

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC049275

DIAMONDS IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

Governing Document

Diamond in the Community is an unincorporated Scottish charitable organisation (number SC049275), governed by constitution.

Membership and Management

The business of the group is directed by a management committee comprising between 6 and 15 members, appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets not less than 10 times a year.

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the management committee; no person may hold any office for more than 3 years. The management committee may co-opt up to 3 further members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

Current Trustees

Those currently serving as members of the management committee are:

- Stephen Eaton – (Secretary) appointed 18/8/2024 (previously Treasurer from 7/5/2019)
- Julie McPhee (Trustee/Chair) appointed 15/2/2021
- Scott Rae (Trustee) appointed 15/2/2021
- Karen Watt (Trustee) appointed 29/9/2022
- Linzi Burr (Treasurer) appointed 18/8/2024 (previously Secretary from 27/9/2022)

Registered Address

47D Dunbeth Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 3JD

Charitable Purposes

The Organisation's charitable purposes are:

- (i) To advance the public participation in sport in the community of Airdrie through the promotion of participation in football and other sports which involves physical skill and exertion;
- (ii) The advancement of health in Airdrie by the promotion, alone or in conjunction with others, of the benefits of physical activity and provision of assistance in relation to sports-related and healthy life style matters;

(iii) The advancement of community development in Airdrie by promoting alone or in conjunction with others, participation in football clubs and other sports, literacy, numeracy, employment skills, life skills, social inclusion and social activities to all sections of the community;

(iv) The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

(v) The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Activities and Achievements

In our sixth year we continued to establish working relationships with as many other local organisations as possible with the Monklands Baby & Family Clothing Aid, along with our role as Community Solutions Locality Host for Airdrie. We also continued to establish our existing services and projects aimed at improving the life opportunities for local residents as well as looking at potential new services missing from the area.

MONKLANDS BABY & FAMILY CLOTHING AID / HOME COMFORTS AID

Our fourth year operating from our premises on Graham Street in Airdrie, we looked to expand our list of working partners to ensure our service was reaching as many areas as possible. We saw significant uptake in referrals coming from local Health and Social services and grew the number of organisations from the Voluntary and Charity sectors in North Lanarkshire.

The Home Comforts service run under the 'MBFCA' service was boosted by the addition of our own van in August 2024, assisting not only in the provision and delivery of larger household items but helping DITC source donations quicker and easier.

ART IN THE COMMUNITY GROUP

Established in 2022 with initial assistance from the Scottish Governments Covid Recovery Funding, the weekly Art Classes prospers with numbers growing on a weekly basis, now averaging around 40 with an age range from 6 up to 90. Attendees come from a variety of backgrounds and art ability. Some have learning difficulties, some have mental and physical illnesses, some have problems engaging with school, some are lonely, and some just love to paint. The class is completely inclusive and everyone mixes as one. The group was awarded Lottery funding in October 2024 allowing for a second group leader to come on board to assist with the growing attendance numbers.

CHIT CHAT GROUP

Our Chit Chat Café has continued to grow in attendance with figures never below 20 per session and peaking at a high of 48. People come from a variety of backgrounds to enjoy cakes and coffee, chat and games. People are encouraged to mix and chat, or just listen if they are more comfortable with that, and come from a variety of backgrounds. The main aim is to reduce loneliness and isolation and we are seeing many referrals as well as people just coming along on their own. We regularly have other local organisations attend to do informal talks on their services.

WALKING FOOTBALL

The Walking Football group continued to be regularly attended weekly by between 10-20 participants, the group has established a number of friendships that continue outside the group meetings. The groups aims are to help aid local residents with both physical as well as mental health issues and encourage social inclusion.

WALK & TALK GROUP

The group continues to be attended by regular participants as well as new members often referred into us by other organisations, again the service has proved extremely beneficial to members physical and mental health as well as reducing social isolation. The group is attended by between 12-20 participants each week.

MEMORIES GROUP

The Memories Group run in the Airdrie Workmens Club has continued to grow in popularity with an average 30-40 people each month. The group is attended by a mix of individuals from the community and residents from local care homes. As well as the regular tools of football memorabilia we encouraged the participants engagement by introducing guest speakers for part of the meetings.

FAMILY GROUP (New Group)

Launched August 2024. Working with Home Start the group was aimed at parents, grandparents & carers with under 5 year old's. Offering fun activities in a friendly setting and it is an ideal way for all to make some new friends for both the children and adults. Healthy snacks provided and a warm drink for the adults.

BREAKFAST & BLETHER (New Group)

Launched in October 2024. A group provided for local residents giving them the opportunity to benefit from not only a warm breakfast roll with a warm drink but from company and conversation of others in a warm, relaxed and friendly environment.

BOCCIA (New Group)

Launched in January 2025. A sport originally aimed at those with cerebral palsy and disabilities affecting motor skills we offer the group to all, encouraging participation in a fun yet competitive pastime in a friendly setting. The initial group was attended by 13 people and has continued to be attended regularly between 20-30 participants each week from a mix of backgrounds.

RISE RUNNING GROUP (New Group)

Launched in February 2025. A running group aimed at not only encouraging physical exercise but encouraging participation by those new to the sport, or looking for a new pastime by offering support and encouragement from a group environment. The first run was attended by a fantastic 15 runners and has continued to be regularly attended by 10-15 runners each week.

MEDITATION NOT MEDICATION (New Group)

Launched in March 2025. A group aimed at those recovering from addictions issues, we worked closely with other local organisations to provide the service directly to those most in need of it. Meditation has a proven track record in assisting individuals recovering from addictions issues.

CHAIR YOGA (New Group)

Launched April 2025. Continuing the theme of the meditation group and the benefits of holistic therapies a chair yoga group was launched and quickly established. Regularly attended by number of local residents who have benefitted hugely by participating.

KIT AID

Continuing our role as the Scottish Hub for the KitAid Charity (Charity no. 1113968) we again delivered regular truckloads of sportswear donations to the KitAid HQ as well as working directly with individuals and organisations to get kit to countries such as Ghana and Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Gambia.

FUNDRAISERS

We continued to operate various fundraising events at various locations around the town of Airdrie, encouraging the use of many local establishments whilst working with many local companies via sponsorship and provision of raffle prizes.

Our participation in the KiltWalk continued with over 70 participants across all four events (Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee & Edinburgh)

We also held our fourth annual sponsored Sleep Out in Graham Street attended by 22 volunteers, raising just under £2000 whilst raising awareness of homelessness figures and the causes often leading to it.

For the third year we ran two Christmas Fayres held at Airdrie Workmens club giving many local independent traders and companies a sales outlet, whilst proving a fun day for families with free children's entertainment and an affordable café.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

As a charity we strive to work with as many other local organisations and charities so those seeking assistance can source the correct groups and services for them. We regularly have other organisations attending our various groups encouraging participation in each others services. We also regularly attend events hosted by others to promote our own services these have included; Rocsolloch School Fayre, Cliftonville & Coatdyke Community Groups Community Connect Event, Airdrie Community Clubs Summer Camp, Parkinsons Self Help Groups Summer Fayre, Carnbroe Community Action for Residents Fun Day, Routes to Works Summer Fair, Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub, Routes to Works New Year/New Opportunities amongst others.

CHRISTMAS DAY ASSISTANCE

We again helped local residents struggling with the expectations arising from the festive period by working alongside our Social and Health organisations to provide over 300 individuals with Gifts as well as helping 90+ individuals receive a Christmas Day dinner provided by local restaurant Puro.

WRAP UP LANARKSHIRE

Continuing our partnership with the Rotary Club of Coatbridge, Airdrie & Monklands we again offered a completely free winter coat service to anyone in the near or far communities. Over the last four winters it is estimated to have seen over 5000 coats and jackets passed on into the community along with gloves, scarfs and hats.

RECYCLING PROJECTS

On top of the donations being received and rehomed by our Monklands Baby and Family Clothing Aid and our KitAid collections we continued our partnership with Restorative Justice with the Bike Recycling scheme and operating our Football Boot Swap. We have also added a Tech Recycle Scheme, taken unused Laptops and Tablets and having them refurbished to pass onto those in the community in need of them.

We also participated in a number of litter picks across the local area's parks and green spaces, encouraging participation by nearby residents in the hope of encouraging pride in their local spaces.

We also signed up the Community Climate Pledge with ACT NOW North Lanarkshire encouraging the philosophy of reduce, reuse and recycle in the community.

FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS AND MORE

Continuing to work in partnership with NLC as an Anchor Organisation we have seen a rise in the use of the free Sanitary products provided in our premises, we also continue to supply a range of toiletries and nappies which are also available for free all year round with a 'no questions asked' policy. The service includes a Home Delivery service for those living in remote areas who are unable to collect themselves in person.

LOCALITY HOST

We continued our role as Locality Host, holding regular meetings with other local organisations encouraging collaboration and facilitating the applications for funding via the Community Solutions funding.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

RECEIPTS		Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
		Funds			
Grants		£	£	£	£
	NLC	21,000.00	-	21,000.00	7,000.00
	VANL	70,142.50	-	70,142.50	72,237.50
	Lottery Funding	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
	Robertson Trust	17,000.00	-	17,000.00	-
	ECHT Grant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
	BOS Foundation	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-
Partnerships					
	Jewel Homes	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Darren Cowie	480.00	-	480.00	480.00
	Angel Soave	165.00	-	165.00	135.00
	Liz Noon	240.00	-	240.00	240.00
Other					
	Donations	28,917.40	-	28,917.40	18,294.31
	Fundraising	10,304.50	-	10,304.50	13,555.56
	Kiltwalk	19,890.19	-	19,890.19	40,129.32
	Crowdfunder	1,324.02	-	1,324.02	5,145.51
		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		221,663.61	-	221,663.61	158,417.20
PAYMENTS					
	Premises Costs	10,454.21	-	10,454.21	8,806.65
	Remuneration	99,699.95	-	99,699.95	85,898.55
	Van	17,129.00	-	17,129.00	-
	Van Expenses	2,092.80	-	2,092.80	-
	Storage	4,032.00	-	4,032.00	3,528.00
	Bank Charges	315.86	-	315.86	178.92
	Insurance	2,127.22	-	2,127.22	1,202.73
	Fundraising Expenses	17,228.11	-	17,228.11	18,863.34
	Affiliation fees	2,269.00	-	2,269.00	3,042.00
	Donations	-	-	-	-
	Microsoft Subscription & Website Expenses	314.99	-	314.99	717.03
		12,452.42	-	12,452.42	6,380.72
		168,115.56	-	168,115.56	128,617.94
SURPLUS/(DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR					
		53,548.05	-	53,548.05	29,799.26
Balance of funds brought forward					
		46,717.34	52,952.38	99,669.72	
BALANCE OF FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					
		100,265.39	52,952.38	153,217.77	

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31ST MAY 2025

	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Opening cash at bank	46,717.34	52,952.38	99,669.72	69,870.46
Opening cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Surplus/Deficit for the year	46,717.34	52,952.38	99,669.72	69,870.46
Balance of funds carried forward	53,548.05	-	53,548.05	29,799.26
	100,265.39	52,952.38	153,217.77	99,669.72
Closing cash at Bank	100,265.39	52,952.38	153,217.77	99,669.72
Closing cash on hand	-	-	-	-
	100,265.39	52,952.38	153,217.77	99,669.72

Notes to the Accounts:

- 1 The Group received £21k from NLC and £70.1k from VANL.
- 2 No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Approved on behalf of the trustees by:

Karen Watt
 NAME:

DATE: 27/2/26
 POSITION: Trustee.

[Signature]
 NAME:

DATE: 27/2/26
 POSITION: TRUSTEE

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Scottish Charly Number SC049275

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DIAMONDS IN THE
COMMUNITY**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31st May 2025, which are set out on the pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as 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 examiners' statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come 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 Accounts Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply With Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not 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.

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Date 25/02/2026

