





2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31st December 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	The Gate Charity	Position	Appointed
Charity Registration Number:	SC042809		
Principal Address	2 Ludgate,		
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Current Trustees	Evelyn Paterson	Chair	
	Valerie Rose	Secretary	
	Anne Marchant	Treasurer	
	Alie Hilda De Vries	Trustee	8/01/26
	Nicola Anderson	Trustee	8/01/26
Other Trustees during the period	Shenna Hodgkinson	Trustee	Resigned 21/07/25
	Jonny Miller	Trustee Appointed 01/01/25	Resigned 18/02/26
Independent Examiner	Margaret Birse CCFA CIPFA (Affil) FCIE		
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Structure, Governance and Management

The Gate Charity was established in December 2011 as a Scottish Chartable Incorporated Organisation. It has a constitution based on the two-tier model.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees - Trustees are either appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the charity from the membership of the charity or a may be appointed by the Trustees at any time. Trustees must be members of the charity. All trustees must stand down at the AGM, but they may be re-elected.

Charitable Purposes The charity's purposes as set out in its constitution are:

1. To prevent or relieve poverty and improve the conditions of life of people who are marginalized, facing social exclusion, vulnerable or homeless in the Clackmannanshire area and any other area of Scotland. This will be done by undertaking, supporting, encouraging and promoting projects which offer practical help for those in need.

2. To advance education by providing, supporting or promoting training and skills development and generally aid the development of those who are unemployed, homeless or face social exclusion or who are marginalised for any other reason in Clackmannanshire or elsewhere in Scotland.

An objective, is to promote equality and diversity to create a fairer society in Clackmannanshire and elsewhere in Scotland, where everyone can participate and has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. This will be achieved by undertaking, supporting, encouraging or promoting projects which support the elimination of discrimination and place a positive value on diversity in the community.

Chairs Statement

This year has been challenging for many people across Clackmannanshire, and throughout it The Gate has remained focused on delivering public benefit through the prevention or relief of poverty and the advancement of education. These charitable purposes guide all our work and ensure support reaches those who need it most.

Our volunteers continue to be central to everything we do. Their kindness, commitment and willingness to step forward make a meaningful difference to everyone who comes through our doors. Whether supporting the Foodbank, Soup Pot, Community Larders, Fake Away, the School Uniform Project or the Resilience Team, volunteers bring dignity, compassion and practical help to every situation.

Our staff team, led by Chief Officer Jilly Guild, has also played a vital role. Their steady leadership ensures services run safely and effectively, and they support our educational programmes with structure and care. Together, staff and volunteers form a strong, compassionate team dedicated to helping people through difficult times.

Throughout the year we strengthened our poverty-relief work through practical services that provide immediate assistance to people experiencing hardship. Food provision, crisis support and essential household items all reduce pressure on families and prevent situations from escalating, firmly delivering on our charitable purpose of relieving poverty.

Our educational work also developed further. Through training, volunteering and skills programmes, people who are unemployed, homeless or marginalised gained opportunities to learn, build confidence and take positive steps towards employment. Volunteers with lived experience contributed to these learning environments, offering encouragement and peer support that helped others feel capable and valued.

Alongside our charitable work, we delivered wider community activities that help people stay connected and supported. Our income-generating activities strengthened our financial position, enabling us to reinvest unrestricted funds into the services that matter most.

A highlight of the year was welcoming His Majesty King Charles to The Gate as part of the King's Award for Voluntary Service event. More than twenty-five volunteers spoke with His Majesty about their experiences and the difference they make every day. This visit, together with our earlier Queen Elizabeth II Award for Voluntary Service in 2015, reflects the dedication of our volunteers and the value placed on their contribution to local people facing hardship.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend sincere thanks to our volunteers, staff, trustees, partners and supporters. Their commitment ensures The Gate remains a trusted and compassionate place for people who need help. As we look ahead, we will continue to deliver our charitable purposes with clarity, integrity and care.



Chief Officer's Review

As Chief Officer, I am incredibly proud of what our staff, volunteers and trustees have achieved throughout 2025. It has been a year that has challenged charities across Scotland, with increased demand for services, rising operating costs and an increasingly competitive funding environment.

Despite investing considerable time and effort into funding applications, securing grant funding proved particularly difficult during the first half of the year. Whilst we continued to apply for funding opportunities, many decisions were delayed or unsuccessful, creating additional financial pressure and requiring careful management of the charity's resources.

These challenges reinforced the importance of developing sustainable sources of unrestricted income. Throughout the year, our Charity Shop, Community Café, external catering, fundraising events and trading activities became more important than ever. The income generated through these projects enabled us to continue delivering essential

services whilst awaiting funding decisions and gave us the flexibility to respond quickly to emerging community needs.

Despite these financial challenges, our commitment to **preventing and relieving poverty** never changed. Demand for our Foodbank, Community Larders, Fake Away project, Soup Pot, School Uniform Club, Café Xtra and Essential Household Support remained high, reflecting the continued impact of the cost-of-living crisis on individuals and families throughout Clackmannanshire.

As well as delivering practical support, we continued investing in people. Volunteers remained central to everything we do, contributing over 11,500 hours throughout the year. Through volunteering, training and practical skills development, many individuals increased their confidence, gained valuable experience and progressed towards employment.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening the financial sustainability of the charity, developing new partnerships, expanding unrestricted income and continuing to deliver practical support that changes lives across Clackmannanshire.



I would like to thank our Trustees for their guidance, our staff for their dedication, our volunteers for their incredible commitment and our funders, donors and community partners for standing alongside us throughout another challenging year.

About The Gate

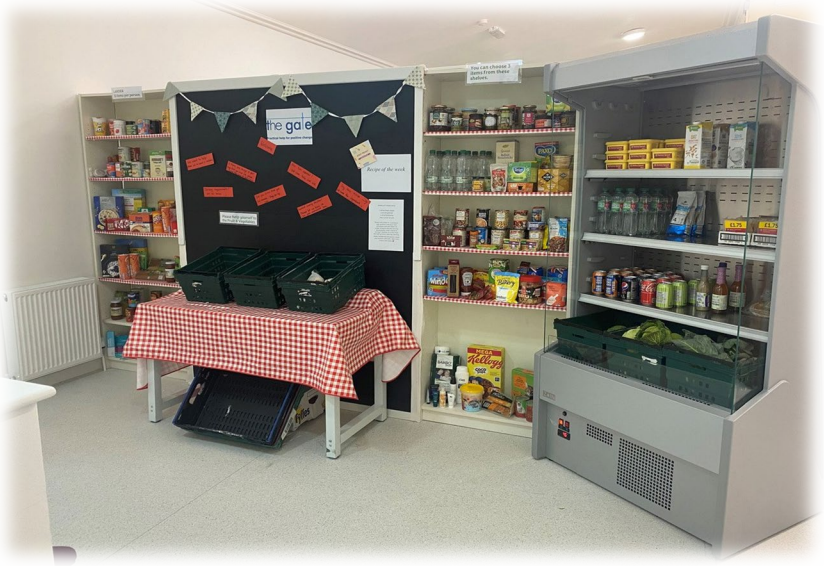
The Gate Charity is a community-based organisation working across Clackmannanshire to **prevent and relieve poverty while advancing education** through practical support, volunteering and skills development. We recognise that poverty affects far more than income. It can impact health, education, employment, confidence, housing and overall wellbeing. Our approach combines immediate support for people facing hardship with opportunities that build resilience, develop practical skills and improve long-term independence.



Through emergency food provision, affordable food initiatives, household support, volunteering, education and community partnerships, we work alongside local

people to create lasting positive change. Alongside our charitable activities, we promote sustainability by reducing waste, redistributing resources and encouraging reuse wherever possible.

Everything we do is guided by our commitment to providing **'Practical Help for Positive Change'.**



Delivering Public Benefit

The Gate Charity exists to deliver public benefit through two charitable purposes:

Preventing and Relieving Poverty

We provide practical support to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship, vulnerability and social exclusion. Our services address immediate needs while helping

people build resilience, reduce household costs and improve their long-term financial wellbeing.During 2025 we delivered public benefit by:



- Providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families experiencing crisis.
- Operating Community Larders that reduced household food costs and improved food security.
- Delivering nutritious meals through Fake Away, Soup Pot and Café Xtra.
- Supporting older people to remain independent through meal deliveries and wellbeing checks.
- Reducing the financial burden on families through our School Uniform Club.
- Providing essential household items to help people establish and maintain safe homes.
- Offering advice, advocacy and referrals through our Resilience Team to tackle the causes of poverty.
- Working in partnership with local organisations to provide early intervention and prevent financial difficulties from escalating.

Advancing Education

Advancing education is a core charitable purpose of The Gate Charity. During 2025, limited funding meant that our structured education and training activity was more limited than we would have liked. We nevertheless provided accessible, practical learning and skills-development opportunities within our community setting.

These included structured learning in practical and transferable skills, supporting participants to develop knowledge, confidence and skills that could contribute to their personal development and, where appropriate, progression towards further education or employment.

Learning opportunities were made available through The Gate's existing support and community activities and included practical skills-based sessions.





Although **Equality, Inclusion and Dignity** are not charitable purposes of The Gate, they are an important organisational objective that underpins the delivery of our charitable purposes and activities.

We are committed to ensuring everyone can access our services in a welcoming, respectful and inclusive environment.

- Across the year we: Delivered services without discrimination, treating everyone with dignity and respect.
- Created welcoming community spaces where people could access support without stigma.
- Reduced barriers to food support, volunteering and community activities by delivering services across a range of locations.
- Supported people experiencing isolation, vulnerability and disadvantage to participate fully in community life.
- Helped children access education through affordable school uniforms.
- Encouraged people of all ages and backgrounds to volunteer, learn new skills and become active members of their community.

Wider Community Impact

Alongside delivering our charitable purposes, our work created wider benefits for the communities we serve. These activities are proportionate, delivered at minimal cost and do not detract from our charitable purposes.

Across 2025 we:



- Strengthened community resilience through volunteering and partnership working.
- Reduced loneliness by creating welcoming spaces and opportunities where people could connect and build relationships.
- Improved confidence, wellbeing and independence through volunteering, learning and community participation.
- Reduced environmental waste through the reuse and redistribution of food, clothing, furniture and household goods.
- Promoted sustainable use of resources through food rescue, furniture upcycling and textile reuse.
- Built strong partnerships with local authorities, schools, businesses, churches and community organisations to maximise support for local people.

Preventing and Relieving Poverty

Preventing and relieving poverty remains at the heart of The Gate Charity's work. Throughout 2025, we continued to respond to increasing demand by providing practical, dignified support to individuals and families across Clackmannanshire.

Our services are designed to meet immediate needs while helping people build resilience and improve their long-term circumstances. From emergency food and essential household items to affordable food initiatives, school uniforms and tailored advice, we support people at every stage of their journey.



Foodbank

Our Foodbank provides emergency food parcels to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. Working closely with referral agencies and our own Resilience Team, we ensure people receive not only food but also practical advice, household essentials and referrals to wider support where needed.

By combining emergency assistance with personalised support, we help people move beyond immediate crisis and work towards greater financial stability.



Essential Household Support

As part of our wider support, people accessing services such as our Foodbank, Community Larder and Soup Pot, can also access a range of donated household essentials, including bedding, towels, cookware, crockery, cutlery, cleaning products, household equipment, books and children's items.

We supported 310 people through this aspect of our work. Rather than providing a standard household pack, people can choose the items that are most relevant to their individual circumstances and needs. The level and type of support therefore varies from person to person.

Providing choice allows people to select what they actually need while maintaining dignity and independence. These essential items reduce financial pressure for people who are already struggling and provide practical support to households experiencing poverty and financial hardship.

Community Larders

Our Community Larders provide affordable access to quality food, helping households reduce weekly shopping costs while improving food security. Operating from accessible community venues across Clackmannanshire, they offer a dignified alternative to emergency food provision and help prevent financial hardship from escalating into crisis.

Fake Away



Fake Away brings freshly prepared hot meals directly into communities experiencing some of the highest levels of deprivation across Clackmannanshire. Using our mobile food van, we remove barriers such as transport costs and provide healthy meals free of charge or on a pay-what-you-can basis. Prepared using donated and surplus ingredients, the project not only makes good use of available food but, most importantly, ensures individuals and families have access to nutritious meals when they need them most.

Case Study – Family Support "

"Sarah" and her family had recently relocated to Clackmannanshire and were experiencing financial hardship while waiting for their finances to become established.

Fake Away Van served 800 Attendees

Having moved to a new area with very limited funds, they were struggling to provide regular meals for the family.

The Fake Away project visited their local community, providing freshly prepared hot meals and access to bread, helping ease immediate pressure on the household budget.

As the family were new to the area, they were also introduced to The Gate's wider services, ensuring they knew where to access further support if required.

Soup Pot

Soup Pot provides free nutritious meals within a welcoming café environment for people experiencing poverty and complex life circumstances. It offers routine, friendship and a safe space where people feel valued. The Soup Pot also provides the opportunity to seek additional Gate services and access further support if required.



Case Study – A Place to Belong

"David" attends Soup Pot regularly. Living on a limited income, he cannot afford regular hot meals. Soup Pot provides him with nutritious food in a welcoming café environment where he is treated with dignity and respect.

Over time he has developed friendships with other attendees who understand the challenges he faces, creating valuable peer support alongside practical food assistance.

Café Xtra

Café Xtra supports older people by delivering freshly prepared lunches to those who may struggle to prepare meals or who are living on limited incomes. The service helps people remain independent while reducing food costs and providing regular wellbeing checks.



Case Study – Supporting Independent Living

"*Margaret" receives Café Xtra deliveries three times each week. Living alone on a fixed income, preparing meals had become increasingly difficult.*

The service provides her with nutritious lunches, regular social contact and reassurance that someone will check on her wellbeing.

Café Xtra enables Margaret to remain independent within her own home whilst reducing both financial pressure and social isolation.

School Uniform Club

Our year-round School Uniform Club reduces the financial burden of purchasing school clothing by providing donated uniforms, coats, footwear and accessories to families across Clackmannanshire.



390 Children accessed School Uniform Club

Case Study – Supporting Working Families

"Emma" was in employment but, like many families, was experiencing financial pressure due to rising living costs. Although working, she was unable to afford the cost of replacing her children's branded school uniforms before the new school term.

Through The Gate's School Uniform Club, Emma accessed quality donated uniforms, reducing financial pressure and ensuring her children returned to school with confidence.

This demonstrates that poverty affects many working households and highlights how the School Uniform Club supports families who may not traditionally access emergency assistance.

Building Resilience Through Partnership

Addressing poverty means more than providing practical support. Our Resilience Team works alongside individuals and families to identify the underlying causes of financial hardship, offering advice, advocacy and referrals that help people move towards greater independence. Support includes welfare benefit advice, budgeting assistance, grant applications, household support and connections to specialist services.



Working in partnership with local authorities, schools, churches, businesses and community organisations enables us to reach more people and provide earlier intervention. During 2025, we also introduced community donation points across Clackmannanshire, making it easier for local people to donate food and household essentials while strengthening community involvement.

Alongside this, we delivered information sessions and community events that increased awareness of available support and encouraged people to seek help before difficulties reached crisis point.

Together, these partnerships strengthen our ability to respond quickly, make the best use of community resources and ensure people receive the right support at the right time.

Advancing Education

Advancing education is one of The Gate Charity's core charitable purposes. We aim to make learning and skills development accessible to people who are unemployed, homeless, facing social exclusion or marginalised for other reasons in Clackmannanshire.

People access our support through referrals from agencies and organisations working with people experiencing disadvantage or barriers to participation, as well as through direct approaches to The Gate. Referrals may be made specifically for access to training, courses or other learning opportunities.

Our approach is practical and person-centred. We take account of each person's circumstances, existing skills, needs and aspirations when considering the most appropriate opportunities and support. This enables us to respond to people as individuals and provide opportunities that are relevant to where they are and what they hope to achieve.

Advancing Education Through Practical Learning

During 2025, our structured education and training activity was more limited than we would have liked due to restricted funding. Nevertheless, we continued to provide accessible learning opportunities for people experiencing barriers to education, employment or social participation.

Learning opportunities included cookery, food preparation, craft, and CPR training, alongside other practical activities within The Gate's community environment. These provided opportunities for people to develop knowledge and practical skills, try new activities and build confidence in a supportive setting.

People accessed learning through The Gate's existing support and community activities, as well as through referrals and direct approaches. Where appropriate, activities were adapted to individual circumstances, interests and existing abilities, enabling people to learn at their own pace and develop skills that could support greater independence or future progression.

Our approach recognises that practical learning can take many forms. Alongside structured training sessions, participation in appropriate community-based activities can give people the opportunity to put learning into practice, develop confidence and gain experience in real-life situations. Where appropriate, this experience can contribute towards further training, volunteering or employment.





Wider Benefit and Volunteer Support

Volunteers are central to The Gate Charity and make an important contribution to the delivery of our services and to community life. In 2025, around **90 volunteers who contributed approximately 11,000 hours** across our projects.

People volunteer with The Gate for many different reasons. Some want to give their time and support their community, while others value the structure, social connection, confidence and sense of belonging that volunteering can provide. We aim to create a welcoming and supportive environment where people can participate safely, contribute to our work and build positive relationships.

Volunteers receive induction, role-specific training and ongoing support to enable them to carry out their roles safely and confidently.

Volunteers contribute across our Community Café and catering activities, Charity Shop, fundraising and community events. Through these activities they help deliver services, generate unrestricted income, reduce waste, support community activity and strengthen connections within the local community.

We also recognise that volunteering is about more than the role itself. Volunteer appreciation events and social activities provided opportunities to build friendships, strengthen peer support and celebrate contributions. Reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed so that financial circumstances are not an unnecessary barrier to volunteering.

Volunteer Experience – Jordan's story



Jordan came to The Gate to volunteer at a time when he lacked confidence and was not yet ready to pursue employment. He started slowly in our Community Café as a pot washer, gradually becoming more involved as his confidence grew.

Jordan already had skills from previous college training, which he was able to use in the café while developing his practical experience and confidence. He became increasingly involved in our catering activities and took opportunities to learn and put his skills into practice. Taking part in a Gate fashion show was an important turning point for Jordan and helped him recognise what he was capable of.

From there, his confidence continued to grow. He became a regular volunteer at catering events and took part in our Fakeaway service, where he particularly enjoyed helping others and being part of the community.

As his confidence and experience developed, Jordan felt ready to apply for paid work and successfully gained employment at a local restaurant.

Jordan's journey demonstrates how volunteering can provide a supportive environment in which people can build confidence, develop their skills and gain practical experience at their own pace, helping them move towards their own goals. Proving that volunteer really is a two-way street.

Community Projects Providing Wider Benefit



Community Café and Catering

Our Community Café and external catering services are important fundraising activities, generating income that helps support The Gate's wider charitable work. At the same time, the Café provides wider community benefit by offering an affordable, welcoming space where people can meet, connect and take part in community life.

Volunteers play an important role in running the Café and supporting our catering activities, assisting with food preparation, customer service and the day-to-day operation of the kitchen. Their contribution helps us deliver the service, generate unrestricted income and create a welcoming community environment.

Charity Shop

Our Charity Shop is an important fundraising activity, generating unrestricted income that helps support The Gate's wider charitable work. It also provides a welcoming community environment where volunteers can play an active role in the day-to-day running of the shop. Volunteers contribute to customer service, merchandising, pricing, stock management, EPOS, Gift Aid processing and cash handling, working together to keep the shop running effectively and supporting the generation of vital income for the charity.



Furniture Upcycling

The Furniture Upcycling Project enables volunteers to contribute to sustainable reuse and community support. Working alongside an experienced painter and decorator, volunteers assist with preparation, sanding, painting, finishing and safe use of equipment.



Case Study – Skills development for future employment

John, who was unemployed, joined the Furniture Upcycling Project to gain practical experience while looking for work.

Working with an experienced painter and decorator, he developed new decorating and restoration skills, rebuilt his

confidence and maintained valuable workplace experience.

The project enabled John to contribute positively to the community while preparing for future employment.

Community Events and Fundraising

Fundraising and community events provide additional opportunities for volunteers to contribute to The Gate's work. Activities during the year included event planning, customer service, communication, retail, hospitality, organisation and teamwork.



Investing in People

Volunteering at The Gate provides opportunities for people to connect with others, take part in their community and develop confidence and practical skills. In 2025, volunteers contributed across all areas of our work, gaining experience, developing new skills and, for some, taking steps towards employment. For others, volunteering provided a sense of purpose, belonging and the encouragement to try something new.

By creating a supportive environment where people can contribute in ways that suit them, The Gate helps people build confidence, make connections and recognise their own strengths, while volunteers make an important contribution to the work of the charity and the wider community.

Supporting Our Community

While The Gate Charity exists to deliver public benefit through the prevention and relief of poverty and the advancement of education, we also provide wider community activities that promote wellbeing, reduce isolation and strengthen community connections.

Although these activities do not directly further our charitable purposes, the activities complement our charitable work by creating welcoming spaces where people can build relationships, improve wellbeing and feel part of their local community.

Community Wellbeing Activities

Throughout the year we delivered a range of activities that encouraged social connection and community participation, including:

- **Book Club** – Bringing people together to enjoy reading, conversation and friendship in a relaxed and welcoming environment.
- **Men's Group** – Providing a supportive space where men can connect with others, share experiences and reduce social isolation.
- **Community Activities** – A programme of social events and activities designed to improve wellbeing, encourage participation and strengthen community connections.
- **Too Good to Go** – Redistributing surplus food to local people, helping reduce food waste while making affordable food available within the community.
- **Community Café** – Offering an affordable, welcoming place where people can meet, enjoy a meal and build social connections.

These activities play an important role in strengthening community resilience, reducing loneliness and creating opportunities for people to engage with others in a safe and supportive environment.





Income-Generating Activities

Developing sustainable income remains essential to the long-term future of The Gate Charity. Our trading activities generate unrestricted income that enables us to invest in our charitable work, respond to emerging community needs and reduce reliance on grant funding.

Throughout 2025 our principal income-generating activities included:

- **Charity Shop** – Selling donated clothing, furniture and household goods, while promoting reuse and reducing waste.
- **Community Café** – Providing affordable meals and refreshments while generating income to support our wider services.
- **External Catering Service** – Delivering catering for local organisations, businesses and community groups, generating unrestricted income while providing valuable training opportunities for volunteers.
- **Room Hire** – providing affordable meeting and training space, for local organisations and community partners.



Income generated through these activities is reinvested directly into the charity, helping us sustain essential services including our Foodbank, Community Larders, Fake Away, School Uniform Club and volunteer development programmes.

Governance and Risk Management

The Gate Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees who ensure the organisation is well-managed, financially resilient and fully aligned with our charitable purposes. Throughout 2025, trustees met regularly to review financial performance, operational delivery, safeguarding, compliance and emerging risks.

Funding uncertainty, rising demand and cost pressures were the key risks during the year. Trustees monitored these through financial forecasting, monthly reporting and service reviews, strengthening unrestricted income and partnerships to maintain stability. Safeguarding, health and safety and data protection policies were reviewed and updated to support safe, high-quality service delivery.

Trustees continued to act in accordance with OSCR guidance, managing conflicts of interest appropriately and ensuring all decisions were made in the best interests of the charity.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on 2025, we are incredibly proud of what has been achieved through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, trustees, partners and supporters. Together, we have continued to provide **practical help** to thousands of people across Clackmannanshire, responding to increasing need while creating opportunities for individuals and families to build brighter futures and **positive change**.

We remain committed to delivering our charitable purposes of **preventing and relieving poverty and advancing education**, strengthening our services and ensuring that everyone who comes to The Gate is welcomed with compassion, dignity and respect.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our volunteers, funders, donors, community partners and everyone who supports our work. Your commitment enables us to continue providing practical help for positive change, and together we look forward to building an even stronger future for our community.

Financial Review

Expenditure on Charitable Activities in 2025 was £243,443 (2024: £236,849) When the value of donated goods that were distributed is included this increases to £312,032 (2024: £290,687)

The cost of raising funds in 2025 was £77,363 and in 2024 was £105,752. These figures do not include an apportionment of staff support costs for the CEO or admin staff.

Total Income was £372,283 (2024: £364,732)
Total Income, when donated goods are excluded was £306,601 compared to £304,183 in 2024.

Together these changes have resulted in net expenditure of £17,112 compared to net expenditure of £42,187 in 2024 leading to reduced fund balances carried forwards in general unrestricted funds of £83,390 (2024: £115,959) and increased fund balances in restricted funds of £83,324 (2024: £49,959).

Total funds for the charity at the year-end and carried forward to 2026 are £287,868 (2024: £304,980).

Reserves Policy

As income to charities can fluctuate year-on-year our current reserves policy is to hold a minimum of three months' operating costs. This reserve allows for us to have peace of mind that charitable activities can continue during the peaks and troughs. Free reserves for the charity at the year-end are £83,390 compared to a policy level of approximately £76,000. We have been extremely fortunate to receive such a huge level of financial support from the community and from funders, and these additional reserves will be used to enable the charity to continue to support vulnerable people in the community.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Evelyn Paterson

Evelyn Paterson

17th September 2026

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of The Gate Charity

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 23 to 35

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Account 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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Statement of Account 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006(as amended). 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, one matter has come to my attention, as given below:

- 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 (as amended), and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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.

The matter that has come to my attention is that the charity does not have a consistent means of measuring either donated goods for distribution or the amount of goods distributed. The figures given in the current and prior year are estimates but based on different measurement bases.

Margaret Birse

17th September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2025

		2025				2024			
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated FA & Stock Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated FA & Stock Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and Endowments from:									
Donations and Legacies	2	38,359	-	135,197	173,556	53,735		136,219	189,954
Donated Goods for Distribution	2	-	65,682	-	65,682		60,549		60,549
Charitable Activities	4	5,085	-	-	5,085	1,763			1,763
Other Trading Activities	5	125,682	-	-	125,682	106,571			106,571
Investments		2,278	-	-	2,278	2,725			2,725
Other		-	-	-	-	3,170			3,170
Total Income		**171,404**	**65,682**	**135,197**	**372,283**	**167,964**	**60,549**	**136,219**	**364,732**
Expenditure on:									
Raising Funds	6	73,155	542	3,666	77,363	74,442	11,494	19,816	105,752
Charitable Activities	7	133,489	16,177	93,777	243,443	57,684	16,964	162,201	236,849
Donated Goods Distributed		-	68,589	-	68,589	-	53,838	-	53,838
Other		-	-	-	-	3,170	7,310	-	10,480
Total Expenditure		**206,644**	**85,308**	**97,443**	**389,395**	**135,296**	**89,606**	**182,017**	**406,919**
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**(35,240)**	**(19,626)**	**37,754**	**(17,112)**	**32,668**	**(29,057)**	**(45,798)**	**(42,187)**
Transfers between funds	14	(1,729)	1,718	11	-	(12,794)	23,296	(10,502)	-
Correct to FA purchase in 2024		4,400	-	(4,400)	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		**(32,569)**	**(17,908)**	**33,365**	**(17,112)**	**19,874**	**(5,761)**	**(56,300)**	**(42,187)**
Reconciliation of Funds	15								
Total funds brought forward		115,959	139,062	49,959	304,980	96,085	144,823	106,259	347,167
Total Funds carried forward		**83,390**	**121,154**	**83,324**	**287,868**	**115,959**	**139,062**	**49,959**	**304,980**

The notes on pages 25 to 35 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2025

		2025				2024			
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated FA Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated FA Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets									
Tangible Assets	11	-	116,294	-	116,294		131,295		131,295
Total Fixed Assets		-	116,294	-	116,294	-	131,295	-	131,295
Current Assets									
Stock (Food for distribution)		-	4,860	-	4,860		7,767		7,767
Debtors	12	5,496	-	621	6,117	6,918		3,258	10,176
Cash at Bank and in Hand		83,835	-	85,156	168,991	112,665		49,848	162,513
Total Current Assets		89,331	4,860	85,777	179,968	119,583	7,767	53,106	180,456
Liabilities									
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	5,941	-	2,453	8,394	3,624	-	3,147	6,771
Net current Assets/(Liabilities)		**83,390**	**4,860**	**83,324**	**171,574**	**115,959**	**7,767**	**49,959**	**173,685**
Total Assets less current Liabilities		83,390	121,154	83,324	287,868	115,959	139,062	49,959	304,980
Total net assets/(Liabilities)	**17**	**83,390**	**121,154**	**83,324**	**287,868**	**115,959**	**139,062**	**49,959**	**304,980**

The notes on pages 25 to 35 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 17 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Evelyn Paterson

Evelyn Paterson

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) 2nd Edition, issued on October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

a) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted Funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment Funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income therefrom is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the funds.

b) Income

All donations and gifts are included within incoming resources under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made. Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is entitled to the income, when any conditions attached to the income have been met (performance or timing conditions), when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and when it is more likely than not that the income will be received.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross.

c) Interest Receivable

Interest is recognised when received.

e) Donated Services and Facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) the general volunteer time is not recognised.

f) Donated Goods

a. For Distribution

Are recognised as income when distributed, with an equivalent amount recognised as expenditure when distributed.
Unfortunately, the methods for measuring and valuing donations received and distributed have not been applied consistently throughout the year. For this reason, the accounts do not fully comply with FRS102, or the Charity SORP FRS102
Food for distribution is valued at £2.77/kg
School Uniform is valued at £1 per item of uniform
Household Essential Equipment is valued at £1.50/kg

b. For Sale

Are recognised as income when they are sold.

g) Volunteers

Although no amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers, the charity values the work of its volunteers immensely.

h) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

i) Tangible Fixed Assets

The charity has a tenancy agreement for use of its main centre at 2 Ludgate, Alloa. The centre, a previous church, is provided by the Church of Scotland at a peppercorn rent. Expenditure on the repair, maintenance and refurbishment of these assets is charged as resources expended in the statement of financial activities in the period in which the liability arises.
Other purchased fixed assets are capitalised when the cost is over £100 and has a useful life of over one year.

Depreciation is charges as follows:

Vehicles	20%	i.e. depreciated over 5 years
Fixtures and Fittings	20%	i.e. depreciated over 5 years
Computer Equipment	33%	i.e. depreciated over 3 years

j) Stock

The value of donated foodstuffs held as stock is recognised at a value of £2.77 per kg.

k) Debtors

All debtors are measured at transaction value.

l) Loans & Creditors

All creditors are measured at transaction value.

2. Analysis of Donations and Legacies

		2025				2024			
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Soup Pot And Starter Packs		-	-	1,881	1,881	-	-	1,207	1,207
Foodbank		-	-	18,389	18,389	-	-	18,102	18,102
The Gate		29,116	-	-	29,116	51,761	-	276	52,037
Grants	3	6,000	-	114,382	120,382	-	-	115,508	115,508
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		3,243	-	545	3,788	1,974	-	1,126	3,100
Total Donations (Excluding donated goods for distribution)		**38,359**	**-**	**135,197**	**173,556**	**53,735**	**-**	**136,219**	**189,954**
Donated food for distribution		-	61,317	-	**61,317**	**-**	**60,549**	**-**	**60,549**
Donated School Uniform for distribution		-	3,900	-	**3,900**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Donated Household Goods for distribution		-	465	-	**465**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total Donations		**38,359**	**65,682**	**135,197**	**239,238**	**53,735**	**60,549**	**136,219**	**250,503**

3. Analysis of Grants Received

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Small Unrestricted Grant	6,000	-	-	6,000				
Clacks SLA	-	-	7,432	7,432	-	-	7,432	7,432
Big Lottery	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,716	45,716
Car Park Funding	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-		
The National Lottery	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	20,000	20,000
Small Grants (Various)	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,260	8,260
Foundation Scotland	-	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
Hubbub	-	-	8,000	8,000	-	-	-	-
Kingdom Housing	-	-	500	500	-	-	-	-
Neighbourly: Aldi	-	-	250	250	-	-	-	-
Neighbourly: Siansburys	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-
Payroll Lottery	-	-	600	600	-	-	-	-
Robertson Trust	-	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	23,500	23,500
The Sackler Trust	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
Baily Thomas	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Fair Work Incentive Scheme	-	-	2,600	2,600	-	-	5,600	5,600
Total Grants Received	**6,000**	**-**	**114,382**	**120,382**	**-**	**-**	**115,508**	**115,508**

4. Analysis of Income from Charitable Activities

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Meals at the Gate / Lunch Clubs/Social Groups	3,145	-	-	**3,145**	1,763			1,763
Snack Van	1,940	-	-	**1,940**				
Total	**5,085**	**-**	**-**	**5,085**	**1,763**	**-**	**-**	**1,763**

5. Analysis of Other Trading Income

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising - Miscellaneous	2,155	-	-	2,155		-	-	-
Sale of Waste materials	584	-	-	584	1,082	-	-	1,082
Shop/Online Trading	45,143	-	-	45,143	45,440	-	-	45,440
Café Craft & Book Sales		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premises Rental	12,247	-	-	12,247	7,859	-	-	7,859
Café & Other Catering	7,636	-	-	7,636	9,580	-	-	9,580
External Catering	57,917	-	-	57,917	42,610	-	-	42,610
Total Other trading	**125,682**	**-**	**-**	**125,682**	**106,571**	**-**	**-**	**106,571**

6. Analysis of Expenditure on Raising Funds

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	1,744	-	-	**1,744**	434	-	-	**434**
Café and outside catering	22,788	-	-	**22,788**	18,986	-	**-**	**18,986**
Salary Costs Café & Outside Catering	4,417	-	3,666	**8,083**	1,369	-	12,476	**13,845**
Shop & Online Sales	20,640	-	-	**20,640**	19,212	-	300	**19,512**
Salary Costs Shop & Online Sales	23,566	-	-	**23,566**	34,441	-	7,040	**41,481**
Shop Asssets depreciation	-	542	-	**542**	-	414	-	**414**
Donated Food used for trading activities	-	-	-	**-**	-	11,080	-	**11,080**
Total F/R Activities Costs	**73,155**	**542**	**3,666**	**77,363**	**74,442**	**11,494**	**19,816**	**105,752**

7. Analysis of Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages & Pensions	82,794	-	62,946	**145,740**	19,847	-	117,240	**137,087**
Payroll & HR & Recruitment	1,005	-	44	**1,049**	1,116	-	539	**1,655**
Sessional Staff Costs	-	-	-	**-**	1,405	-	1,464	**2,869**
Staff Training	964	-	-	**964**	-	-	-	**-**
Volunteer/Staff Expenses incl workwear	1,994	-	-	**1,994**	2,318	-	533	**2,851**
Marketing	1,770	-	-	**1,770**	80	-	-	**80**
Foodbank	-	64,224	21,366	**85,590**	-	20,598	34,041	54,639
Soup Pot	566	-	3,730	**4,296**	-	-	5,261	**5,261**
Starter Packs (Household Equipment)	-	465	-	**465**	-	-	-	**-**
Starter Packs storage	-	-	-	**-**	-	-	41	**41**
Warm Room/ Project Items	26	-	-	**26**	-	-	68	**68**
Other miscellaneous	-	-	135	**135**				
FLASH				**-**	-	-	55	**55**
Gate Overheads FLASH	-			**-**	-	-	200	**200**
Van - Portion of Use	-			**-**	-	-	118	**118**
School Uniform Bank	1,022	3,900	-	**4,922**	737	-	-	**737**
Café Extra	1,752	-	-	**1,752**	831	-	-	**831**
Snack Van/ Fakeaway Project Expenses	4,037	-	368	**4,405**				
Food Van				**-**				
Share of Van Costs	1,738	-	1,816	**3,554**	-	-	2,134	**2,134**
Donated Food used in other food programmes				**-**	-	33,240	-	**33,240**
Hire of Other Halls		-	-	**-**	12	-	-	**12**
Utilities	5,579	-	-	**5,579**	2,878	-	478	**3,356**
Tel. & Broadband	2,042	-	-	**2,042**	2,141	-	-	**2,141**
IT/Equipment	1,412	-	110	**1,522**	4,531	-	-	**4,531**
Insurance	6,676	-	1,770	**8,446**	3,114	-	-	**3,114**
Miscellaneous Office Costs/Postage	2,437	-	-	**2,437**	1,724	-	-	**1,724**
Van Costs	2,854	-	895	**3,749**	624	-	-	**624**
Maintenance, Cleaning &Gardening	12,449	-	-	**12,449**	9,244	-	-	**9,244**
Refurbishment/Car Park		-	597	**597**	4,568		22	**4,590**
Social Activities	500	-	-	**500**	523	-	7	**530**
Bank & Other Interest Charges	572		-	**572**	691	-	-	**691**
Depreciation	-	16,177	-	**16,177**	-	16,964	-	**16,964**
Independent Examination	1,300	-	-	**1,300**	1,300	-	-	**1,300**
Total Payments for Charitable Activities	**133,489**	**84,766**	**93,777**	**312,032**	**57,684**	**70,802**	**162,201**	**295,948**

8. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff Numbers		
	2025	**2024**
Average Head Count During Period	12	12
Staff Costs		
Wages & Salaries	170,727	183,536
Employer's NIC	14,402	10,828
Employment Allowance	(10,500)	(5,000)
Employer's Pension Contributions	2,760	3,049
	177,389	**192,413**

No employee received employment benefits of over £60,000 in either 2025 or 2024.
The charity operated a defined contribution pension scheme in line with auto-enrolment requirements.

9. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year no trustees received remuneration, and no related parties were engaged to undertake paid work on behalf of the charity.

No trustees received reimbursement of expenses, other than out-of-pocket expenses for purchases made on behalf of the charity.

10. Volunteers

In common with many charities, we benefit immensely from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of The Gate. Much of our activity would not be possible were it not for the commitment shown by our volunteers.

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2025				
	Building Improvements	Vehicles	Computers & IT Equipment	Fixtures & Fiittings	Total
		£	£	£	£
Cost					
Opening Cost	132,560	14,395	3,848	25,264	176,067
Additions	-	-	845	873	1,718
	132,560	14,395	4,693	26,137	177,785
Depreciation					
Accumulated Depreciation	16,705	8,876	3,158	16,032	44,772
Charge for the year	8,912	2,879	853	4,075	16,719
	25,617	11,755	4,011	20,107	61,491
Net Book Value					
Start of the year	115,855	5,519	690	9,232	131,295
End of the year	**106,943**	**2,640**	**682**	**6,030**	**116,294**

12. Debtors

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Prepayments								
Insurance				-	5,208	-	1,941	7,149
Volunteer DataBase	-	-	-	-	115	-	115	230
Other Debtors								
Outstanding Invoices Issued	3,183	-		3,183	-	-	-	
Gift Aid	2,312	-	545	2,857	1,595	-	1,126	2,721
Crowdfunder GA from 2023	-	-	76	76	-	-	76	76
Total Debtors	**5,495**	**-**	**621**	**6,116**	**6,918**	**-**	**3,258**	**10,176**

13. Creditors

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals								
IE Fee	1,300	-	-	1,300	1,300	-	-	1,300
Utilities	2,474	-	1,723	4,197	1,482	-	806	2,288
Payroll/HR		-		-	-	-	127	127
Misc		-		-	374	-	-	374
Taxation, Social Security & Pensions								
HMRC	1,784		600	2,384	386	-	1,781	2,167
Pensions	383		130	513	82	-	433	515
Total Creditors falling Due in 1 year	**5,941**	**-**	**2,453**	**8,394**	**3,624**	**-**	**3,147**	**6,771**

14. Fund Transfers

Fund transfers in Note 15 represent:

£109 from the foodbank restricted fund to the designated fixed asset fund, representing the purchase of fixed assets.

£600 from the Big Lottery Community Fund to the designated fixed asset fund, representing the purchase of fixed assets.

£1,009 from the general fund to the designated fixed asst fund representing the purchase of fixed assets.

£720 from the general fund to the FLASH fund, representing incorrect expenditure recorded from that fund

15. Fund Movements

	1st January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st December 2024	Correction - FA purchase	Corrected Balances brought forward at 1/1/25	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds											
General Fund	96,085	167,964	(135,296)	(12,794)	115,959	4,400	120,359	171,404	(206,644)	(1,729)	83,390
Stock for distribution	19,446	60,549	(72,228)	-	7,767		7,767	65,682	(68,589)		4,860
Fixed Assets	125,377		(17,378)	23,296	131,295		131,295		(16,719)	1,718	116,294
Total Unrestricted Funds	**240,908**	**228,513**	**(224,902)**	**10,502**	**255,021**	4,400	**259,421**	237,086	(291,952)	(11)	204,544
Restricted Funds											
Foodbank	17,305	24,752	(32,910)	(502)	8,645	-	8,645	30,568	(36,940)	(109)	2,164
Foodbank Assistant	-	7,200	(7,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foodbank Co-ordinator	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shop Apprentice	-	3,400	(3,400)	-	-	-	-	2,600	-	-	2,600
Soup Pot	1,445	4,065	(5,261)	-	249	-	249	4,680	(4,219)	-	710
Home Starter packs	41	-	(41)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refurbishment	10,076	220	(31)	(10,000)	265	-	265	-	-	-	265
Community Fridge	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery - Community Fund	31,635	-	(28,780)	-	2,855	-	2,855	-	(2,255)	(600)	-
Lottery		45,716	(36,397)	-	9,319	-	9,319	-	(9,319)	-	-
Clacks - FLASH	1,844	-	(373)	-	1,471	-	1,471	-	(910)	720	1,281
BoS Reach	529	-	(529)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Health & Wellbeing	7,690	-	(7,605)	-	85	-	85	-	(85)	-	-
Salaries - Robertson Trust	15,568	23,500	(37,917)	-	1,151	-	1,151	23,500	(20,604)	-	4,047
National Lottery - Cost of Living	16,223	-	(3,668)	-	12,555	-	12,555	-	-	-	12,555
Lottery	-	20,000	(14,883)	-	5,117	-	5,117	-	(4,628)	-	489
Lens - Investment Award	299	-	(299)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Van	3,474	1,556	(601)	-	4,429	(4,400)	29	-	(24)	-	5
Bruce Wake	-	1,800	-	-	1,800	-	1,800	-	-	-	1,800
Earth Matters	-	160	(85)	-	75	-	75	-	(75)	-	-
Winter Food Fund	-	350	(37)	-	313	-	313	-	(13)	-	300
Toy Trust	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Neighbourly - Toy Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	250
Car Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	(596)	-	1,404
CFSLA Lottery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	(600)	-	-
Hubbub - Community Cooking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Neighbourly - Community Cooking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Hubbub - Community Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Life Skills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	(45)	-	24,955
Lottery - Community Larder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	(4,709)	-	15,291
Van Refurb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		(68)	-	(68)
Robertson Trust - Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500	(5,534)	-	966
Sackler Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(1,820)	-	8,180
other small grants	130	-	-	-	130	-	130	-	-	-	130
Total Restricted Funds	**106,259**	**136,219**	**(182,017)**	**(10,502)**	**49,959**	**(4,400)**	**45,559**	**135,198**	**(97,444)**	**11**	**83,324**
Total Funds of the Charity	**347,167**	**364,732**	**(406,919)**	**-**	**304,980**	**-**	**304,980**	**372,284**	**(389,396)**	**-**	**287,868**

16. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted Funds:

General Fund: These are the total funds available to the charity for its general purposes.

Donated Food for Distribution: Value of donated goods for distribution, and stock held at year-end.

Designated Fixed Assets: This fund holds the Net Book Value (NBV) of the capitalised fixed assets of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Foodbank: Supplies food parcels to those in crisis. Income to this fund includes a portion of the SLA.

Foodbank Assistant: funding to support the employment of a foodbank assistant

Foodbank Co-ordinator: funding to support the foodbank co-ordinator

Shop Apprentice: funding to support the shop apprentice

Soup Pot: Provides wholesome cooked meals to homeless adults and children.

Home Starter Packs: Provides household goods in starter packs for new tenants.

Lottery: Provides funding for employee salaries

Refurbishment: Funds provided towards the interior refurbishment of The Gate Building.

Community Fridge: Funds provided towards the set-up of a community fridge

Big Lottery Community Fund: to be used for the building refurbishment

Clacks – FLASH: to address poverty in practical ways, including freshly prepared meals.

Bank of Scotland (REACH): Meals at the Gate Project

Mental Health & Wellbeing: To prepare new spaces in the building to allow community access for groups supporting people with mental health issues.

Salaries – Robertson Trust: Provides a contribution towards employee salaries.

National Lottery – Cost of Living: To allow service users to access to energy related advice and support.

Lottery: Core Funding.

Lens Investment Award: Contribution to the School Uniform Club.

Food Van: Funding towards purchase and running of our own food van.

Other Small Grants: Small grants towards a variety of purposes.

Note – I do not have descriptions for the other funds