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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	21	Januar y	2025	To	31	Januar y	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Largs Food Hub
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC053919
Charity's principal address	c/o Largs Library
	26 Allanpark Street
	Largs
	Postcode KA30 8TE

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rosie Heenan	Chairperson	02/02/26	
2	Margaret Whittaker	Secretary		
3	Linda Smith	Treasurer		
4	Evelyn Walker			
5	Alexis Currie			
6	Campbell McDavid			
7	Lynn Irvin		2/02/26	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Jean Galloway	11/01/26

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

SCIO Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee. At each AGM, two of the charity trustees appointed during the period since the preceding AGM, shall retire from office and out of the remaining charity trustees, 2 shall retire from office - but shall then be eligible for re-appointment at the next board meeting.

A charity trustee vacating office at the conclusion of an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected at the next board meeting unless:

- they advise the board that they do not wish to be re-appointed; or
- a resolution for the re-appointment of that charity trustee was put to the board meeting and was not carried

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To set up a volunteer led initiative, community food store where Larder members are given access to groceries through a process that promotes dignity and affordability.

To provide the relief of poverty through dignified access to food to the residents of Largs, Fairlie and Skelmorlie

The advancement of health through the supply of free dental hygiene products and free feminine hygiene products to reduce period poverty

The advancement of environmental improvement by reducing food waste

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We provide a top up larder in an area lacking in low cost food shops. The hub operates a points system depending on the size of the family. Members can shop once a week paying a minimal amount. We stock a wide variety of foodstuffs including fresh and frozen items and also provide free fruit and fresh vegetables.

The hub is partially funded by North Ayrshire Fairer Food Network but we have supplemented this with grant applications, fundraising and donations. This has allowed us to provide our members with free shops this winter, free soup packs, free voucher for a local café and a free breakfast roll and cooked meal from a local food outlet.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Largs Food Hub has been providing affordable access to food to top up members' weekly food shops. Anyone can be a member of Largs Food Hub if they live within Largs, Skelmorlie or Fairlie. The hub is open twice a week and managed by volunteers.

We buy in bulk and stock a wide variety of food including fresh and frozen items. Fruit, fresh vegetables and bread are included free of charge. We also provide free dental hygiene products, feminine hygiene products, pet food and any other donations we receive.

As we are only partially funded by the Fairer Food Network, we have boosted our income by making several successful grant applications to Kelburn Windfarm Trust, Participatory Budget, Robertsons Trust, Corra Foundation, Tesco, National lottery, Postcode lottery, Yorkshire Building Society and Arnold Clark.

We have also held several fundraising events to support the hub which have been very successful. We have also received financial and food donations.

This has allowed us to keep the weekly cost to members the same despite rising costs. We have also been able to provide our members with free shops and free soup packs during the winter. Working with local businesses we have also provided vouchers for a free breakfast roll and cooked meal.

We maintain a register of membership and now have regular attendance of between 30 and 40 members each week. We have seen an increase in attendance since the closure of a local Farmfoods shop in January. This shop was a source of cheaper food for people and now only leaves 1 large supermarket within the Largs area.

We have listened to feedback to try to stock items favoured by members. Largs Food Hub is managed by volunteers to ensure it is available for all the community.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees regularly review reserves, using the Reserves Policy to support both the Financial Strategy and the Strategic Plan. A risk-based approach is used to calculate an optimal amount of reserves that looks at reliability of income, costs for re-organisation of activities, and specific liabilities.

The trustees have set optimal reserves at £4,000 at June 2025 which equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure. £1,000 will also be set as restricted funds for Insurance, Website, Phone, Paperwork and any contingencies that may arise.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

We intend to continue to provide the services of the Food Hub to the local community. To enable us to do this we will continue to apply for funding to sustain it and seek new volunteers throughout the year.
We will also continue to seek feedback and act on this where appropriate.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Linda Smith	
Full name(s)	Linda Smith	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	17/02/26	