



St Fittick's Park SCIO
Scottish Charity number: SC054267

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for Year End 31 May 2026

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ending 31 May 2026**

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:

St Fittick's Park SCIO

Charity number:

SC054267

Address:

1 Mackie Place, Aberdeen AB10 1PF

Current Trustees:

Richard Caie, Chair

Lesley-Anne Mulholland, Treasurer

Julia Strickland, Secretary

Linda Harper

Chris Aldred

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current form on 28 May 2025.

Appointment of trustees

The Board, which meets frequently during the year, consists of the Charity's Trustees. The maximum number of trustees is eight and the minimum number is three. Membership of the Board is open to members of the SCIO unless disqualified from being a trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act or by being an employee of the SCIO.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership of the SCIO is open to any individual aged 16 or over who wishes to further the purposes of the SCIO and is not an employee of the SCIO.

Objectives and Activities

The SCIO's purposes, as defined by its constitution, are the advancement of environmental protection and improvement, and of community development and the provision of recreational activities to improve Torry residents' lives. The organisation does this by offering free-of-charge events and activities that increase community use and enjoyment of St Fittick's Park's amenity and understanding of its biodiversity. It seeks to strengthen social connections between diverse groups within Torry and foster partnerships with educational organisations in the City and Shire.



The SCIO builds on the multi-year efforts of the Friends of St Fittick's Park (FOSFP) to preserve the park from industrial development. Following the registration of the SCIO with OSCR in May 2025, various activities commenced by FOSFP have been transferred to the charity to ensure appropriate management policies and procedures are adopted, especially for the management of public funds awarded for various projects. The negotiation and adjustments required to be in these projects has been a challenging learning experience for the trustees. In one case, we had to acknowledge we did not have the capacity to properly manage a community kitchen project initiated by a local volunteer and supported by FOSFP and the SCIO. However, working through this process left us with a great deal of useful learning and much clearer policies and procedures relating to commissioning services using SCIO funding.

A participatory budgeting grant awarded to FOSFP by North East Scotland Climate Action Network and Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations made the construction of the Outdoor Classroom possible. The classroom is the focus for the activities run by the organisation. Funding from Fauna and Flora in 2023 allowed for the initial part-time employment of a classroom coordinator/manager and this was followed by a grant from the National Lottery Awards for All in 2024 and most recently, a three-year grant from the NL Community Action fund in June 2026. This will support the work of the coordinator

and a digital media person to promote the organisation's work and allow the organisation to plan for longer term projects.

While the coordinator is indispensable for the management of the classroom, he is supported by countless hours of generously donated volunteer time, particularly from SCIO trustees. Efforts will be made in the coming year to more accurately record this in-kind contribution.

Activities for the year ending 31 May 2026:

We are grateful to the Environmental Services team at Aberdeen City Council, particularly Steven Shaw and Lorna Graham, who continue to support the SCIO's presence in the park and our stewardship through monthly litter picks and care of our small orchard of native Scottish fruit trees. We are also grateful to Torry Rotary who have generously donated to improve the outdoor classroom.

Closure of large areas for the East Tullos Burn realignment works over the colder months constrained clean-up efforts but we are pleased that access has now been restored to the entire park.

Regular public-facing activities are hosted at the classroom and more widely throughout the park, and the SCIO also promotes these at external events for voluntary organisations. We network with groups who build social networks and resilience in Torry such as Balnagask Community Centre, CFine, Bridge Cafe/Kings Church, Torry Knitters and the Torry Men's Shed. We also partner with organisations and individuals who advocate for and educate about local fauna and flora, especially the species found in the park. These include the NE Mammal Network, North East Biodiversity Partnership (NESBiP), Greyhope Bay, RSPB, Dr Ishbel Shand and the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Events and activities last year drew a wide range of people, from children and parents at holiday fun clubs to artists, birdwatchers and invertebrate specialists at the July 2025 St Fittick's Park Bioblitz and Nature Open Day.



Our focus going forward will be to contact local groups and individuals who may not have considered visiting St Fittick's Park. We plan to reach out to residents of the nearby multistory housing, Torry churches and clubs. We hope to establish relationships with local schools and initiate activities, such as tree planting, that can involve children and their families. Our aim is to revive the community involvement that contributed to the creation of park woodland and the East Tullos Burn wetland in 2014.

Annual report completed by Julia Strickland and Chris Aldred, Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees, St Fittick's Park SCIO

Julia Strickland
Chris Aldred

Income and Expenditure 28 May 25 – 31 May 26

St Fittick's Park SCIO – Charity No SC054267

Income

Donations (<i>unrestricted</i>)	£250.00
New Funding (<i>restricted</i>)	£4605.00
Project Funding Transferred from Friends of St Fittick's Park (<i>restricted</i>)	£16049.99
Cashback (<i>unrestricted</i>)	£0.44
TOTAL INCOME	<u>£20905.43</u>

Expenses

Equipment (Camera traps)	£285.00
Storage Equipment	£124.99
Insurance	£485.60
Coordinator Fees	£250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>£1145.59</u>

Opening Bank Balance £0.00

Closing Bank Balance £19759.84

Income	£20905.43	Total Restricted Funds	£20654.99
Less Expenditure	£1145.59	Total Unrestricted Funds	£ 250.44
Total	<u>£19759.84</u>	total	<u>£20905.43</u>

Opening Assets £0.00

Closing Assets £409.99

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	St Fittick's Park SCIO						
	Registered charity number	SC054267						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	25	May	2025	to	31 May	May	2026	
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] - 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 9 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.							
Signed**:					Date:	21 st July 2026		
Name:	Adrian Crofton							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
Address:	12 Craigie Park							
	Aberdeen							
	AB25 2SE							

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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