



THE BASE (MIDLOTHIAN) SCIO

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC054183

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their annual report together with the receipts and payments accounts and statement of balances for the year ended 31 March 2026.

ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. ONE COMMUNITY.



ABOUT THE BASE

The Base (Midlothian) SCIO was established to improve the lives and wellbeing of children and young people within our local communities by providing free and affordable activities, reducing social isolation, encouraging friendships and supporting families through accessible community initiatives.

We support children primarily from Danderhall, Millerhill, Hilltop, Newton Village and Shawfair by providing a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment where every child feels valued.



MORE THAN A YOUTH CLUB

- Provide a safe place for children to meet, play and build friendships.
- Offer new experiences many children may not otherwise have access to.
- Support parents and families throughout the year.
- Represent the views of local families.
- Encourage volunteering and community involvement.
- Deliver activities and events that reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.
- Develop services based on the needs of our community to ensure every child feels included and welcome.



OUR PURPOSE

To advance education, health and wellbeing and to relieve poverty and social exclusion by providing recreational, educational and developmental activities for children and young people.



OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

This year has been one of significant growth and development. Highlights of our activities include:

- Delivered regular weekly youth club sessions providing a safe place to meet friends, play and take part in activities.
- Organised trips and new experiences for the children including the cinema, inflatable parks, bowling, adventure activities and outdoor experiences.
- Held seasonal parties – Halloween, Christmas, Easter and Summer celebrations.
- Delivered a Schools Out for Summer celebration:
 - 2025 – event for club members.
 - 2026 – opened up as a low cost community event for all children.
- Organised a Community Family Fun Day – a low cost event bringing families together to enjoy activities and entertainment.
- Participated in the Gala Day Parade:
 - 2025 – club members took part.
 - 2026 – opened up to all children in the community who are not already part of a club.
- Provided club merchandise for children to build a sense of belonging and identity.
- Continued to support Danderhall Primary School by providing storage for equipment when required and supporting families by providing P7 Leavers' Hoodies.



RECOGNITION

We are proud to have been recognised for the positive impact we make in our community.

- Nominated again in Parliament for our community work.
- Received community recognition awards.
- Invited to local community recognition events to celebrate our volunteers and young people.



STRENGTHENING THE CHARITY

During the year we:

- Reviewed and updated all policies and procedures.
- Ensured our governance documents are up to date and compliant.
- Held regular volunteer and committee meetings.
- Invested in training and safeguarding qualifications for volunteers.
- Increased the knowledge, skills and confidence of our team.
- Improved communication with registered parents through dedicated communication channels.
- Strengthened systems and processes as we prepare to grow.



COMMUNITY VOICE AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The Base continues to be a strong voice for parents and families in our community.

- We engage with the Shawfair Community Fund and other community initiatives.
- We advocate for improvements to local play facilities and opportunities for children and young people.
- We build strong relationships with our supporters, funders and external organisations.
- We work to ensure every child is treated fairly and kindly, with no barriers to the opportunities we provide.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity continues to manage funds responsibly and in line with our charitable purposes.

Income has enabled us to fund trips, activities, equipment, volunteer training, events and support for families.

A detailed Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances accompany this report.



LOOKING AHEAD

In the next year we aim to:

- Introduce holiday clubs.
- Provide free hot meals during holiday activities to take pressure off parents.
- Expand events and activities in the community.
- Develop additional venues to support growth.
- Continue investing in volunteers and training.
- Continue working with partners and supporters. Ensure every child has a safe place to meet friends, play and thrive.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank our amazing volunteers, children, parents, funders, partners and supporters. Without you, none of this would be possible. Together we are building a stronger, kinder and more inclusive community.

**TOGETHER, WE BUILD
BRIGHTER FUTURES.**



TRUSTEES

Barbara Crawford (Chair)
Samantha Jenkinson (Founder & Treasurer)
Diane Lindsay (Secretary)
Ann Adams (Trustee)
Joanna Oduwaye (Trustee)

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

We are supported by a team of dedicated volunteers who give their time, skills and passion to help our children every week.



APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on:

Date: 01/07/26

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Barbara Crawford – Chair

Signature: [Signature]

