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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1st	March	2025	To	28th	Feb.	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Veterans Community (Lanarkshire) SCIO	
Other names charity is known by	VC Lanarkshire, Veterans Community, VC at the KC	
Registered charity number	**SC049087**	
Charity's principal address	59 Shieldmuir Street	
	Craigneuk	
	North Lanarkshire	
		Postcode ML2 7TJ

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	Scott Muir	Chairperson		
2	Julie Muir	Deputy Chairperson		
3	Paul Foinette	Treasurer		
4	Ian Fraser			
5	Kim McClair			
6	Brian Collins			
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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
N/A	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It has a single tier structure and as such the Trustees are the members of the charity.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Any person who wishes to become a Charity Trustee must submit a written application to the existing Trustees, which would then be considered at their next meeting. The Trustees would then notify any applicant promptly by a face-to-face meeting with two existing trustees of the decision on whether or not to admit him/her to Charity Trusteeship in line with the values of the organisation and confirm this in writing or by e-mail.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The charity exists for the purposes of providing support to Veterans (those who have served in the Armed Forces of the UK and our allies) and their families. This is principally achieved by the advancement of citizenship or community development, and the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	To develop a Support Centre where former military service personnel, and their families, can meet and work together for the benefit of local communities. To provide activities that improve and increase community cohesion, promote interdependence, intergenerational relationships and kinship between people of all backgrounds, cultures and abilities. To provide information and advice to those veterans who require it and to signpost to relevant support agencies.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	While it might seem that the charity's income declined from the previous year, income for 2024/25 included grants totalling £34,000 which then provided the funding for key activities in 2025/26. The largest part of this, a grant of £20,000, was from the Officers Association of Scotland, towards a pilot project around tackling poverty among veterans by recycling good quality but unwanted / surplus furniture to pass on to veterans in need. This project shows real promise but commencement was subject to certain delays such as difficulties in finding appropriate facilities. We are delighted to report that after a successful pilot in 2025/26, the National Lottery have awarded us funding for a further year, which was received in April 2026. The other £14,000 was from the Veterans Foundation towards our weekly Café, activity costs plus some general overheads. This funding was completely expended by June 2025 and thereafter such costs were covered by unrestricted funding which grew considerably through gifts from other local organisations and also through a substantial increase in donations from the families of grateful veterans. Our newly appointed Charity Manager was also very successful in applying for a series of smaller grants including £5k from Screwfix to provide a DDA compliant toilet, plus funding for first-aid training, team activities and our Christmas dinner lunch and also an appeal for funds after the community defibrillator that we installed outside our "Hub" was vandalised. The final element of the current 3-year funding from the National Lottery was received at the start of December 2025, and so as the 2025/26 financial year drew to a close, the trustees took a more cautious approach to decision making pending the outcome of applications for future funding. We were therefore delighted when the National Lottery agreed to provide a further 3 years' funding for our Hub activities, including the staff costs plus 1 year for the "VC Reuse" furniture project.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The charity has continued to build up its level of Unrestricted Reserves in order to provide continuity of operations in between periods where sources of grant funding for specific elements of our activities have been exhausted, or to cover elements of our activities not covered by such funding. However, with main activities once again covered by grant funding awarded for the next 1 – 3 year period, the Trustees will carefully look to continue to grow our level of Unrestricted Reserves.
Details of any deficit	There are no current deficits to report
Donated facilities and services (if any)	N/A

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Other optional information

The charity has an income of less than £250,000 and as such is eligible to prepare its accounts on a Receipts & Payments basis. The governing document does not require the charity to prepare fully accrued accounts and neither does it require an audit.

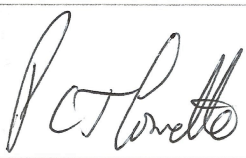
The charity continues to be indebted towards its funders, staff, volunteers, partners, supporters in the form of families and friends of veterans, and the goodwill shown by the wider community for donations of time, talent and financial gifts without which we would be unable to serve our veterans community as we have so far been able.

The Trustees are also very gratified that Veterans Community (Lanarkshire)'s volunteers and achievements are beginning to be formally recognised within the charitable sector. In June 2026, one of our volunteers won "Silver" at the "Scottish Veterans Awards". Then on Friday 11th September VC Lanarkshire was awarded "Community Group Award" at the Lord Provost's Awards 2026 and then that evening at North Lanarkshire's Sport & Volunteer Awards we were awarded "Community Organisation of the Year," with a different one of our volunteers also being nominated in their new "Volunteer of the Year" category.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Scott Muir	Paul Christopher Julian Foinette
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	19/11/2026	19/11/26.