,175	68,810
Bothy		-	-	13,043	13,043	13,043
Wildlife Sanctuary		-	-	12,192	12,192	10,065
Blane Valley Bulletin		-	-	2,290	2,290	3,270
Climate Films		-	-	-	-	297
Apple Pressing		-	-	-	-	67
Energy		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	94,797	94,797	100,188
		12,058	-	94,797	106,855	109,972

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Balance Sheet *at 31 January 2026*

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets			
Investment in subsidiary company	10	100	100
Tangible fixed assets	11	13,043	13,043
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	506	1,011
Cash at bank and in hand		93,959	96,357
		94,465	97,368
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(753)	(539)
Net Current Assets		93,712	96,829
Total Net Assets		106,855	109,972
The Funds of the Trust			
Unrestricted funds - General	16	12,058	9,784
Unrestricted funds - Designated	16	-	-
Restricted funds	16	94,797	100,188
		106,855	109,972

The directors consider that the Trust is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. Members have not required the company under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 to obtain an audit for the year ended 31 January 2026. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for: ensuring that the Trust keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31 January 2026 and of its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts, so far as applicable to the Trust.
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 5th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Margaret Vass
Director

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts
The financial statements of the Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
Donations are included in income when received. Income tax receivable in respect of Gift Aid is accounted for on an accruals basis at the time that donations are received. Grants and donations in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a restricted income account. Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income when the Trust has acquired unconditional entitlement and so as to match them with the expenditure to which they relate.

Expenditure
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Heritable property	-	10% straight line
Equipment	-	25% straight line

Expenditure on fixed assets is only depreciated once the assets have been brought into use by the Trust.

Investments
In the year to 31 January 2026, the Trust has received interest income from funds held in a deposit account.

Reserves
The reserves of the Trust are held in specific funds as follows:

General funds comprise donations and other income to may be applied in accordance with the objects of the Trust as the Directors decide.

Designated funds have been allocated by the Directors for specific purposes in furtherance of the Trust's objectives.

Restricted funds are grants and donations held for purposes specified by donors.

2. Donations

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2026	2025
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
General purposes	572	-	-	572	50
Library	-	-	-	-	150
Paths	-	-	-	-	72
	572	-	0	572	272

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2026	2025
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	1,555	-	-	1,555	1,304
Management Charge	247		3,828	4,075	0
	1,802	-	3,828	5,630	1,304

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2026	2025
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Paths	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments					
Allotment plotholders' contributions	-	-	200	200	200
Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary					
C & S Environmental Trust	-	-		-	573
Co-op Food group			1,650	1,650	-
Fundraising events	-	-	839	839	313
Library					
Fundraising events	-	-	865	865	1,772
Climate Films					
Event Income	-	-	156	156	58
Stirling Council grant	-	-		-	550
Apple Pressing					
Event Income	-	-	-	-	67
Energy					
Changeworks income			220	220	-
Other		-			
Strathblane Heritage Society			220	220	-
Strathblane Community Council			216	216	-
Fashion Show		-	1,081	1,081	-
	-	-	5,447	5,447	3,533

5 Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance	1,021			**1,021**	**1,183**
Local Plan survey	-			-	**58**
Miscellaneous expenses	111			**111**	**110**
Bank/Just Giving/Paypal charges	34			**34**	**31**
Allotments					
Allotments rent			200	**200**	**200**
Library					
Construction			6,500	**6,500**	**20,000**
Event Costs			-	-	**872**
Management Charge			3,828	**3,828**	-
Paths Development Group					
Path improvements			539	**539**	**124**
Blane Valley Bulletin					
Print costs			980	**980**	**694**
Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary					
Plant purchases			-	-	**983**
Groundworks			-	-	**599**
Rent			-	-	**200**
Event Costs			114	**114**	**24**
Management Charge			247	**247**	-
Climate Films					
Event Costs			341	**341**	**311**
Energy					
Event Costs			55	**55**	-
Others					
Fashion Show			1,081	**1,081**	-
Strathblane Heritage Society			220	**220**	-
Strathblane Community Council			216	**216**	-
Governance costs (Note 6)	274			**274**	**274**
	1,440	-	**14,321**	**15,761**	**25,663**

No remuneration was paid to directors during the period. There were no staff employed by the Trust.

6 Governance costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Companies House fees	**34**	**34**
Independent examination	**240**	**240**
	274	**274**

7 Operating surplus

	2026	2025
This is stated after charging	£	£
Independent Examiner's fee	**240**	**240**

8 Transactions with directors

There were no transactions with directors during the period.

9 Taxation

The Trust has charitable status and no liability to UK corporation tax arises.

10 Investment in subsidiary company

The Trust owns 100% of the issued share capital of Thomas Graham Library Limited.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Heritable Property The Bothy	Total
Cost	£	£
1 February 2025	**13,043**	**13,043**
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 January 2026	**13,043**	**13,043**
Depreciation		
1 February 2025	-	-
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 January 2026	-	-
Net Book Value		
1 February 2025	**13,043**	**13,043**
31 January 2026	**13,043**	**13,043**

12 Debtors

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid	**229**	-	-	**229**	**168**
Stirling Council Climate Film Grant	-	-	-	-	**550**
Interest Receivable	**73**	-	-	**73**	**93**
Blane Valley Allotments Association	-	-	**200**	**200**	**200**
Strathblane Heritage Society	-	-	**4**	**4**	-
	302	-	**204**	**506**	**1,011**

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Accrued expenses	**337**	-	-	**337**	**539**
Duntreath Estate	-	-	**200**	**200**	-
Strathblane Community Council	-	-	**216**	**216**	-
	337	-	**416**	**753**	**539**

14 Liability of members

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to £1.

15 Analysis of Net Assets by Funds

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2026	2025
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	13,043	**13,043**	**13,043**
Investments	-	-	100	**100**	**100**
Current Assets					
Debtors	302	-	204	**506**	**1,011**
Cash at bank and in hand	12,093	-	81,866	**93,959**	**96,357**
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	(337)	-	(416)	**(753)**	**(539)**
Net Assets	**12,058**	**-**	**94,797**	**106,855**	**109,972**

16 Movement of Funds

	1 Feb 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	31 Jan 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Greenheart	**1,237**	-	-	-	**1,237**
Paths development	**3,399**	-	(539)	-	**2,860**
Allotments	-	200	(200)	-	-
Library	**68,810**	4,693	(10,328)	-	**63,175**
Bothy	**13,043**	-	-	-	**13,043**
Wildlife Sanctuary	**10,065**	2,489	(362)	-	**12,192**
Blane Valley Bulletin	**3,270**	-	(980)	-	**2,290**
Strathblane Heritage Society	**0**	220	(220)	-	**0**
Climate Films	**297**	156	(341)	(112)	-
Apple Pressing	**67**	-	-	(67)	-
Energy		220	(55)	(165)	-
Fashion Show		1,081	(1,081)	-	-
Strathblane Community Council		216	(216)	-	**0**
	100,188	**9,275**	**(14,321)**	**(345)**	**94,797**
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	**9,784**	3,369	(1,440)	345	**12,058**
	9,784	**3,369**	**(1,440)**	**345**	**12,058**
	109,972	**12,644**	**(15,761)**	**-**	**106,855**

18 **Comparative Financial Statement for 2025**

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Charitable activities				
Grants and donations	1,354	-	3,755	5,109
Investments				
Bank interest and Dividends	1,493	-	-	1,493
Total	2,847	-	3,755	6,602
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	1,656		24,007	25,663
	1,656	-	24,007	25,663
Net income/(expenditure)	1,191	-	(20,252)	(19,061)
Transfers		-		-
Balance brought forward at 1 February 2024	8,593	-	120,440	129,033
Closing balance at 31 January 2025	9,784	-	100,188	109,972
Comprising:				
Unrestricted funds				
General	9,784	-	-	9,784
Designated	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds				
Greenheart	-	-	1,237	1,237
Paths development	-	-	3,399	3,399
Library	-	-	68,810	68,810
Allotments	-	-	-	-
Bothy	-	-	13,043	13,043
Wildlife Sanctuary	-	-	10,065	10,065
Apple Pressing			67	67
Climate Films			297	297
Blane Valley Bulletin	-	-	3,270	3,270
	9,784	-	100,188	109,972

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Summary of Projects

	Total	Paths	Library	SWS	Play Park	Allotments	BV Bulletin	Apple Pressing	Climate Films	Others	Energy	General funds	Bothy - restricted
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income													
Grants received	-												
Donations received	3,087		865	1,650								572	
Fund raising events	2,732			839					156	1,517	220		
Gift Aid on donations	231											231	
Bank Interest/dividends	995											995	
Management Charge	4,075		3,828									247	
Other	1,523					200						1,323	
	12,644	-	4,693	2,489	-	200	-	-	156	1,517	220	3,369	-
Expenditure													
Allotment	200					200							
TGLL Construction	6,500		6,500										
BVB printing	980						980						
Path Improvements	539	539											
Wildlife Sanctuary	114			114									
Bothy	0												
Strathblane Heritage Society	1,517									1,517			
Climate Films	341								341				
Energy Project	55										55		
Local Plan Survey	0												
Publicity	0												
Insurance	1,021											1,021	
Bank/Paypal charges	35											35	
Management Charge	4,075		3,828	247									
Other administration costs/expenses	384											384	
	15,762	539	10,328	362	-	200	980	-	341	1,517	55	1,440	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	**(3,117)**	**(539)**	**(5,635)**	**2,127**	**-**	**-**	**(980)**	**-**	**(185)**	**-**	**165**	**1,929**	**-**
Funds brought forward	**109,972**	3,399	68,810	10,065	1,237	-	3,270	67	297	-	-	9,784	13,043
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(67)	(112)		(165)	345	-
Funds carried forward	**106,855**	**2,860**	**63,174**	**12,193**	**1,237**	**-**	**2,290**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**12,058**	**13,043**