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Socially Distanced - June 2021

***The Annual Report of
Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO)
2021 ~ 2022***



Auchengray Church Centre Trust

Annual Report 2021 / 2022

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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 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.

ACC Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) SC043509

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Auchengray Church Centre

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Welcome from the Trustees



*Campbell Fisher
(Chairman,
Assistant Treasurer)*

The five current Trustees are as shown. All five served throughout the year 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022.

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.

The past year saw ACC emerging from an extended period of closure due to major upgrade works complicated by the Covid pandemic.

By the Summer of 2021 the main works relating to the Thermal Upgrade and Refurbishment Project were drawing to a close, with minor snagging continuing thereafter. Over the following months volunteers tackled the big clean-up, sort out and reorganising of furnishings, equipment etc.

Covid was still a recurring issue and the Trustees decided on a cautious and phased approach to re-opening, aiming for a sustainable rhythm as we all adjusted and re-adjusted to the changing social landscape.

It was apparent that although some people couldn't wait to get back to "normality", for others the "new normality" could never be the same as before.



Myra Dick (from July 2020)



Betty Gowans



Linda Fisher (Secretary)

“Wow ~ it’s like a mansion!”

This was the response of one of ***our first official visitors, the children of Auchengray Primary School*** when they visited in June 2021. As our next door neighbours they took a keen interest in the Thermal Upgrade and Refurbishment Project and were anxious to see the results for themselves. During their visit they presented the Trustees with letters thanking us for the Exploring Easter Programme which we had held in the Church Garden assisted by Valerie Sim of Scripture Union Scotland, for the restoration and refurbishment of the church and hall - and for the Easter chocolate!

I bet your glad that you have got rid of those big containers that were in the car park

Thankyou for organising a fun Easter I liked the chocolate

The church must be nice and toasty

Now you’ve got the under ground heating that must be a weight of your shoulders!

I feel you have improved the community spirit. I feel friendship and warmth

Your new roof looks beautiful. Your windows are shaped like candles.

I like that the church is eco-friendly. PS hope you like the church and no more diggers making noise.

I also remember it being so cold but now you have put in insulation (lots of lovely wool)

Thank you for the super extremely good Easter lesson and the super super good chocolate bunny

Thank you for the chocolate and the Easter activities and the assembelys and the wee café. The church has transformed a lot.

“It’s like a mansion” This quote may have reminded some of you of the words of Jesus as given in the old King James’ Version of the Bible “In my Father’s house are many mansions”. Jesus goes on to say in John 14 that He is going to prepare a place for us, that we might be with Him. It is the Trustees’ hope and prayer that those who find a place at ACC will also find the joy of the Father’s presence.



During July and early August we held ***“Bring Your Own Picnics”*** on Sunday afternoons. It was great to relax with friends again after such a long time of separation. The premises were open and some who took the opportunity to spend time in the church spoke of a sense of welcome and peace.

In Mid-August we held our first indoor ***family service*** then in September we resumed our monthly ***evening services*** and re-opened the ***Wee Church Café.***

Sunny Days and Rainy Days was an all age service to mark the start of the new school year. Guests Valerie Sim (SU Scotland) and Calum Keys (2CY Trust) led us through a lively presentation from the story of Nehemiah’s building project and the wise and foolish builders in Matthew’s Gospel. We learned that in life, as in building projects, we need the RIGHT FOUNDATION to weather the storms!



Harvest 2021

Plastic is Drastic!

In October the schoolchildren made garden items from discarded plastic goods and the Café hosted an exhibition of these items. Although Covid restrictions did not allow the children to attend with the display it was great to feel connected again and to be able to give them our support.



Gifts brought to the Harvest service were combined with those from the school and delivered to Clydesdale Food Bank.

***ACC - space to celebrate and share,
to love, lament, and hope,
to laugh and to learn***

The Wee Church Café was the chosen venue for friends, family and café regulars to celebrate the occasion of ***Jane Wilson's retirement*** from WAT IF? at the end of October.



"Light a Candle in the Darkness" At the November service we remembered with thanksgiving those who had given sacrificially on our behalf both in conflicts and during the pandemic. There was also an opportunity to reflect on our personal experiences of loss, lighting candles and looking forward in hope.



Hot Chocolate Sundays: This new venture is a series of all age events with a themed programme of activities, songs and Bible teaching. Our first one ***"In Search of Light"*** took place in November.





A free **Wreath Making Workshop** was organised by **WAT IF?** at the beginning of December. This event was fully booked and participants enjoyed making wreaths out of natural materials under Aileen's inspiring tuition.



Community Carols and Nativity



Our **Community Carol Service** included readings, songs, prayers and "The Angry Hotel Man" - a musical Nativity sketch by Stephen Fischbacher. We were pleased to be joined by Rev Sumit Harrison and family who all took part enthusiastically along with our local "stars".



Carols By Candlelight on Christmas Eve featured extracts from All Souls Langholm Place / Christmas Film. The restrictions of the past months have opened up **new opportunities** to access internet content and support.

New Year 2022:

Covid was again a very present threat and some planned bookings were postponed.

However, the ***New Year Praise*** service gave us an opportunity to re-focus, count our blessings and move forward.

Our second ***Hot Chocolate Sunday*** took place in mid-January with the theme ***"Build a Bard"***. We had a quiz about some Scots poets and then went on to learn about David, the shepherd boy who defeated Goliath and became a musician, poet, and King.



In February we were able to include ***Communion*** at our service; this was another very welcome ***"first for a long time"***.



Our ***Hot Chocolate Sunday*** in March began with an egg hunt in the church woods before going into the church to discover a ***joy-full surprise*** in the Easter story.



On 31 March 2022 the **Wee Church Café** hosted an impressive display of **Victorian Inventions** by the older pupils of **Auchengray Primary School**, along with a mouth watering **Bake Sale** arranged by the younger children. We were thrilled that this time the children were able to attend the Café. Their knowledge was impressive and their enthusiasm a real breath of fresh air!



In addition to funds raised by the school bake sale the Wee Church Café raised £54.50 for school funds.



Summary

The premises re-opened in a phased manner, beginning with ***“Bring Your Own Picnics”*** last summer (2021), followed by ***Community Church Services***, the ***Wee Church Café*** and other ***ACC Trust events*** run in accordance with relevant government regulations and Covid guidelines etc. We enjoyed support from David Clark who played keyboard for our services and Valerie Sim (SU Scotland) and Calum Keys (2CYTrust) who assisted with some of our all age events.

Our outdoor spaces have proved very valuable throughout the year.

WAT IF? arranged a huge ***bulb planting initiative*** across the area and ACC were able to benefit from this and to provide refreshments for the participants.

The Trustees have agreed to the use of the ***church woodland*** as an outdoor learning area by ***Auchengray Primary School*** and we look forward to further developments of the grounds.

WAT IF? began using ACC in February for some meetings and also arranged for a representative from ***Forth Community Resources Centre*** to attend the café monthly offering advice and support to local residents.

A local business used the premises for the first time, for a staff ***First Aid Course***.

All visitors have expressed ***great appreciation*** of the upgraded facility.

Thermal Upgrade and Refurbishment Project:

This is now substantially complete. The main elements of this were:

- ***External conservation:*** Church roof and high-level stonework repairs including the removal of the stone finial at the front apex of the church roof.
- ***Installation of the ground source heating system:*** Boreholes, new plant room and equipment, radiators in the church, radiators and underfloor heating in the hall.
- ***Insulation:*** The church and hall were both stripped back to the outer shell, framed and insulated with wood fibre, sheep’s wool and calstherm insulation etc as appropriate to each area.
- ***Refurbishment of church and hall:*** The work has been completed to a high standard with many attractive features as well as functional installations.
- ***Front Vestibule:*** This has been extended through into the re-shaped area at the front of the hall to give easier access to both the church and the hall.

The Project has resulted in major improvements throughout the premises. However, while the Heating system is generally working, the efficiency is below that expected and the church area is not heating sufficiently. These matters are being addressed by the Trustees, Architect, Contractor and Heating Sub-contractor.

Some aspects of the Conservation works had to be deferred due to cost restraints and will need to be factored into ongoing maintenance and repairs.

While the Trustees were comfortable with this steady, phased approach during the past months of Covid uncertainty and Project difficulties, we look forward to some previous groups returning and / or new ones forming in the coming months as opportunities arise.

Willie Shearer: It was with much sadness that we learned of the passing of one of our Founding Trustees, Willie Shearer. Willie was well known throughout the whole area, having driven the school buses for many years and always willing to lend a helping hand wherever he could during his retirement. He loved the **Faith, Food and Friendship** mix at Auchengray Church Centre and generously supported the Trust hoping that others might find this too.



Financial support 21/ 22

Comments relating to the charts on pages 12 and 13

The **General Fund** is an **Unrestricted Fund** used for the routine operation of the Trust. Income and Expenditure for 21 / 22 are detailed overleaf.

This is the first year since the formation of the Trust that the annual income has not covered the annual expenditure. This was a result of reduced opportunities for raising income due to Covid and increased fuel costs due in part to the building works. A healthy balance had previously been built up in readiness for expenditure relating to the building works and this, along with a **£1,000 grant from WAT Group** covered the deficit.

£4,500 was transferred to the ACC account for the Thermal Upgrade Project.

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

A **grant of £3,600** was received from **WAT Group** towards re-start costs. So far this has provided new safety and security equipment, AV equipment including a ceiling mounted projector and screen for the hall and Covid screens at the serving counter. Other agreed items are still to be purchased.

£3000 was transferred to the ACC account for the Thermal Upgrade Project.

We 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.

The Reserve Fund balance remains unchanged from last year.

The **Flower Show Fund** is 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**. There was no Flower Show in 2021 so no income to this fund.

£2000 was transferred to the ACC account for the Thermal Upgrade Project.

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 2021/22 we received **grants** totalling £16,503 for the Thermal Upgrade Project. This comprised £10,620 from LEADER and £5,883 from Listed Places of Worship.

A total of **£9,500 was transferred into the ACC account** from the above funds for the Thermal Upgrade Project as budgeted / agreed by the relevant Committees.

Previously specified donations totalling £4,500 are currently held in the ACC Fund for the Stained Glass Window Project.

General Fund Income and Expenditure 2021 - 2022

Our **General Fund** is used for the routine operation of the Trust.

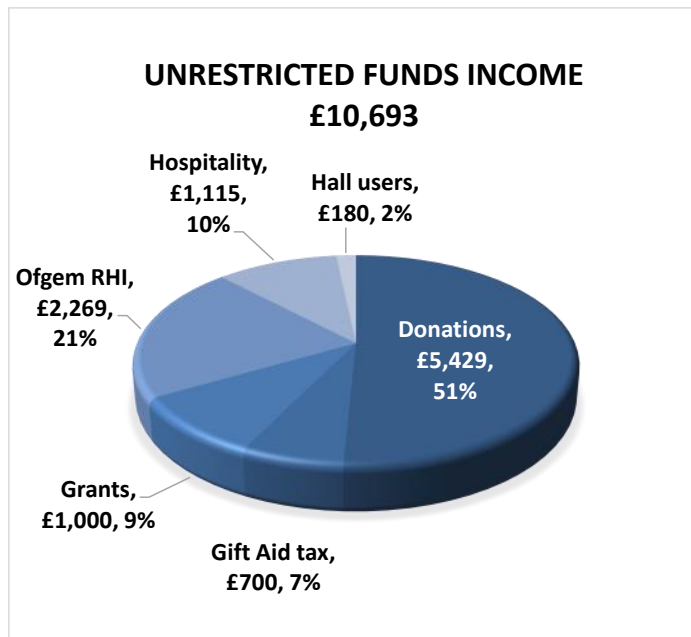
The **income** to this fund usually comes mainly from donations to the Community Church (including Gift Aid) and from hall users.

We are grateful to the members of the Community Church who continued to support the Trust during the past year and to WAT Group who provided a grant of £1,000 to offset loss of income due to covid.

Our application for RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) was successful and we received three RHI payments during this financial year.

The Wee Church Café re-opened in September.

There were six meetings / events held in the premises by others.



General Fund Payments relate to the routine running costs of the Trust. These are:

Community Church:

services and all-age events.

Hospitality:

the Wee Church Café and other catering costs.

Utilities:

heating oil, electricity, telephone and broadband,

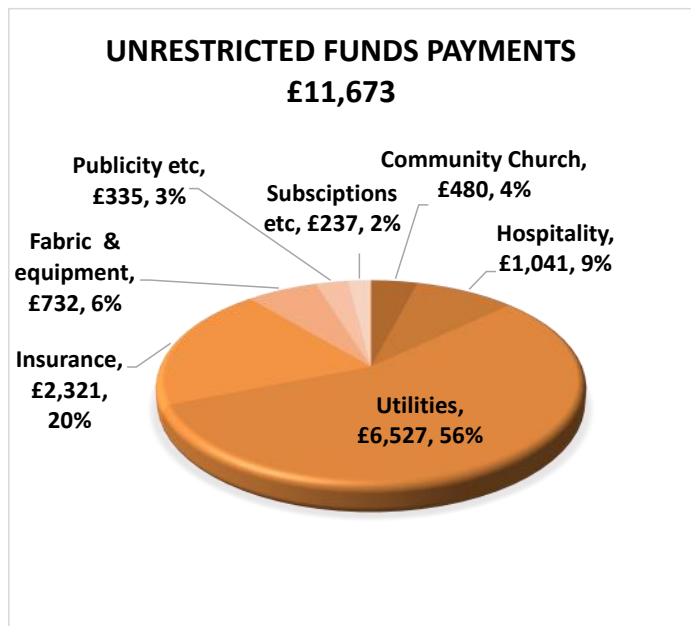
Insurance:

Buildings, Contents and Trust indemnity

Fabric and equipment:

servicing, safety checks and maintenance of equipment

Publicity, fees, stationery etc. and Annual Subscriptions.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

We are very grateful for the ongoing encouragement and amazing support of the local community and grant funders throughout our cautious re-opening post-building-project and post-covid!!

Thank you also to Susan Peter who shares so many super photos with us!

Summary of Accounts - Auchengray Church Centre Trust							
1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022							
	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds			
	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Reserve Fund	Flower show	ACC	Total Funds	Previous Year
Receipts							
Ordinary Receipts							
Donations							
Offerings	498					498	0
Gift Aid	2400					2400	4650
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	700					700	1198
Other offerings, donations etc	2531	0				2531	2179
Total Donations	6129	0		0	0	6129	8027
Receipts for fundraising activities							
Rent from land and buildings							
Contributions from Hall users	180					180	325
Receipts from other charitable activities							
Hospitality including Café	1115					1115	110
Ofgem RHI payments	2269					2269	
Total Ordinary Receipts	9693	0	0	0	0	9693	8462
Extraordinary Receipts							
Grants							
WAT group	1000	3600				4600	200
Thermal upgrades					16503	16503	221931
Total Extraordinary Receipts	1000	3600	0	0	16503	21103	222131
Total Receipts	10693	3600	0	0	16503	30796	230593
Payments							
Charitable Activities							
Ordinary Expenses							
Community Church	480					480	0
Heating Oil	281					281	206
Electricity	5959					5959	2163
Insurance	2321					2321	2393
Telephone / broadband	287					287	429
Fabric repairs and maintainance	469					469	80
Equipment purchases	263					263	734
Hospitality including Café	1041					1041	9
Subscriptions and training							
EA / CCLI / SCT	237					237	150
Publicity, stationery, postage	176					176	52
Flower Show				0		0	0
Other expenses	159					159	69
Total Ordinary Expenses	11673	0	0	0	0	11673	6285
Extraordinary Expenses							
TCC Christmas lights					0	0	200
Restart costs		1791				1791	0
Thermal upgrades					36669	36669	220570
Total Extraordinary Expenses	0	1791	0	0	36669	38460	220770
Total charitable activities	11673	1791	0	0	36669	50133	227055
Total Payments	11673	1791		0	36669	50133	227055
Surplus (deficit) for year	-980	1809		0	-20166	-19337	3538
Transfers between funds	-4500	-3000	0	-2000	9500	0	0
Brought forward balance	11685	3295	1000	2765	17992	36737	33199
Carried Forward Balance	6205	2104	1000	765	7326	17400	36737
Statement of Balances							
Bank and Cash in Hand	6205	2104	1000	765	7326	17400	
Third Party Collections and Payments							
Auchengray Primary School					54.50		
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 2021 – 31 March 2022.

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 transfers totalling £9,500 from the General, Fabric and Flower Show Funds to the ACC Fund.

Collections for third parties: £54.50 was collected for Auchengray Primary School.

Independent Examiner's Report

on the accounts of Auchengray Church Centre Trust for period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

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 the Trust 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 assists the Trustees with the administration of property matters.

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



Gathering together - March 2022

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