

# **CAMBUSBARRON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

## **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

**31 March 2025**



# ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Cambusbarron Community Development Trust	
<b>Charity Number</b>	SC041449	
<b>Principal Address</b>	58 Gillies Hill Cambusbarron Stirling FK7 9PQ	
<b>Website Address</b>	<a href="http://www.ccdt.org.uk">www.ccdt.org.uk</a>	
<b>Current Trustees</b>	Richard Norman	Treasurer
	Ann Finlayson	
	Jane Bain	
	Ross Johnston	Chair- until 26th August 2025.
	Stewart Lennon	Chair - from 26th August 2025
	Kirsty Tottě	Appointed 24 October 2025
	Andrew Stratton	
<b>Other Trustees who served during the year</b>		
	Gillian Ross	Retired 20 August 2024
	Allan Hunter	Retired 26 August 2025

## STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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### Governing Document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO) governed by its constitution effective from 9th March 2017. It successfully converted from a company limited by guarantee on 19th May 2017. We have fully implemented the changes to membership rules voted in at our last AGM and all members have been asked to confirm membership.

### Appointment of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve members elected by the Members of the charity at the AGM. No more than four of these trustees can be co-opted non-members appointed by the board at any time. The Trustees may appoint any other member to be a charity trustee at any time.

### Induction and training of trustees

The trustees when elected are provided with a copy of the constitution and other relevant documents and provided with training on their roles and responsibilities of being a trustee of the charity. The trustees are also encouraged to take other training opportunities to enforce their understanding of what is required of them within this role.

### Organisational Structure

The Board, which is responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity, normally meets around 12 times per year.

### Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the risks to which the charity is exposed but consider that CCDT has policies and procedures in place that mitigate any risk. They do not consider that there are any substantial risks beyond the liabilities disclosed in the financial statements. The charity holds employers, public liability and professional indemnity insurance policies which are reviewed on an annual basis.

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## OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

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The objects of the charity are:

- To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community.
- To provide or assist in providing facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life of the Community.
- To advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture, heritage and/or history.
- To manage community land and facilities for the benefit of the Community and the public in general;
- To advance community development within the Community

## ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

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During this year and, through the efforts of the Trustees, the members and all our volunteers, we have made. We are delighted to summarise our main achievements below.

### Woodland Management

- Establishing the woodland base – we were successful in securing grant funds to establish a woodland base next to the walled garden. We now have three freight container stores and a secure compound for the storage of timber and equipment. We have increased our capacity to manage the woods by using a mini tractor and trailer and digger acquired by Angus MacGregor
- Replanting the felled area – a project team led by Tim and Angus Elliot organised the planting of a further 300 trees higher up the felled area, above the area planted last year. They secured donations and funding for the work and arranged a successful volunteer planting day;
- Improving Tree Safety – A significant amount of work has been done over the past year to fell identified danger trees across the woodland. This felling has been undertaken by both trained volunteers and professional contractors sympathetic to the woodland objectives;
- Managing the 'Dark Woods' – we commissioned a woodland manager to advise on the future management of the Dark Woods. Their recommendation was to fell and replant the area given the maturity of the trees and the regular storm damage they suffer. We have contracted a professional consultancy -TreeStory - to manage the felling of the area in autumn this year;
- Controlling invasive species – volunteers have continued to clear rhododendron to reveal the features of the castle grounds – especially around the lily pond, led by Andy Stratton and the castle gardens, led by Aldo Hunter. We held a well-attended (50 people) BBQ and pond dipping day at the lily pond in April 2025. We have also continued our efforts to clear Himalayan Balsam from the areas around the Gillies Hill entrance;
- Flytipping – we wrote to the houses neighbouring the woods to ask for their help in reducing the amount of flytipping

### Walled Garden

- Community larder – the garden is providing even more produce this year for the community larder with additional planting in restored ground, raised beds and polytunnels. New fruit trees have been planted in the lower garden.
- Garden design – new features have been added to the garden including a sensory garden.
- Firewood club – The firewood club is running successfully after being established in May 2024. It meets every Thursday evening and offers volunteers the opportunity to chop their own firewood and process firewood for sale to CCDT members. We end each evening with a chat around a small fire. The group is open to CCDT members of all genders and skill levels over the age of 18 on a "come when you can" basis.
- Events – we hosted visitors in September 2024 as part of Stirling's Doors Open Day and held an Easter Egg hunt in April 2025.

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## Woodland Nursery

- Planning application – the planning application for a woodland nursery on a site neighbouring the Walled garden has been approved. The Trust is supportive in principle of this proposal but further discussion is required on the terms of the lease before the Trust can finalise its position.

## Woodland Access

- Anti-social behaviour – reports of antisocial behaviour in the woods (fires, vandalism, theft, motorised vehicles) have continued this year. We have contacted the police to seek advice on measures we can take;
- All abilities path – This project has been on hold due to lack of capacity. We hope to submit a planning application for the route during the year ahead.

## Village projects

- Public Access Defibrillator – The defibrillator is available in the cabinet outside the community centre and is maintained by CCDT volunteers.
- Village Welcome Packs – Welcome packs have been delivered to new residents within the village giving them information about local facilities and events.

## Developing the Trust

- Membership - thanks to Emma's work as Membership Secretary, we continued to grow our membership with 36 new members joining since the last AGM.
- Trustees and Volunteers – we are supported by dedicated hard-working volunteers and trustees but we recognise that we need to attract more volunteers and trustees if we are to ensure the continuation of our existing projects and the ability to undertake new projects.
- Updating our approach to Health & Safety – we were able to renew our public liability insurance this year without the pause in cover that prevented volunteering activity for a period in early 2024.
- Developing our funding model – we have again been successful in securing grant income but we have also looked for opportunities to generate income so that we are able to meet the £15k to £20k annual running cost of the Trust – in addition to occasional timber sales we received a small income from Trailforks, Stirling lottery and firewood;
- Leasing the Council-owned woodland – we have not taken up the offer from Stirling Council to lease the small area of woodland next to the Primary School. We consider that this area would be a liability for the Trust in its current condition;
- Grant Funding – we have been successful in securing money for our work and projects from a range of funders during the year and we would like to thank them for their support:
  - Cambusbarron Community Fund (Business support)
  - International Tree Foundation (Woodland replanting)
  - Stirling Council Community Pride Fund (various projects)
  - Community Led local Development (woodland base)

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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### Overview

The total income of the charity was £28,875 (2024: £19,844) and the total expenditure £36,924 (2024: £59,083) The charity trustees were successful in receiving grants from Stirling Council through the CLLD Fund. The

### Fund Raising

The charity signed up for the Stirling Community Lottery and within this year received income of £286 (2024: £424) and this continues to be a regular source of unrestricted income. During the year we also sold firewood to members of the community, and this has generated £2,857 (2024: £3,912) of unrestricted funds.

### Donated Facilities & Services

CCDT thanks go to all of the trustees and volunteers for their time and efforts without which the charity could not undertake its activities.

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## Investment Policy

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for safeguarding the charity's assets. They regularly consider the political, economic, legal and environmental factors that can affect funds and savings. The Trustees have a duty to seek out suitable sources of income generation. The Trustees also consider that it is prudent to accumulate funds for reserves to meet their legal requirements for employees and creditors. They also realise that this has to be balanced by ensuring that there are enough funds readily available to carry out the charity's aims. The Trustees have the power to invest funds in the best interest of the charity. To meet these ends the Trustees have invested in land known locally as Gillies Hill. The Trustees believe that the current investment has a suitable risk and reward profile that meets the investment criteria and risk appetite of the charity.

## Reserves Policy

In line with their governance and financial strategy the trustees have agreed that reserves are essentially the funds that a charity may set aside to ensure financial stability, to cover unexpected expenses and for the charity to achieve its objectives over the long term. In 2024/25, after a trustee's review, this reserves policy has been updated and the Trustees consider that £15,000 should be set aside as reserves with £5,000 as an administrative reserve. As at the end of the year the reserves are £28,097. The balance of existing funds has been allocated to short- and longer-term projects.

## APPROVAL

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This report was approved by the trustees on 21 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

*Stewart Lennon*

Stewart Lennon

Chair

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cambusbarron Community Development Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 2006 Regulations. 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 connection with my examination, no matter came to my attention:-

1. 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 Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Anne Knox*

Anne Knox,  
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24 November 2025

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>		£	£	£	£
Donations		830	-	<b>830</b>	223
Grants	5	-	24,680	<b>24,680</b>	12,830
Fund Raising		132	-	<b>132</b>	408
Sale of firewood		2,857	-	<b>2,857</b>	3,912
Stirling Community Lottery		286	-	<b>286</b>	424
		4,105	24,680	<b>28,785</b>	17,797
Sale of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	2,047
		4,105	24,680	<b>28,785</b>	19,844
<b>Payments</b>					
Fund Raising Costs		-	-	-	169
Charitable Activities	6	12,103	24,059	<b>36,162</b>	57,082
Governance Costs					
Accounts Preparation		250	-	<b>250</b>	250
Independent Examination		100	-	<b>100</b>	100
Other _AGM and Trustees Meetings		412	-	<b>412</b>	-
		12,865	24,059	<b>36,924</b>	57,601
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	1,482
		12,865	24,059	<b>36,924</b>	59,083
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(8,760)	621	<b>(8,139)</b>	(39,239)
Transfers between funds		875	(875)	-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		(7,885)	(254)	<b>(8,139)</b>	(39,239)

The Notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.



# STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>		£	£	£	£
Balance as at 01 April 2024		35,982	2,447	<b>38,429</b>	77,668
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(7,885)	(254)	<b>(8,139)</b>	(39,239)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	7	28,097	2,193	<b>30,290</b>	38,429
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Cash at Main Bank		13,073	2,193	<b>15,266</b>	37,981
Cash in Donations Bank Account		24	-	<b>24</b>	448
Cash in 35 Day Account		15,000	-	<b>15,000</b>	-
		28,097	2,193	<b>30,290</b>	38,429
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Woodlands		443,038	-	<b>443,038</b>	443,038
Castle Garden Containers		1,695	-	<b>1,695</b>	1,937
Castle Drive Gates		3,437	-	<b>3,437</b>	-
Hi Cube Containers		6,084	-	<b>6,084</b>	-
Container canopy shelter		4,051	-	<b>4,051</b>	-
Power tools		-	-	-	476
Shed		3,455	-	<b>3,455</b>	-
Saw bench		-	-	-	169
Jackery Solar Generator and Panel		768	-	<b>768</b>	1,023
Composting toilet		700	-	<b>700</b>	840
Polytunnel		580	-	<b>580</b>	1,482
		463,808	-	<b>463,808</b>	448,965
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Governance fees		-	-	-	350
RST bond - (repaid during the year)		-	-	-	10,000
		-	-	-	10,350

The Notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 21 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

*Stewart Lennon*

*Richard Norman*

**Stewart Lennon**

**Richard Norman**

Chair

Treasurer

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## 1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

## 2. Fund Accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- (c) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 8.

## 3. Taxation

- (a) The charity is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

## 4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

- (a) No remuneration was paid or any remuneration received by the trustees or any persons connected with them during the year (2024: £Nil).
- (b) No expenses were paid to any of the trustees during the year.
- (c) The charity's insurance policy includes trustee indemnity insurance cover for all of its trustees.

## 5. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>Total 2025</b>	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Foundation Scotland	-	10,000	<b>10,000</b>	3,012
Stirling Council Pride 15	-	300	<b>300</b>	-
Mushroom Trust	-	-	-	2,150
Forth Enviromental Link	-	-	-	1,450
International Tree Foundation	-	185	<b>185</b>	3,248
Community Led Local Development 24_25	-	11,633	<b>11,633</b>	-
Community Led Local Development 23_24	-	2,562	<b>2,562</b>	2,970
	-	24,680	<b>24,680</b>	12,830

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**6. Cost of charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>Total 2025</b>	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Professional fees	-	300	<b>300</b>	-
Telephone and Broadband	151	-	<b>151</b>	125
Pubs and Subs	352	-	<b>352</b>	334
Insurance	1,605	-	<b>1,605</b>	698
Woodland expenses	7,112	22,425	<b>29,537</b>	37,541
Advertising promotion	396	-	<b>396</b>	441
Admin expenses	502	-	<b>502</b>	1,169
Castle gardens	288	-	<b>288</b>	356
Memorial benches	42	-	<b>42</b>	80
Walled garden expenses	599	1,334	<b>1,933</b>	16,193
Training and Development	1,056	-	<b>1,056</b>	145
	<b>12,103</b>	<b>24,059</b>	<b>36,162</b>	<b>57,082</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 7. Movements in Funds

	As at 31/03/2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	As at 31/03/2025
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	35,982	4,105	(12,865)	875	<b>28,097</b>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
Donation Bench	100	-	-	(100)	-
PI01_Populare Institute - Defibrillator	386	-	-	-	<b>386</b>
CCF03_ Cambus Comm Fund	1,312	-	(559)	(753)	-
CCF04_ Cambus Comm Fund	-	10,000	(10,260)	753	<b>493</b>
PFA-01_Paths for All	320	-	-	-	<b>320</b>
WIAT01_Woodlands Association	900	-	-	(900)	-
PI102- Populare Institute	500	-	-	-	<b>500</b>
CO01 - Stirling Council	1,223	-	(1,034)	-	<b>189</b>
CPF15 - Stirling Coucil	-	300	-	-	<b>300</b>
CLLD01_Stirling Council	(2,562)	2,562	-	-	-
CLLD02_Stirling Council	-	11,633	(11,727)	94	-
FS06_Foundation Scotland	268	-	(299)	31	-
ITF01_International Tree Foundation	-	185	(180)	-	<b>5</b>
	<b>2,447</b>	<b>24,680</b>	<b>(24,059)</b>	<b>(875)</b>	<b>2,193</b>
 Total Funds	 38,429	 28,785	 (36,924)	 -	 <b>30,290</b>

### 8. Purpose of Funds

General fund	Unrestricted funds that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.
Paths for All – Woodland Dev	monies received from Paths for All for Woodland Development
Mushroom Trust fund	monies received towards the costs of the woodland development
Community Pride Fund 13	monies received towards the cost of the junior bike trial
Cambusbarron Community Fund	monies received towards the costs of business support towards the costs of the woodlands and the walled gardens projects
Woodlands In and Around Towns	monies received towards the costs of the woodlands project
Populare Institute Fund 2	monies received towards the costs of equipment for the woodlands
Community Orchards Fund	Monies received from Stirling Council towards the cost of creating a community orchard within the community

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CLLD	Monies received from Stirling Council towards the costs of the creation of paths within the woodlands
Foundation Scotland	Monies received from Foundation Scotland to cover the costs of tools for the walled garden development
International Tree Foundation	Monies received from the International Tree Foundation towards the contribution of tree protection from deer.