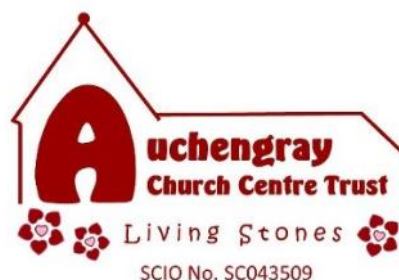


There is a Time for Everything . . .



The Annual Report of Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO) 2019 ~ 2020



Auchengray Church Centre Trust

Annual Report 2019 / 2020

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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 (SCIO) SC043509

Auchengray Church Centre

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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 guests.

Welcome from the Trustees



*Campbell Fisher
(Chairman,
Acting Treasurer)*



*Alex Kelly
(Safeguarding Officer)*

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.



*Stephen Hunter
(Depute Treasurer)*



*Jane Hunter
(until Jan 2020)*



Timea Kelly



Betty Gowans



Linda Fisher (Secretary)

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 2019 /20.

Seven Trustees (as shown) served during the financial year 2019 – 2020

A Season for Every Activity . . .

Trustees 2019 - 20 Seven Trustees served during this past year as shown on page 3; Jane Hunter stood down as Trustee in January 2020. We are grateful for all Jane's input since October 2016 and particularly grateful that she is happy to continue her other areas of support to the Trust - especially baking her amazing scones for the Wee Church Café! Thank you, Jane!



Heating, Insulation and Refurbishment Project: This past financial year has been to a large extent dominated by this Project. Huge efforts were made to raise the necessary funding (£492,872) and on 30 August 2019 three Trustees met with the Design Team and the Contractor for our pre-start meeting - the Project was really about to happen! See pages 8 -12.

Auchengray & District Community Church

Monthly Services: During this past session we have appreciated our own in-house speakers, Campbell Fisher, Steve Hunter and Chris McDermott, along with Jen Robertson from Scottish Bible Society and Johnny Fisher from Health Communications Resources / First Response Radio.



Superb keyboard accompaniment was provided by David Clark from Airdrie Baptist Church and Audrey Murphy from Forth Parish Church.

In September we wished Willie Shearer "Happy 80th Birthday" following our service in the church.

From October until February our services took place in the church hall then we moved back into the church in March.

Christmas events: The Hamilton Salvation Army Band again led our ever popular Community Carol Service in December but this year, because the Church was unavailable the service was held in Auchengray Primary School with Christmas refreshments served afterwards in the church hall. A number of the children and their parents took part for the first time and it was a very happy evening.



"Carols by Candlelight" lost nothing of the Christmas Eve anticipatory atmosphere by being in the hall rather than the church. It seems that restrictions can encourage imaginative solutions!

Several members of the congregation attended the Christmas Glow at Forth St Paul's Parish Church which is always a welcome oasis of reflection in the midst of the busy-ness of the season.

Our monthly **Open House** meetings for prayer and Bible study continued from September - March, and from January to March our weekly **Sundays@7** group considered topics from the "Jesus the Game-changer" series.

Other Events: In February some of us enjoyed an evening of up beat praise and worship from the Clyde Valley Praise band at Carstairs Parish Church, led enthusiastically by Rev Elizabeth Clelland, chaplain of Braehead House.

The Wee Church Café

The weekly Café continued to be a popular venue for locals and others from further afield.

Because the church was not available during the last few months we were not able to host as many annual school / parent events.



However we enjoyed a visit from some of the pupils with a display of their "bees" project in October. . .



and a celebration following the official "Switch On" of the school Muga Pitch floodlights by Cllr Catherine McClymont in November.



Auchengray Flower Show

The Annual **Auchengray Flower Show** took place in the church and hall on Saturday 7 September 2019 and was opened by Mrs Carol Pennock, Head Teacher of Auchengray Primary School. After this it was all hands on deck

clear the church and vestry areas for works to begin on 16 September.



From then on the church and vestry were sealed off and not available for public use but there was a real buzz in the district that Auchengray Church Centre was about to undergo such a major makeover!

Regular Groups

All the regular groups were able to continue in the hall and a new group called "Singing for Health" began. This is organised by WAT IF?'s Seniors' Worker, Jane Wilson. Initially monthly, it proved very popular and soon became twice monthly. Sew'n'Chat was suspended in February pending re-arrangement of storage etc. Other ad hoc meetings and events have been accommodated throughout the year; also three Craft Fairs in the run up to Christmas. During the past year Auchengray Church Centre Trust has welcomed the following regular groups:

Sundays

Evening Praise



7.00pm on the first Sunday
of the month Sept ~ June

Sundays @ 7

Other Sundays Jan ~ Mar

Mondays



Singing for Health

2nd and 4th Mondays

1.30 ~ 3.00pm

Mondays

Tarbrax Community Council

3rd Mondays at 7.30pm



Tuesdays

Caring Knitters

and

Craft Group

Tuesdays at

7.30pm



Wednesdays

Sew'n'Chat

1.00 ~ 4.00pm



Thursdays

The Wee Church Café

is open on Thursdays

from 2.00pm - 5.00pm

for Cakes & Confectionery
and hot & cold beverages



Thursdays

2nd Thursday at 7.30pm



Heating, Insulation and Refurbishment Project - zone 1



**Roof works -
church and vestry**



**Ground Source
Heating System preparation**



**Aquifer
successfully located**



Plant Room



Stripping out



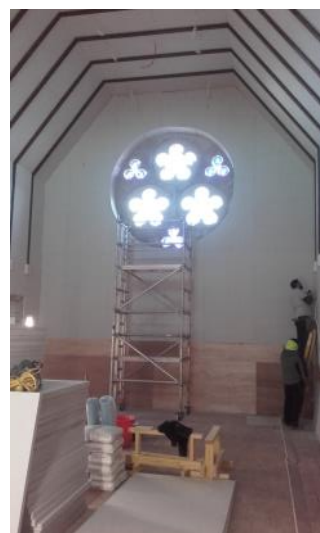
Structural issues



Framing and Insulation



Heating, Electrical, Sheeting and Decor



Heating, Insulation and Refurbishment Project - zone 2

Stripping out



Floor Preparation



Lockdown . . .



A Lockdown Visitor!



We are very grateful to the following organisations and groups for their financial support for the Heating, Insulation and Refurbishment Project :



Supported by



WAT Group



WAT IF?

**WOOLFORDS AUCHENGRAY
& TARBRAX IMPROVEMENT
FOUNDATION**



**Garfield Weston
FOUNDATION**



A Good Move . . . and an Unexpected Pause

On the 1 March 2020 we moved into the church to allow work to begin in the hall. A temporary serving area was set up in the church so that refreshments could be provided and for two weeks the warm, bright new surroundings were enjoyed by all the groups even though some finishing works are still to be completed.



However, by mid-March the new word everywhere was "Coronavirus" and sadly the premises had to be closed to the public and the construction work was also closed down.

We are looking forward to the completion of the Project and having full use of the premises when activities are permitted to resume.

Meanwhile the "Try Praying" banner is displayed in the garden and the hall windows carry rainbow messages of hope!



Other Auchengray Church Centre Projects:

Outdoor Woodland Learning and Play Area:

Good progress has been made with clearing felled timber and thanks to **generous local donations** we were able to have a sturdy fence and gate erected alongside the burn so that children will be able to play more safely in the woods but still be able to access the burn under supervision.



Further development of the woodland awaits completion of the Heating, Insulation and Refurbishment Project and the subsequent removal of the construction workers' site offices etc.

The Garden: This is becoming more established and we are grateful to the **Volunteers** who maintain it and keep it tidy.



Stained Glass Window Project: Some years ago a window was removed from the hall to make way for the serving hatch. This window was kept in storage to be made into a back - lit stained glass feature for the main church and hall entrance.

Planning has begun with a Peebles based glass artist to have school and community workshops to create this.



Financial support 19 / 20

Restricted Funds

Auchengray Church Centre Fund:

The **ACC Fund** is a **Restricted Fund** into which grants and specified donations are lodged; these may only be used as specified by the Donors.

During the financial year 2019 / 20 we received the following **grants** and **specified donations** which were used for the purposes stated:

Grants:

Garfield Weston	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£20,000
Green Economy Fund	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£40,000
LEADER	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£29,442
Levenseat	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£15,838
Listed Places of Worship	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£22,678
Renewable Energy Fund	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£24,268
Scottish Churches Trust	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£3,000
SSE	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£40,000
WAT IF?	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£25,000
WAT Group	Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment	£10,000

Total Received for Heating, Insulation & Refurbishment £230,226

Other Grants:

Tabrax Community Council	Stained Glass Window Project	£500
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Specified Donations:

Donations	Stained Glass Window Project	£3,200
Gift Aid Tax	Stained Glass Window Project	£800

Total received for Stained Glass Window Project £4.500

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

Financial support 19 / 20

Restricted Funds (continued)

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 2019 Flower Show

£436

Financial support 19 / 20

Designated Funds

Fabric Fund:

The **Fabric Fund** is a **Designated Fund** into which designated donations are lodged for particular Fabric expenditure.

Designated Donations:

Donations	Woodland Fence and Gate	£835
Gift Aid Tax	Woodland Fence and Gate	£59

Total received for Woodland Fence and Gate

£894

Reserve Fund:

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, administration, management advice, property maintenance, setting up and cleaning.

This cannot be readily quantified on a chart but it is **all very much valued!**

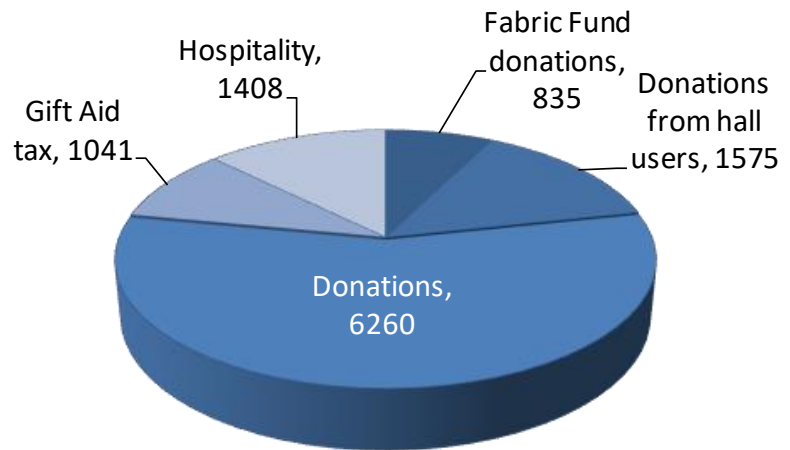
Routine Finance

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 Income £11,119

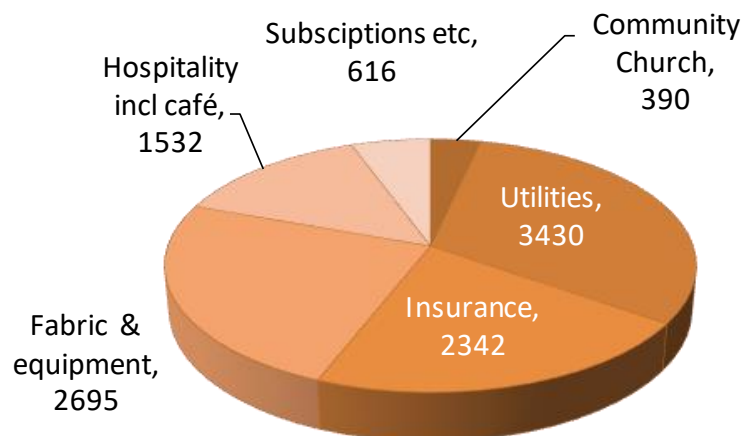


Unrestricted Funds Payments relate to the routine running costs of the Trust.

These include:

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

Unrestricted Funds Payments £11,005



A Special Thank You to Muirhall Energy who paid for the installation of our CCTV System to increase the safety and security of our premises during the "Lockdown".

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

Summary of Accounts - Auchengray Church Centre Trust							
1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020							
	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds			
	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Reserve Fund	Flower show	ACC	Total Funds	Previous Year
Receipts							
Ordinary Receipts							
Donations							
Offerings, donations etc	3,103	100				3,203	3,278
Gift Aid	3,157					3,157	3,450
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	983					983	1,043
Total Donations	7,243	100		0	0	7,343	7,771
Receipts for fundraising activities							
Flower show				772		772	557
Other						0	6
Rent from land and buildings							
Contributions from Hall users	1,575					1,575	1,845
Receipts from other charitable activities							
Hospitality including Café	1,408					1,408	1,410
Total Ordinary Receipts	10,226	100	0	772	0	11,098	11,589
Extraordinary Receipts							
Donations		500				500	20
Gift Aid		235			3,200	3,435	10,000
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid		58			800	858	2,500
Grants							
CCTV						0	600
Garden Benches						0	1,400
Stained Glass window					500	500	
Thermal upgrades					230,226	230,226	19,308
Total Extraordinary Receipts	0	793	0	0	234,726	235,519	33,828
Total Receipts	10,226	893	0	772	234,726	246,617	45,417
Payments							
Charitable Activities							
Ordinary Expenses							
Community Church	390					390	1,007
Utilities	3,430					3,430	2,896
Insurance	2,342					2,342	2,158
Fabric repairs and equipment	1,550					1,550	1,677
Hospitality including Café	1,532					1,532	1,237
Subscriptions, Publicity, Other	616					616	609
Flower Show				336		336	174
Total Ordinary Expenses	9,860	0	0	336	0	10,196	9,758
Extraordinary Expenses							
Grounds - fence		1,145				1,145	
CCTV						0	608
Garden Benches						0	1,404
Thermal upgrades					230,751	230,751	11,265
Total Extraordinary Expenses	0	1,145	0	0	230,751	231,896	13,277
Total charitable activities	9,860	1,145	0	336	230,751	242,092	23,035
Governance Costs							
Total Payments	9,860	1,145		336	230,751	242,092	23,035
Surplus (deficit) for year	366	(252)		436	3,975	4,525	22,382
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brought forward balance	9,142	3,547	1,000	2,329	12,656	28,674	6,292
Carried Forward Balance	9,508	3,295	1,000	2,765	16,631	33,199	28,674
Statement of Balances							
Bank and Cash in Hand	9,508	3,295	1,000	2,765	16,631	33,199	
Third party collections and payments							
Tear Fund						150	
Clydesdale Food Bank						150	
Auchengray Primary School						117	
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 2019– 31 March 2020.

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: There were no Transfers between Funds.

Collections for third parties:

At a Christmas Carol Service held on Sunday 1 December 2019 gifts of £150 for Tearfund and £150 for Clydesdale Food Bank were received and subsequently passed on to those groups.

A further £117 from specific donations received at the Wee Church Café was passed on to Auchengray Primary School.

Independent Examiner's Report

on the accounts of Auchengray Church Centre Trust for period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

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

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 being undertaken 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

***first impressions of the
(very nearly) finished church area . . .***

It looks
amazing!

I love it!

It's so
pretty!

Wow!

So much
more
welcoming

I love the
wood
touches!

Beautiful
cedar dado

Beautiful
light and
airy space

Amazing
improvement

Wow!

I kind of like
the stripes
on the roof

I really
like how
you kept
some of
the stones

Very new
and
white

It feels
amazing!

Wow!

What a
transformation!

So bright
and airy

an asset to our
community

Lovely
atmosphere

Lovely
environment

It's just
incredible!

I look forward
to spending
more time
here!