

Trustees' Annual Report

For Year ended 30th June 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and independent examiner's report for the year ended 30th June 2025 - we also include some notes in respect of 2025-26 activity.

Reference & Administrative Association

Charity Name

Sheshader Amenities Association

Charity No.

SC021424

Address

c/o Rebecca MacLeod, 1 Sheshader, Point, Isle of Lewis HS2 0EW

Current Trustees

Innis Montgomery	Chairperson
Rebecca MacLeod	Treasurer
Kathleen MacLeod	Committee Member
Malcolm MacLeod	Committee Member
Heather Montgomery	Committee Member
Alison Nicolson	Committee Member
Margaret Montgomery	Committee Member

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is an unincorporated association, governed by our Constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The members of the management committee, which normally meets approximately once a month, are the charity's trustees. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held on or around May of each year. Membership of the committee is open to all residents of the village.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purposes

Our purpose, as recorded in our constitution, is to develop, maintain and improve the quality of the environment, life and facilities in our village community.

Activities, Achievements & Performance

The following additional events and activities took place throughout the year:

- Potato growing competition, new for 2024-2025
- Pumpkin carving and Halloween
- Bonfire night and fireworks
- Christmas lights switch-on and tree decorating
- Visit from Santa
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Village barbecue
- Maintenance of the village playpark
- Polycrub – growing produce throughout the year and providing a service to the community
- Grass cutting throughout the horticultural growing season around the village, around the village playpark and road-end
- Continue to financially support the activities of the village polycrub
- Maintenance of the planters at the shore and planting of bulbs and perennials
- The AGM was held via Zoom on Tuesday 6th May 2025
- Beneficiary of an Argos awards where Mike Shailes received donation “Helping Everyone to Eat Better Community Scheme” including gardening tools, accessories and other items

The potato growing competition was very successful and the committee agreed to organise and financial support this initiative as a fun annual event.

Village resident Ivor MacLean has regularly used the tractor and flail to cut the roadside verges throughout the growing months and some residents have worked on tidying the shore area prior to the annual village barbecue which was held on Friday 26th July 2024. A contractor has been used to cut grass around the village centre and at the road end, paid for from SAA funds.

The Sheshader Amenities on-going financial support for the village Polycrub continues and contributed over £200. It is an excellent source of crops, which were distributed free of charge to residents. Mike Shailes and Bev Keen have been leading the Polycrub team. The team meet every Saturday morning and new volunteers are always welcome.

The village AED defibrillator is checked and maintained on a regular basis and is registered to the Scottish Ambulance Service and can be accessed by any person requiring it or delivered by the volunteer callout team.

Adoption of the unused B.T. telephone box in the village: BT completed their works: The telephone box has been re-sited by the bus shelter. Thanks to village resident, Donald (Homery) MacLeod for moving the telephone box to its current position. Options for its refurbishment and future use are being considered.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year 2024-25 are attached. Access to grants and other funding opportunities need to be pursued.

Total donations	£2,881.00
Total expenditure	£3,414.00
Net expenditure	£ 533.00
Closing balance	£7,355.00

Plans for Future Projects

In 2023, the Sheshader Amenities Association conducted a questionnaire to gather feedback from residents regarding prospective developments to enhance village amenities. It remains a standing item on the Committee agenda.

The following list is not exclusive and the Amenities Association are progressing:

- Refresher training for the defibrillator
- Removal of Gunnera from around the village
- Plan to cost up and make improvements to the shore road
- Re-open easy access to the pebble beach and clear foreign objects
- Ensure the shore area is well kept
- Additional benches for the village
- Repaint and repair the playpark fencing
- Planting bulbs in verges and road-end
- Improve participation from residents across all age groups to assist with the various activities