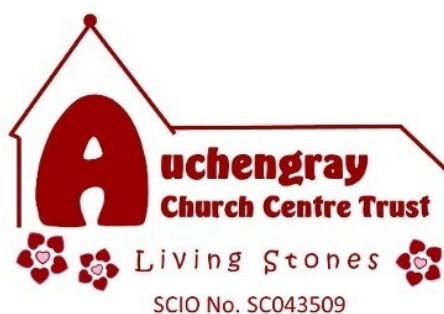


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The Annual Report of Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO) 2018 ~ 2019



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Annual Report 18/19

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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.

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.

This year two of our Trustees attended a lunch and reception with HRH the Princess Royal, who is Patron of Scotland's Churches Trust. Apparently they chatted about the importance of good drainage!



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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 Auchengray Church Centre 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 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 can be sure of a heartily warm welcome at Auchengray Church Centre! We hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report for 2018 /19.



*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 2018 – 19

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Introducing the 2018/19 Annual Report

Some years ago two intrepid ladies from Auchengray travelled to Monkey River Village in Amazonas, Brazil to attend the celebration of the completion of the New Testament in the Apurina language.



During the week of festivities the visitors were asked to introduce some good Scottish sports day events; "tossing the caber" was an immediate success but the "tug o' war" brought an interesting response from the elders - "surely if two groups pull on the same rope in opposite directions they won't go anywhere - **they need to pull together to achieve anything**". The younger guys, unhindered by logic or philosophy, thoroughly enjoyed the event but the comment, coming from one-time warriors, was not lost on the guests!



During the past year the ACC Trust has been "pulling together" with other local groups in order to achieve the best outcomes for our community.

Pulling together . . .

in Auchengray & District Community Church

Monthly Services: During this past session we have appreciated speakers from different denominations, national and international mission organisations and our own in-house speakers.

Christmas events: The Hamilton Salvation Army Band, with friends from as far afield as Clydebank, again led our ever popular annual Community Carol Service in December. New for this year was a joyous hand-bell ringing item involving members of the congregation.



A team of volunteers from the Community Church assisted by members of Forth Parish Church produced the Stable Trail for the pupils of Auchengray Primary School. This was an interactive retelling of the Christmas story (see page 9). Some of the scenery was retained for the Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight, adding a helpful backdrop to the message in song.

Other Events: We also hosted Auchengray Primary School's Harvest and Easter Assemblies which are always excellent and very well supported by parents, grandparents and members of the wider community. Annabel and Robyn's Easter duet was particularly moving.



Several members of the congregation visited other churches for a number of special meetings and events; we heard Bob Fu from China Aid speaking at a church in Strathaven, attended a CARE (Christian Action, Research and Education) event in Edinburgh, Christmas Glow, an evening of readings, music and meditation around tableaux of the first Christmas in Forth, and the People's Passion, a beautiful hybrid of theatre and worship by Drama Kirk, in Carluke.



Our monthly **Open House** meetings for prayer and Bible study continued through the winter, and from January to March our weekly **Sundays@7** series of Bible studies considered some of the main characters and events in "The Story" from the end of Exodus through Joshua, Judges, Ruth and 1 Samuel.

Pulling together . . . to provide hospitality

The Wee Church Café continues to be a welcome oasis for a good number of local residents and also for visitors from further afield.



The cafe that runs on a Thursday afternoon has become somewhat of a life line to many within the community. Living in such a rural area makes it difficult to find time to sit down and have a chat with friends, catching up on general gossip but more importantly just being able to talk.

Moira, a busy Mum

We have only been in Scotland since May 2016 but already feel very much part of the local Community. That has been in large part due to the opportunities we had to meet everyone at the many Community activities that take place at Auchengray Church Centre.

The success of the weekly 'Wee Cafe' has contributed to this by providing a venue for all age groups, from the very young to the very old to come together and chat in an informal, welcoming setting and it has been quite remarkable. It is where we started to meet people and to become involved in the community. It is also where young mums can come together and chat while their children can play in a safe area. Older members of the community can also pop in and 'catch up' with friends. A vital facility in a widespread rural area.

John and Patricia, active Seniors



Auchengray Church Centre provides a warm, welcoming venue for regular groups and occasional users with a selection of complementary fair-trade teas and coffees available for all guests.

This year the Trust has provided additional catering equipment making it easier for those who wish to provide a light lunch, buffet or full meal as part of their event. Those doing so are required to adhere to current Food Safety Regulations.

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to support local groups

During the past year Auchengray Church Centre has welcomed the following regular groups:

Auchengray and District Community Church, Sundays@7, Tarbrax Community Council, the Gardening Club, Caring Knitters and Craft Group, Sew'n'Chat, the Wee Church Café, Auchengray Rural and Auchengray Primary School, along with meetings of the WAT Group, WAT IF?, Auchengray Flower Show Committee, Auchengray Church Centre Committee Open Meetings, and other ad hoc meetings.

WAT IF? also held a Volunteers' brunch, Defibrillator Training, First Aid Training, a Community Forum and a Wireless Broadband Community Drop-in and Stakeholders' Meeting. Esteem Clydesdale held a Suicide Awareness and Prevention event.

The annual Auchengray Flower Show was again well supported by entrants, attendees and local businesses - thanks to the AFS Committee for all their hard work throughout the year to make it such a hugely enjoyable event.

Three Craft Fairs were again held in the run up to Christmas:

*We had a very successful Craft Fair yesterday.
All our regular customers came and I was surprised to see so many "new faces". Not only did they purchase goods from us, they stayed for coffee and cake and a blether.
If we keep going at this rate we'll certainly need more space!*

June, Craft Group Secretary

These meetings and events whether large or small work together to encourage varied interests, participation, co-operation and friendships; they also provide valuable opportunities for networking with other groups.



Pulling together . . . ***with local Volunteers***

In March this year we were joined by volunteers from **WAT IF's Pathways Group** and **Volunteers' Timebank** for a **Wild Woods Workparty!**



A number of unsteady trees were taken down, low growth removed and a drainage channel dug. Further clearing has since been done and this has opened up opportunities for this wooded area to be developed for **recreation**.

We have also begun discussions with **Auchengray Primary School** with regard to the possibilities of using this as an **outdoor learning area**. Already there are enthusiastic suggestions for encouraging birds, bog planting and other woodland projects.

For those looking for a more relaxing garden experience we have purchased three garden benches, courtesy of a **generous grant from the WAT Group**. Two are deluxe park seats made from recycled plastic, situated in the enclosed garden, the third is a timber bench in front of the hall - all with superb views of the surrounding countryside!



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with Auchengray Primary School

We hugely value the varied opportunities to support Auchengray Primary School, whether through hosting their **seasonal Assemblies** in the Church at Harvest and Easter, or the annual **"Scottish Event"** in January, all followed by celebratory gatherings in the Wee Church Café.



**Anyone for
"Fearsome Beasties
And Haggis Pizza"?**



In December we were joined by volunteers from **Forth Parish Church** and along with some **parents** we produced the **Stable Trail** for the pupils of Auchengray Primary School. This was a journey through the account of the first Christmas with music, drama, crafts and some unexpected discoveries!



All the children at Auchengray would like to send a special thank you to everyone at the Auchengray Church Centre for organising a truly magical Stable Trail on Thursday. All the children loved it. We are so grateful for your continued support."

Ms Wright
Principal Teacher APS

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for ACC Projects 18/19

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 2018 / 19 we received the following **grants** and **specified donations** which were used for the purposes stated:

Grants:

| | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| LEADER | Thermal Upgrade etc Design | £18009.45 |
| LPOW | VAT on Upgrade etc Design | £1298.34 |
| WAT Group | CCTV | £600.00 |
| WAT Group | Garden Benches | £1400.00 |

Total Grants received 18/19 **£21,307.79**

Specified Donations:

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Donations | Thermal Upgrade etc Project | £10020.00 |
| Gift Aid Tax | Thermal Upgrade etc Project | £2500.00 |

Total Specified Donations received 18 / 19 **£12,520.00**

The Design of the Thermal Upgrade etc (Heating, Insulation and Refurbishment Project) was completed at the end of June 2018. We are grateful to **LEADER** for providing a total of £25,000 for this over the past two financial years.

Also to the **Listed Places of Worship scheme** which provided a grant to cover the VAT on this.



WAT Group

In March 2019 we received two grants from the **WAT Group** with which we purchased three garden benches (see page 8) and a six camera CCTV system which will contribute significantly to visitor comfort and security.

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 2018 Flower Show **£383.04**

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

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for the future

Following completion of the Thermal Upgrade etc Design the Project was divided into a number of sub-projects. These were agreed as:

- ◇ External conservation works
- ◇ Installation of a ground source heating system including a new plant room to the rear of the church
- ◇ Insulation and refurbishment of zone 1 (the church area)
- ◇ Insulation and refurbishment of zone 2 (the hall area)
- ◇ Alterations to the hall stage / entrance area.

The total cost of these plus fees, CTP etc was estimated at £502.488 +VAT
Eighteen applications were submitted to grant funding bodies of which the following were successful:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| LEADER | £100,000 |
| Levenseat | £50,000 |
| REF | £70,000 |
| Garfield Weston | £20,000 |
| Green Economy Fund | £40,000 |
| SSE | £40,000 |
| Scotland's Churches Trust | £3,000 |
| WAT IF? | £30,000 |
| WAT Group | £5,000 |
| Local Funding | £4,500 |
| Personal Donations | £12,520 |
| TOTAL Pledged (by April 2019) | £375,020 |
| Listed Places of Worship | 96% of VAT |

During the period of preparing funding applications we fleshed out the general awareness of ACC being a valued community asset to a more detailed understanding of how the premises are currently being used, the community profile, and how the Project will enable ACC Trust to better serve this community in the future in fulfilment of our Aims.

We were hugely helped in developing this understanding by the **WAT IF?** Community Action Plan research which identified a number of needs which we are currently addressing and other key needs that we will be able to respond to following the completion of the Project.



We are currently in discussion with the Design Team and the prospective Funders to identify aspects of the Project which could be deferred, enabling the core aspects of the Project to go ahead.

***We are grateful for the encouragement and
support of the local community and grant funders.***

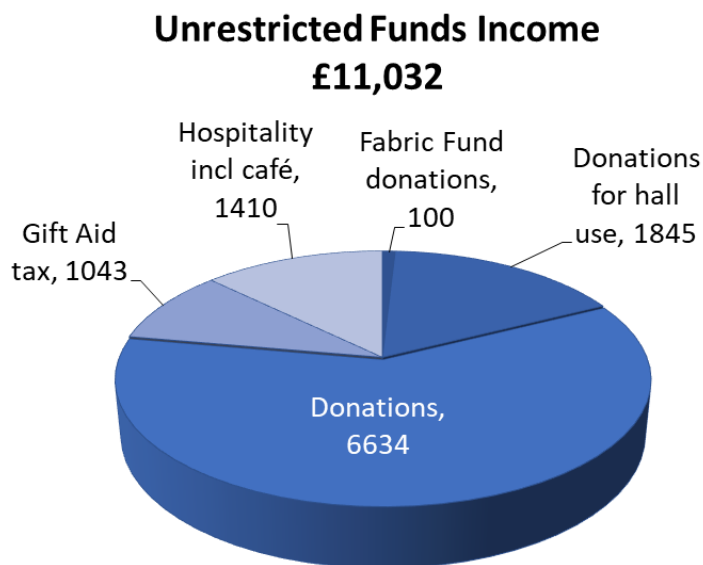
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Maintaining Routine Finance

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.

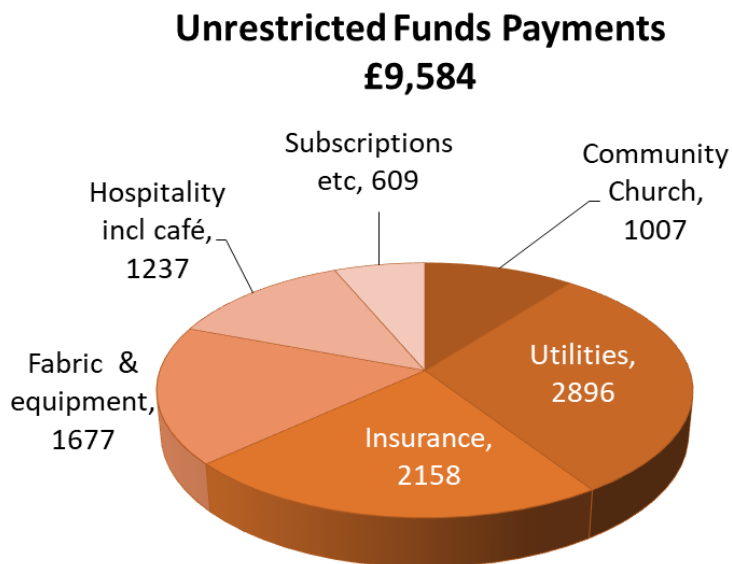
The **income** to these funds comes mainly from donations to the Community Church (including Gift Aid) and from hall users.



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

These include:

heating oil, electricity, telephone, broadband, insurance, equipment and property maintenance, hospitality, annual subscriptions, fees and stationery etc.



We also hold an unrestricted **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!**

| Statement of Receipts and Payments - Auchengray Church Centre Trust | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------|-------------|---|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| For the period 1 April 18 - 31 March 19 | | Unrestricted funds | | | Restricted Funds | | | | |
| | | General Fund | Fabric Fund | Reserve Fund | Flower show | ACC | Total Funds | | Previous Year |
| Receipts | | | | | | | | | |
| Ordinary Receipts | | | | | | | | | |
| | Offerings, donations etc | 3178 | 100 | | | | 3278 | | 3506 |
| | Gift Aid | 3450 | 0 | | | | 3450 | | 3210 |
| | Tax Recovered on Gift Aid | 1043 | 0 | | | | 1043 | | 1039 |
| | Total Donations | 7671 | 100 | | 0 | 0 | 7771 | | 7755 |
| Receipts for fundraising activities | | | | | | | | | |
| | Flower show | | | | 557 | | 557 | | 814 |
| | Other | 6 | | | | | 6 | | 17 |
| Rent from land and buildings | | | | | | | | | |
| | Contributions from Hall users | 1845 | | | | | 1845 | | 1645 |
| Receipts from other charitable activities | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hospitality including Café | 1410 | | | | | 1410 | | 1224 |
| Total Ordinary Receipts | | 10932 | 100 | 0 | 557 | 0 | 11589 | | 11455 |
| Extraordinary Receipts | | | | | | | | | |
| | Donations | | | | | 20 | 20 | | 0 |
| | Gift Aid | | | | | 10000 | 10000 | | 0 |
| | Tax Recovered on Gift Aid | | | | | 2500 | 2500 | | 0 |
| Grants | | | | | | | | | |
| | WAT Group (CCTV) | | | | | 600 | 600 | | |
| | WAT Group (Garden Benches) | | | | | 1400 | 1400 | | |
| | Grounds landscaping | | | | | | 0 | | 19025 |
| | Bistro Tables and chairs | | | | | | 0 | | 500 |
| | Thermal upgrades Detailed Design | | | | | 19308 | 19308 | | 6946 |
| Total Extraordinary Receipts | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33828 | 33828 | | 26471 |
| Total Receipts | | 10932 | 100 | 0 | 557 | 33828 | 45417 | | 37926 |
| Payments | | | | | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | | | | |
| Ordinary Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| | Community Church | 1007 | | | | | 1007 | | 1179 |
| | Utilities | 2896 | | | | | 2896 | | 3153 |
| | Insurance | 2158 | | | | | 2158 | | 2083 |
| | Fabric repairs and equipment | 1677 | | | | | 1677 | | 1498 |
| | Hospitality including Café | 1237 | | | | | 1237 | | 1386 |
| | Subscriptions, Publicity, Other | 609 | | | | | 609 | | 394 |
| | Flower Show | | | | 174 | | 174 | | 144 |
| Total Ordinary Expenses | | 9584 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 0 | 9758 | | 9837 |
| Extraordinary Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| | Grounds landscaping | | | | | | 0 | | 21059 |
| | CCTV | | | | | 608 | 608 | | |
| | Garden Benches | | | | | 1404 | 1404 | | |
| | Thermal upgrades Detailed Design | | | | | 11265 | 11265 | | 15236 |
| Total Extraordinary Expenses | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13277 | 13277 | | 36295 |
| Total charitable activities | | 9584 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 13277 | 23035 | | 46132 |
| Governance Costs | | 0 | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Total Payments | | 9584 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 13277 | 23035 | | 46132 |
| Surplus (deficit) for year | | 1348 | 100 | 0 | 383 | 20551 | 22382 | 0 | -8206 |
| Transfers between funds | | 5000 | 3172 | 0 | 0 | -8172 | 0 | | 0 |
| Brought forward balance | | 2794 | 275 | 1000 | 1946 | 277 | 6292 | | 14498 |
| Carried Forward Balance | | 9142 | 3547 | 1000 | 2329 | 12656 | 28674 | | 6292 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Statement of Balances | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank and Cash in Hand | | 9142 | 3547 | 1000 | 2329 | 12656 | 28674 | | 6292 |
| Third Party Collections and Payments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Edinburgh Direct Aid | | | | | | 186 | | |
| | Clydesdale Food Bank | | | | | | 177 | | |
| | Auchengray Primary School | | | | | | 100 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| The notes on the following pages 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 2018– 31 March 2019.

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 to unrestricted funds of £8,172 were made following receipt of a grant payment to cover expenditure incurred from restricted funds during 2017 / 2018.

Collections for third parties:

At a Christmas Carol Service held on Sunday 2 December 2018 gifts of £186 for Edinburgh Direct Aid and £177 for Clydesdale Food Bank were received and subsequently passed on to those groups.

A further £100 from specific donations received was passed on to Auchengray Primary School.

Independent Examiner's Report

on the accounts of Auchengray Church Centre Trust for period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

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

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

***Pulling together . . . all together
at Auchengray Church Centre!***



ACC Trust is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC043509