

At the Heart of a Community



Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO)

Annual Report

April 2016 - March 2017



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A Welcome!

Auchengray Church Centre
Auchengray Road, Auchengray
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About us

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



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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Auchengray Church Centre Trust

Introduction from the Trustees:

During this past year Auchengray Church Centre Trust has again had the privilege of serving our community by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and providing a welcoming venue for church and community activities within Auchengray Church Centre.

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 are sure of a heartily warm welcome at Auchengray Church Centre! We hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report.



*Campbell Fisher
(Chairman,
Acting Treasurer)*



Timea Kelly



*Jane Hunter
(as of 6 October 2016)*



*Stephen Hunter
(as of 6 October 2016)*



*Alex Kelly
(Safeguarding Officer)*



Betty Gowans



*Linda Fisher
(Secretary)*

Seven Trustees (as shown above)
served during the financial year 2016 –17

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Auchengray and District Community Church

During the past year the congregation has appreciated speakers from different denominations including Baptist, Church of Scotland, Free Church, Independent and Salvation Army. We have also provided preaching opportunities for students training with 2 Timothy 4 Trust, offering feedback and constructive criticism from the congregation. A representative of Release International spoke to us about faith communities around the world which experience severe opposition to their faith.



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

Throughout the year we have enjoyed traditional festivals and a number of special events.

In May 2016 we shared in the renewal of wedding vows at the celebration of Tommy and Sandra Brewsters' Golden Wedding Anniversary. This was a beautiful and very moving service.



Following our Harvest Thanksgiving in the Autumn, we joined our gifts to those of Auchengray Primary School and delivered them to Denis Curran MBE for the Loaves and Fishes project which provides help to needy people in Glasgow.

The Christmas Season was particularly busy with Carollers visiting venues throughout the district, including Favourite Carols with Tarbrax Tuesday Club, Carols round the Christmas Tree in Woolfords and Tarbrax Villages, the ever-popular Community Carol Service with the Hamilton Salvation Army Band at Auchengray and a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, also at Auchengray.



Thank you so much for the wonderful experiences you gave to the children of

Auchengray Primary School at

Bubblegum'n'Fluff . . .

It was greatly appreciated

In partnership with 2cytrust and assisted by volunteers from Forth St Paul's and Carnwath Parish Churches we hosted "Bubblegum'n'Fluff", a fun and thoughtful Christmas programme, for Auchengray Primary School.

Mrs Orr, Acting Head Teacher

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From January to March our Sundays@7 series of Bible studies “Journeying together through John’s Gospel” drew out some insightful observations as we explored the joys, sorrows, tragedies and triumphs recorded for us there.



A new venture this year has been “the wee church café”, which along with “the very wee sweetie shop” has proved an immensely popular meeting place for all ages.

This not-for-profit café currently meets for one afternoon per week during term time and enjoys the reputation of being the place to be!

We are grateful to the Flower Show Committee who donated £506 towards the set up costs and to WAT IF? for a grant of £370 to purchase a freezer.



We are pleased to support the school community in their experience of RO in accordance with the Curriculum for Excellence and in March this year we hosted Auchengray Primary School’s superb presentation of the musical “Resurrection Rock” followed by an Easter Special Café, the proceeds of which were donated to the School Funds. In partnership with Auchengray School, 2cytrust and WAT IF? we ended the afternoon with a “Real Easter Egg Hunt” which was enjoyed by all.



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Auchengray Flower Show 2016



*"Growing, baking, sewing, making –
whatever your hobby there is always something of interest for you!"*



Community Groups and Events at ACC

Caring Knitters / Craft Group

Projects this year have included clothes for premature babies, twiddle muffs for dementia patients and clothing collections for Syrian refugees



Christmas Craft Fairs

These showcased beautiful local crafts and were a great opportunity to purchase unusual and desirable gifts

The WAT Group has continued to support local projects with grants of up to £250.

WAT Group is funded by Muirhall Energy Ltd



"The Rural"

Bringing women together to share, learn, socialise, build community and of course, to enjoy good company!

Tarbrax Community Council

Working in the interest of Tarbrax, Auchengray and Woolfords

Auchengray Primary School Parent Council

ACC is a collection point for Clydesdale Food Bank



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more community groups and events at ACC

WAT IF? Community Trust has met in ACC for Trustee meetings, Community Forums, the Heritage Group and for a few weeks with the Parent and Tots Group.



Jemma, their Community Development Worker is available at ACC on Thursday afternoons and their Youth and Children's Worker, Sam, drops in from time to time.

A brilliant Football Party, Ewan!



*Happy First Birthday Calum—
what a lot of yummy food!*

Celebrations!



Congratulations on your Retirement Mrs Alexander!

Auchengray Church Centre Committee

Caring for the Property - The Church Windows Restoration Project

This was completed in November 2016. Each individual pane of leaded and stained glass has been dismantled, restored by Rainbow Glass Studio in Prestwick and refitted. Stonework around the three large rose windows was replaced by Robert Paton, Stonemason, Thankerton. We are now enjoying the benefits of "planned ventilation"!



Thermal Upgrades:

An initial feasibility study into sustainable thermal upgrades and refurbishment of the church and hall has been completed and we are now investigating funding for the detailed design.



Free WIFI

is now
available at
ACC



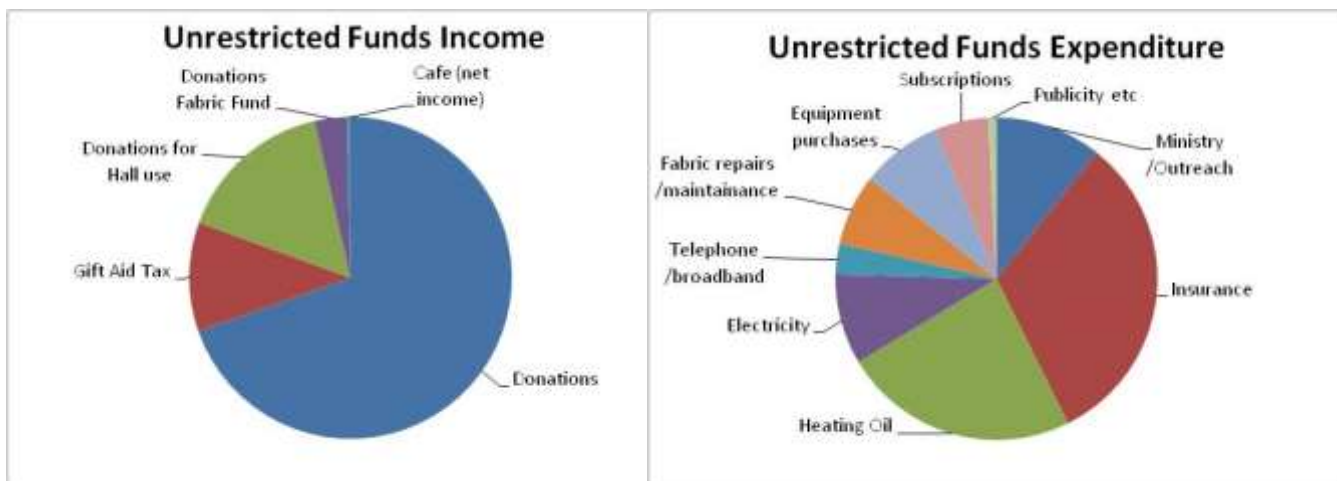
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Generosity

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 and repair of the property. We also hold a **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.

Our **Unrestricted Income** comes primarily from donations to the Trust and donations for use of the premises.

Our **Unrestricted Expenditure** covers the routine running costs of the Trust.

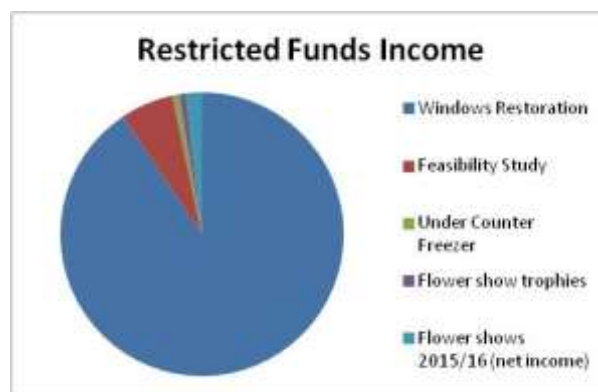


Our **Restricted Funds** comprise the **ACC Fund** into which grants and specified donations are lodged which may only be used for specific ACC Projects, and the **Flower Show Fund** into which net income from the annual flower show is lodged for ACC projects as agreed by the Flower Show Committee.

During the financial year 2016 / 17 we received the following **grants** for the purposes stated:

Levensat Trust	£23,188	Windows
Renewable Energy Fund	£ 7,700	Windows
Baird Trust	£ 2,000	Windows
Listed Places of Worship	£ 8,125	Windows
WAT Group	£ 250	Feasibility Study
WAT IF?	£ 2,500	Feasibility Study
WAT IF?	£ 370	U/counter Freezer
WAT IF?	£ 348	Flower Show Trophies

Also, the Flower Show Committee donated £506 from the **Flower Show Fund** towards the set-up costs of the "Wee Church Café",



and the WAT Group supplied the beautiful shrubs and plants etc for the replenishment of the planters in front of the Auchengray Church Centre.

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

Summary of Accounts - Auchengray Church Centre Trust									
Period 1 April 16 - 31 March 17									
	General Fund Budget	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Previous Year	
		General Fund	Fabric Fund	Reserve Fund	ACC Fund	Flower show			
Receipts									
Donations									
Offerings (open plate)	1200	1126					1126		1190
Gift Aid	2800	2860	0		0		2860		3585
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	750	970	5		0		975		944
Other offerings, donations etc	1800	2231	290		0		2521		2486
Total Donations	6550	7187	295	0	0	0	7482		8205
Grants									
Windows Restoration					41013		41013		25946
Feasibility Study					2750		2750		
Under Counter Freezer					370		370		
Flower show trophies (2015)						348	348		
Receipts for fundraising activities									
Flower show 15						575	575		200
Flower show 16						738	738		
Other		16					16		0
Rent from land and buildings									
Donations from Hall users	1000	1420					1420		1090
Receipts from other charitable activities									
Wee Church Café		978					978		0
Total Receipts	7550	9601	295	0	44133	1661	55690		35441
Payments									
Charitable Activities									
Local ministry / outreach	1640	655					655		733
Heating Oil	1000	1455					1455		834
Electricity	500	556					556		331
Insurance	1925	1965					1965		1643
Telephone / broadband		189					189		
Fabric repairs and maintainance	1870	439	0				439		1780
Equipment purchases		500					500		1042
Wee Church Café		948				506	1454		
Under counter Freezer					370		370		
Thermal upgrades Feasibility Study					3653		3653		
Church windows restoration					40509		40509		28578
EA / CCLI / SCT	280	331					331		280
Publicity, stationery, postage	75	50					50		50
Flower Show 15 (incl trophies)						540	540		
Flower Show 16						302	302		
Total charitable activities	7290	7088	0	0	44532	1348	52968		35271
Asset and Investment Movements									
Purchase of fixed assets									
Total Payments	7290	7088	0	0	44532	1348	52968		35271
Surplus (deficit) for year		2513	295		-399	313	2722		170
Transfers between funds		-1000	430	0	820	-250	0		0
Brought forward balance		5643	2512	1000	1408	1213	11776		11606
Carried Forward Balance		7156	3237	1000	1829	1276	14498		11776
Statement of Balances									
Bank and Cash in Hand		7156	3237	1000	1829	1276	14498		11776
Third Party Collections and Payments									
Tear Fund (Carol service)							160		
New Beginnings (Carol Service)							160		
The notes on the following page form part of these accounts									
Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf -									
R Campbell Fisher - Chairman / Treasurer									

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 2016– 31 March 2017.

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

Collections for third parties:

At a Christmas Carol Service held on Sunday 4 December 2016 gifts of £160 for Tear Fund and £160 for New Beginnings, Carlisle were received and subsequently passed on to those groups.

Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 31 March 2017.

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 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.

Signed

Date

Robert Nelson ACMA CGMA

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Accountability, Volunteers

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

The Trust greatly benefits from volunteers who assist with all manner of tasks, from grass cutting to washing up, from legal advice to property maintenance and cleaning.

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

. . . and Vision

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 was the first stage and this has already made a significant impact on the comfort level in the church. This is a good indication of the effectiveness of appropriate measures, skilled craftsmanship and an understanding of the nature of the property. The recent initial Feasibility Study undertaken by Wham Architecture has provided clear guidance on the way forward from here, recommending a renewable heating system, insulation and refurbishment incorporating further heat retaining materials. We are now seeking funding for the next stage which is the Detailed Design / Statutory Approvals and Costs.

Not? letting the grass grow under our feet

Meanwhile we are also looking to progress the next part of the landscaping design which will include signage, notice boards and laying out the enclosed garden area. We expect that this will make a major improvement to the appearance of the premises and provide a pleasant place to sit and enjoy the sunshine!!!



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

Signed on their behalf by

Date

R Campbell Fisher (Chairman)

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10 things you (maybe) didn't notice in 2016 - 17

More than **2,000**
cups of tea / coffee have been
served with a smile and a
welcome!

Approx **100** bags of
clothes and toiletries were
delivered to
Edinburgh Direct Aid

Our new freezer saved us over
100 miles/month
in shopping trips

Around **40 volunteers**
contributed to the success of the
Annual Auchengray Flower Show

75 tubs of jelly beans were
purchased from the
"Very Wee Sweetie Shop"

2,265 (approx) panes of
glass were removed, restored and
refitted into the church
windows

20 Volunteers
have served on the ACC
Committee

15 huge pieces of stone
were shaped and fitted
round the rose windows
with a tolerance of + / - 1mm

Our ACC Trustees have a
combined total of
427 Years
of Life Experience!

The total cost of the windows
restoration project was
£68,611.50 p
(over two years)