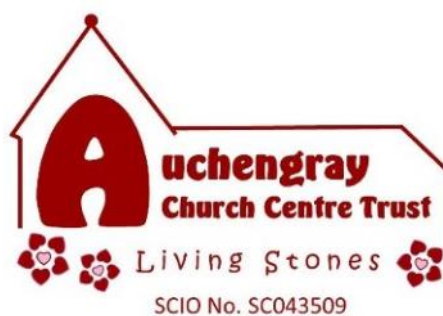


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The Annual Report of Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO) 2017 ~ 2018



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our Annual Report 17 ~18

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About ACC Trust

Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO) was set up in October 2012 with the twin aims of providing an independent community church and a recreational community facility. In January 2014 the Church of Scotland transferred ownership of Auchengray Church Centre to the Trust. We are located in the village of Auchengray about 7 miles north of Carnwath, South Lanarkshire and we serve the rural communities of Auchengray, Tarbrax, Woolfords and district.

ACC Trust is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC043509

Auchengray Church Centre Auchengray Road, Auchengray Carnwath, ML11 8LN



ACC Trust is a member of Evangelical Alliance UK which represents over 3,500 churches across more than 80 denominations and 700 organisations throughout UK. EA UK encourages co-operation among Christians, while respecting diversity of culture, experience and doctrine.

We are also members of Scotland's Churches Trust which aims to open the door to Scotland's story by exploring living traditions of faith across the country. Their website is a starting point to access information on Scotland's churches of all denominations and a good starting point for your special journeys. You can be assured of a warm welcome when you arrive, not as strangers but as pilgrims and honoured guests.



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welcome from the Trustees

We are a group of people whose desire is to love and serve Jesus, welcoming each guest who comes to ACC as unique and special. It is a privilege to serve our community by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and providing a welcoming venue for church and community activities within ACC.

Situated at the heart of Auchengray and District, Auchengray Church Centre has held a special place in the lives of residents since it was built in 1863. Festivals and celebrations, prayer and praise, business meetings, debates and gatherings for good food and friendship have all taken place here and continue to do so with lively enthusiasm.

Whether you are looking for reflection or relaxation, worship or a workout, whether you practise any form of faith or none, you can be sure of a heartily warm welcome at Auchengray Church Centre! We hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report for 2017 /18.



*Campbell Fisher
(Chairman,
Acting Treasurer)*



Timea Kelly



Jane Hunter



*Stephen Hunter
Depute Treasurer*



*Alex Kelly
(Safeguarding Officer)*



Betty Gowans



*Linda Fisher
(Secretary)*

Seven Trustees (as shown above)
served during the financial year 2017 – 18

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Auchengray and District Community Church



During the past session the congregation has appreciated Bible teaching from speakers including Rev Peter Grainger (Director, 2 Timothy 4), Rev Elspeth MacLean (Forth St Paul's Church), Rev Ian MacKenzie (retired, CofS), and in-house speakers, Campbell Fisher, Stephen Hunter and Chris McDermott.

We learned about the wider Church when James Fraser of Release International spoke to us about Christians standing firm in spite of persecution and betrayal and Andy Martin of Mission Aviation Fellowship brought us remarkable stories of rescue and hope in areas of conflict and natural disasters.

We have been blessed by music support from David Clark and family from Armadale and Krys Korsak from Lanark, along with our own musicians.

We enjoyed harpist Rachel Groves when we were visited by friends from Abbeyhill Baptist Church last spring and the Community Carol Service in December was again led by Hamilton Salvation Army Band.



Auchengray Primary School held their Harvest and Easter assemblies in the church.



Our monthly **Open House** meetings for prayer and Bible study continued through the winter, apart from when the roads were literally "snowed under"!

From January to March our weekly **Sundays@7** series of Bible studies "Exploring Matthew's Gospel" produced much lively discussion and helpful observations.



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The Wee Church Café



The popularity of the **wee church café** (with the very **wee sweetie shop**) is growing with customers coming from Forth, Polbeth and further afield. The reputation of Jane's scones are drawing folk from near and far!

From quiet chat at the smaller tables to the buzz of the big table; from hot chocolate fudge cake with ice cream to gluten, wheat and dairy free muffins, we provide company and afternoon treats for all.



The Wee Church Library



New this year, the **wee church library** offers faith based books and dvds for all ages and story bags for pre- and early schoolers.

Categories include biography, apologetics, fiction, humour, inspirational, bible study etc.



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Auchengray Flower Show 2017





***“Growing, baking, sewing, making - whatever your hobby
there is always something of interest for you!”***

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The Garden Project

Working with Clydesdale Community Initiatives an unused area of the ACC grounds was totally transformed into an attractive **enclosed garden**. The front stone wall was rebuilt and the new garden separated from the car park by a sturdy fence.



A purpose built site for the Auchengray Village **Christmas Tree** replaced a semi-derelict corner.

Shrub borders were laid out along with turf and a path.

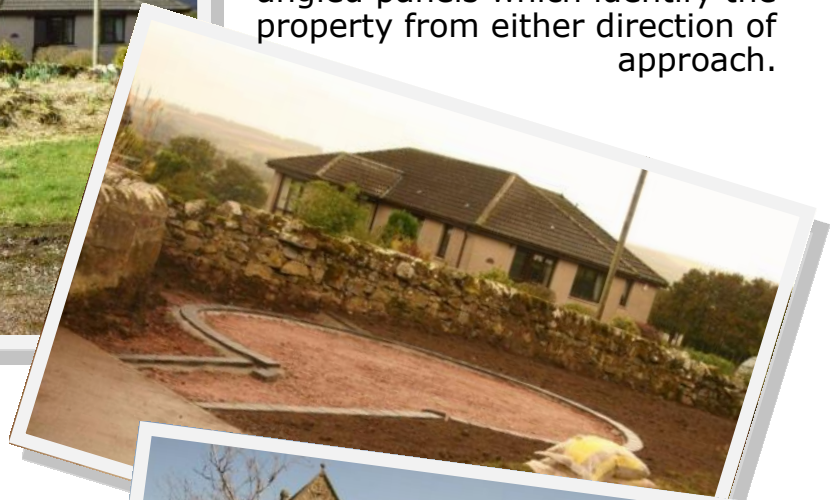
The pupils of Auchengray Primary School helped us plant some daffodil bulbs and some "surprise" bulbs - watch this space!

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a welcome sign . . .



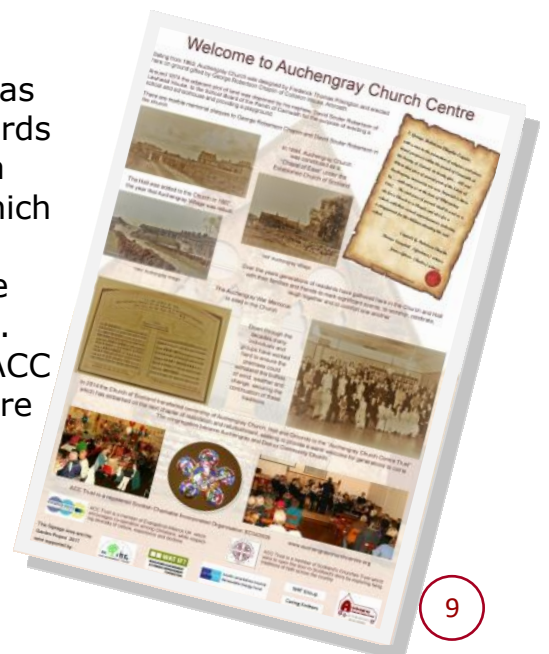
CCI designed and built a superb **covered sign** incorporating two angled panels which identify the property from either direction of approach.



***. . . church and community notice boards
and a heritage panel***



The third side has secure notice boards either side of a heritage panel which gives a brief overview of the history of ACC. The entrance to ACC is now much more welcoming, attractive, and informative.



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A Mega Muck Work Party!



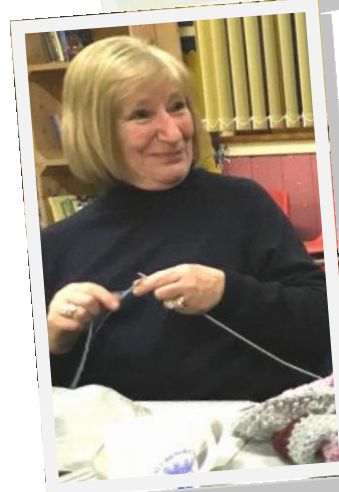
In February we held our first **Mega Muck Volunteer Work Party** and made a good start on clearing some of the debris from the woodland area.

We then enjoyed a well earned lunch of Patricia's wonderful soup, hot bacon rolls and other goodies.

Appropriately, a new group which started this year is **The Gardening Club** which meets once a month on Monday evenings over the winter to share both amateur and professional gardening knowledge and experience, particularly relating to the challenges of gardening in this area.

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Sharing hobbies, skills and friendship



The Caring Knitters and Craft Group

meets weekly on Tuesday evenings offering friendship, sharing skills and producing goods for good causes such as knitting clothes for premature babies.

They also gather good quality used clothing etc which they deliver to Edinburgh Direct Aid. From there it is transported to Refugee Camps abroad.



The Sew'n'Chat Group started this year as a monthly, two hour machine sewing group but soon became weekly and now meets for three hours on Wednesday afternoons!

The Auchengray branch of the **WRI** continues to provide a varied programme of popular speakers and competitions each month.

Each winter three **Craft Fairs** are held in ACC. These events showcase locally made goods and provide opportunities to purchase unusual and special gifts. Tea, coffee and cake are available while you browse.



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Supporting School, Businesses and Community Groups

In January Auchengray Primary School delighted us with their amazing skills and humour in the Scottish Event which they brought to the Wee Church Café.



Also in January **WAT IF?** (the local Community Development Trust) held a Stakeholders' meeting as part of the community consultation process in preparation for their second five year Community Action Plan which runs from 2018—2023.



The **WAT Group** supports local projects with grants usually up to £500.
WAT Group is funded by Muirhall Energy Ltd

Tarbrax Community Council
Working in the interests of Tarbrax, Auchengray and Woolfords

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Securing the future

Looking ahead:

In order to preserve Auchengray Church Centre as a sustainable facility for future generations the Trustees and ACC Committee agreed in 2015 that a comprehensive programme of works involving energy supply, heat retention and internal refurbishment was required. The restoration of the church windows in 2015 / 2016 was the first stage and this made a significant impact on the comfort level in the church. We felt this was a good indication of the effectiveness of appropriate measures, skilled craftsmanship and an understanding of the nature of the property.

During 2016/17 an initial Feasibility Study was undertaken by Wham Architecture which provided recommendations on a renewable heating system, insulation and refurbishment incorporating further heat retaining materials. Following consultation with LEADER Lanarkshire, we invited tenders from three architects for the development of detailed designs of all these aspects, applications for statutory consents and submissions to tender. Following a robust selection process Wham Architecture was appointed.

The completed detailed plans incorporate

- ◇ External conservation works—roofs, rainware, stonework etc
- ◇ Installation of a ground source heating system including a new plant room to the rear of the church
- ◇ Insulation of the floors, walls and roof space of the church and hall
- ◇ Refurbishment of the church and hall including underfloor heating, rewiring, lighting, av cabling, fire alarm system etc.
- ◇ Refurbishment of the hall windows
- ◇ Alterations to the hall stage / entrance area.

Planning and Listed Building Consents have been granted.

The Trustees and ACC Committee are now prayerfully considering how best to implement these major plans while continuing the ongoing programmes of the Trust.

We are grateful for the interest and support of the local community and grant funders which has brought us to this stage and is encouraging us to move forward.

Growing in the Community . . .

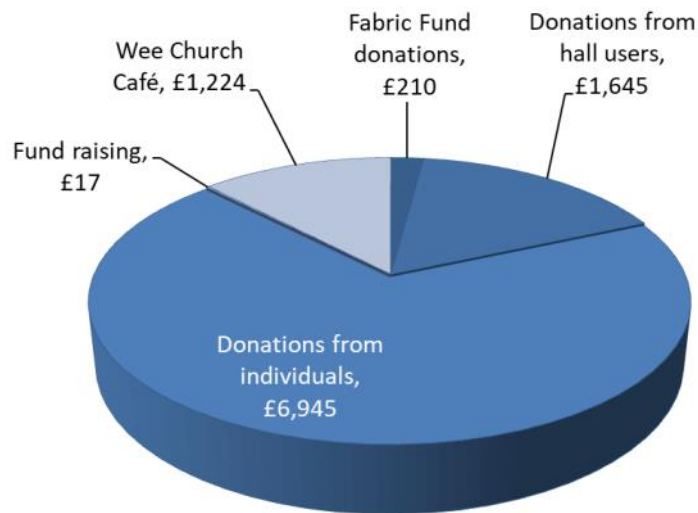
Generosity

General and Fabric Funds:

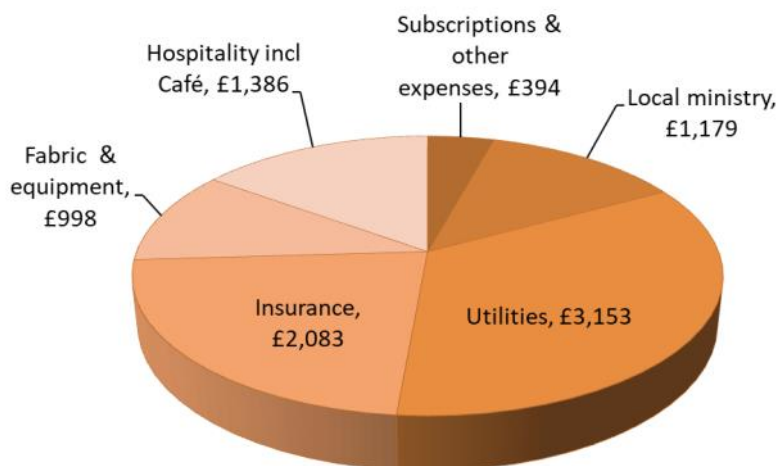
Our **Unrestricted Funds** comprise our **General Fund** which is used for the routine operation of the Trust and our **Fabric Fund** which is designated for maintenance of the property.

The income to these funds comes mainly from donations to the Community Church (including Gift Aid) and from hall users.

Unrestricted Funds Income £9,831



Unrestricted Funds Payments £9,193



Unrestricted Funds Payments relate to the routine running costs of the Trust.

These include:

heating oil, electricity, telephone, broadband, insurance, property maintenance, equipment, hospitality (including the café), annual subscriptions and fees, stationery etc.

We also hold an unre-
stricted **Reserve Fund** of £1,000 which is set aside to be used in the event of expenditure incurred should the Trust need to be wound up.

and priceless Volunteers . . .

The Trust greatly benefits from many hours of **volunteers'** work; folk who quietly assist with all manner of tasks such as grass cutting, washing up, legal advice, property maintenance, setting up and cleaning. This cannot be readily quantified on a chart but it is **all very much valued!**

Growing in the Community . . .

ACC Projects

ACC Fund:

The **ACC Fund** is a **Restricted Fund** into which grants and specified donations are lodged; these may only be used for specific ACC Projects.

During the financial year 2017 / 18 we received the following **grants** and **specified donations** which were used for the purposes stated:

SLC	Bistro Furniture	£500
WAT Group	Garden Project	£1,000
WAT IF?	Garden Project	£1,000
Levenseat	Garden Project	£9,500
REF	Garden Project	£7,525
Caring Knitters	Garden Project	£300
Donation	Garden Project	£300
TOTAL	Garden Project	£19,625
LEADER	Thermal Upgrade etc design	£6946

Total Grants etc into the ACC Fund 17/18 **£27,071**

The Bistro Furniture is very much appreciated. The total cost was £703

The Garden Project and Sign Area is complete and has given a huge boost to the appearance and usability of the grounds. The total cost was just over £21,000.

The Thermal Upgrades etc Detailed Design is almost complete (June 2018) and the total cost for this stage will be approx. £25,150.

Flower Show Fund:

The **Flower Show Fund** is also a **Restricted Fund** into which net income from the annual flower show is lodged for particular ACC expenditure as agreed by the **Flower Show Committee**.

Net income from the 2017 Flower Show **£699**

***A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS,
VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS***

Summary of Accounts - Auchengray Church Centre Trust							
1 April 17 - 31 Mar 18							
	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds			Previous Year
	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Reserve Fund	ACC	Flower show	Total Funds	
Receipts							
Donations							
Offerings	679					679	1,126
Gift Aid	3,210					3,210	2,860
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	1,039					1,039	975
Other offerings, donations etc	2,017	210		600		2,827	2,521
Total Donations	6,945	210		600	0	7,755	7,482
Grants							
Windows Restoration							41,013
Under Couter Freezer							370
Flower Show trophies (2015)							348
Grounds landscaping				19,025		19,025	
SLC Tables and chairs				500		500	
Thermal upgrades Feasibiliy Study				6,946		6,946	2,750
Receipts for fundraising activities							
Flower show					814	814	1,313
Other	17					17	16
Rent from land and buildings							
Donations from Hall users	1,645					1,645	1,420
Receipts from other charitable activities							
Wee Church Café	1,224					1,224	978
Total Receipts	9,831	210		27,071	814	37,926	55,690
Payments							
Charitable Activities							
Local ministry / outreach	1,179					1,179	655
Heating Oil	1,858					1,858	1,455
Electricity	932					932	556
Insurance	2,083					2,083	1,965
Telephone / broadband	363					363	189
Fabric repairs and maintainance	314					314	439
Equipment purchases	684			500		1,184	500
Hospitality incl Café	1,386					1,386	1,454
Grounds landscaping				21,059		21,059	
Church Windows restoration							40,509
Under counter freezer							370
Thermal upgrades Feasibiliy Study				15,236		15,236	3,653
EA / CCLI / SCT	286					286	331
Publicity, stationery, postage	74					74	50
Flower Show					144	144	842
Other expenses	34					34	0
Total charitable activities	9,193	0		36,795	144	46,132	52,968
Governance Costs							
						0	0
Asset and Investment Movements							
Purchase of fixed assets						0	0
Total Payments	9,193	0		36,795	144	46,132	52,968
Surplus (deficit) for year	638	210		-9,724	670	-8,206	2,722
Transfers between funds	-5,000	-3,172		8,172	0	0	0
Brought forward balance	7,156	3,237	1,000	1,829	1,276	14,498	11,776
Carried Forward Balance	2,794	275	1,000	277	1,946	6,292	14,498
Statement of Balances							
Bank and Cash in Hand	2,794	275	1,000	277	1,946	6,292	14,498
Third Party Collections and Payments							
Tear Fund (Carol service)						125	
New Beginnings (Carol Service)						125	
Release International						20	

Notes on the Accounts

Basis of Accounting: These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Accounting Period: These Accounts cover the period 1 April 2017– 31 March 2018.

Trustees remuneration:

In the period to which these Accounts relate no Trustees received any remuneration.

Trustees expenses: No Trustees were paid expenses during this period.

Transactions with connected persons:

No third party received any consideration from the Trust for making available the services of any Trustee.

Transfers: Transfers from unrestricted funds of £8,172 were made to cover cashflow pending receipt of grant payment.

Collections for third parties:

At a Christmas Carol Service held on Sunday 3 December 2017 gifts of £125 for Tear Fund and £125 for New Beginnings, Carlisle were received and subsequently passed on to those groups. Following the service on 4 February a donation of £20 was received for Release International and was also passed on.

Independent Examiner's Report

on the accounts of Auchengray Church Centre Trust for period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts regulations 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 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's 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 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.

Signed

Date

Robert Nelson ACMA CGMA

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Auchengray Church Centre Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and was registered by OSCR on 25 October 2012. The structure of the organisation consists of the CHARITY TRUSTEES who are also the organisation's only members and comprise the organisation's BOARD.

The Trust is administered in accordance with its constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by invitation of the existing Trustees. The name (s) of eligible and willing individual(s) may be passed to any Board member at any time. The Board will consider such recommendation(s) at its next Board meeting. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have expressed an interest in the Trust and would be familiar with the Trust's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day to day operations. All Trustees are required to sign a Statement of Faith and to be in agreement with the Ethos of the Trust. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities.

Sub Committees

Sub Committees are set up in accordance with the Trust Constitution in order to encourage participation at sustainable levels of involvement and to benefit from particular skills and experience. We currently have a Flower Show Committee which runs the Annual Auchengray Flower Show and the Auchengray Church Centre Committee which deals with the administration of property matters.

With major property upgrade projects currently under consideration the ACC Committee has been holding Open Meetings to encourage wider input from the surrounding communities.

Teamwork

We regularly partner with other trusts and organisations in furtherance of the aims of the ACC Trust

The ACC Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Report.

Signed on their behalf by

R Campbell Fisher (Chairman)

Date

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A Smorgasbord of Life at ACC!

Jesus
enthusiasm
ice cream
humour



soups
worship
Refugees
study

speakers
compassion
bacon rolls
work

songs
sweetie shop
Shepherd
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knitters
welcome
heritage
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faithful
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Knowledge
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babies
craft fairs
hot chocolate
Bible



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Sundays@7
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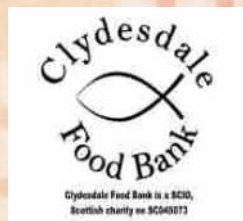
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The Trust is grateful to the following organisations for their support:



Caring
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Through all Seasons

