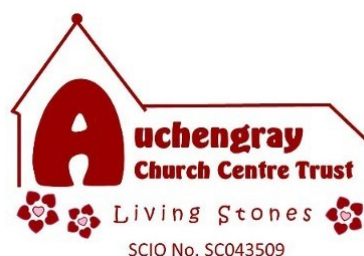


We are here!



***The Annual Report of
Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO)
2022 ~ 2023***



Auchengray Church Centre Trust

Annual Report 2022 / 2023

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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**

Our Address is:

Auchengray Church Centre

Auchengray Road, Auchengray, Carnwath, ML11 8LN

Welcome from the Trustees



*Campbell Fisher
(Chairman,
Assistant Treasurer)*

The five current Trustees are as shown. All five served throughout the year 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023.

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 year to 31 March 2023 brought both significant challenges and encouragements for the Trust.

The national energy crisis in Summer 2022 threatened the financial viability of the Trust until government intervention on behalf of small businesses and charities gave us time to plan ahead and we were able to end the financial year with a general fund surplus.

In Autumn 2022 some community groups returned to Auchengray Church Centre for the first time since March 2020 - an absence of almost two and a half years! We were delighted to welcome them back.

In December 2022 the final payment regarding the Thermal Upgrades Project was paid. This closed a major Project which began over six years earlier!

In spite of the difficulties and uncertainties of the times -

We are (still) here!!



Myra Dick



Betty Gowans



Linda Fisher (Secretary)

Activities



In May 2022 instead of a "Hot Chocolate Sunday" we held a somewhat chilly **"Ice Cream Sunday"**. This was an all-age event led by Calum Keys of 2CY Trust. The theme was Kings, Queens and Champions and ended with Right Royal Ice Cream Sundaes.

The sun shone in June when the Trust held a **"Bring-Your-Own-Jubilee-Picnic"** as part of the UK wide Big Jubilee Lunch celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a great day with a Garden Party Hat competition, Jubilee Art Display by Auchengray Primary School, kids' games in the Muga Pitch, Face Painting, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Slide Show of 70 years in the local area.



It was great to have the support of the Marshall family and we were delighted that Frazer and Robert were awarded their Scout Jubilee badges for their involvement.



At our all-age service in August we explored the theme of **"God's Golden Rules"** with hymns and songs old and new.

Monthly evening services and **"Open House"** (house groups) resumed in September.



On the Sunday following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we opened the church for a time of reflection and thanksgiving for her life.

"O Christ our God . . .

Fill my heart always with the joy of faithful service"

Queen Elizabeth II



In September the **Auchengray Flower Show** returned, the first since 2019! Although billed as a "scaled down" version the Committee's hard work was rewarded with a good show and enthusiastic participants.

Thank you to the Committee and to Cllr Julia Marrs for officiating. Well done Calum and all the other prizewinners and participants!

Later in September the **Wee Church Café** hosted a display on climate change by **Auchengray Primary School**. Customers were invited to complete an online or paper survey on the subject.

The Café also provided space for the school to have a regular **"pop up shop"** for pre-loved school uniforms and fancy dress costumes.

The October **Community Church Harvest Thanksgiving** was followed a few days later by **Auchengray Primary School's Harvest Assembly**. Gifts of non-perishable food from



both services were delivered to **Clydesdale Food Bank**.

The Wee Church Café was registered with the **UK Warm Welcome** initiative throughout the Winter.



We held two carol services in December, **Community Carols** in early December and **Carols By Candlelight** on Christmas Eve.

We also delivered **"Christmas Unwrapped"** a Christmas programme for the pupils of Auchengray Primary School. We were supported in the preparation of this by Calum Keys of 2CY Trust.



In January **Auchengray Primary School** returned with their very popular **"Scottish Event"** followed by some traditional Scottish fare in the Wee Church Café!



In February the **P4 - P7's** visited the Wee Church Cafe to **interview** some of our "older" customers about childhood activities in the 1960's. This generated some great conversations with the general conclusion that children of the 60's (and before!) had a lot of fun!

In March Campbell Fisher and Calum Keys visited the school with an **Easter programme and Real Easter Eggs**, both of which were very well received.

At the end of term **The Wee Church Café** provided refreshments to parents and guests following the School's Spring Assembly.

Our weekly **Wee Church Café** continues to be a popular meeting place for regulars and visitors alike.

Community Church

The **Trust** continues to provide regular services, fellowship gatherings, house groups and all-age events through the **Community Church**. These offer opportunities for prayer, praise, Bible teaching and public worship to all.

Two of our Trustees have been speakers at our monthly services and Calum Keys of 2CY Trust has supported our all-age and children's events.

In November some of our members attended a Scripture Union Scotland gathering hosted by Larkhall Baptist Church. This was an inter-church event.

Coming and Going

In April 2022 we welcomed new members **Marilyn and Michel Barbey** who are now our resident musicians and graciously lead our times of praise. They are a blessing to us.

Early in 2023 we said farewell to **Gerald and Roberta Wilson** who have moved to Haddington to be closer to family. Gerald and Roberta have faithfully supported the church at Auchengray for more than two decades. We will miss them, and their lovely Irish accents!

Celebrations of Life

The following Celebrations of Life were held in Auchengray Church



April 2022: Robert (Bobby) Speirs, a well known and much loved resident of the area throughout his long life of almost 90 years. Bobby's service was conducted by Rev Sumit Harrison of Carnwath & Carstairs Parish Churches.

April 2023: John Lammie, a resident of Auchengray and a well known face at the Wee Church Café. John's service was conducted by Campbell Fisher of Auchengray & District Community Church.

May 2023: Thomas (Tammy) Brewster, a retired farmer and resident of the area for many years.

Tammy's service was conducted by Rev Eckhardt Bosch of Forth St Paul's Parish Church.

It is a privilege to be able to serve local residents and their families in this way and to partner with fellow churches and clergy.

Post Covid Return

Auchengray Church Centre Trust

ACC Trust has been steadily developing a programme of Trust events and activities since the premises re-opened to the public in the Summer of 2021. This has continued throughout the year April 22 - Mar 23. (See pages 4-7) In common with similar organisations our numbers have not yet fully returned to pre-covid levels but we are encouraged by new people coming into the area and becoming involved.

Community Groups

WAT Group held their AGM in April 2022 and **TWA & District Community Council** meetings returned in May 2022.

In Autumn 2022 the **leisure groups** began to return.

The weekly **Caring Knitters and Craft Group** returned in August 2022. This group knits for several good causes including premature babies and people with dementia. They also support learning various other crafting skills and they held two successful **Craft Fairs** in the run up to Christmas.

Sew'n'chat, a monthly machine sewing group, returned in October 2022. This is a small friendly social sewing group which offers something for all sewing interests and levels of experience.

By February 2023 we were almost back to the pre-covid level of church, school and community group use. The landscape has changed, however. Some folk are reluctant or no longer able to return to traditional organisations - one long established group, the Auchengray WRI, has folded after almost ninety years of strong support in the area.

But a new **WAT IF?** group - a **Singergie Community Choir** - started in October 2022 and has become very popular. Several attendees, the choir leader and musicians are new to ACC.

WAT IF? brought two sessions of "**Aileen's Christmas Wreath Making Workshops**" to ACC in December. These were both fully subscribed and all participants were delighted with their creations.

There were five **WAT IF? Seniors' Lunches**, including a superb Festive Lunch in December. Guests enjoyed great food and great company at all of them.

During the year to 31 March 2023 **WAT IF?** used ACC for ten business meetings, including Trustees' meetings, Staff interviews and Staff training.

Energy Crisis Impact

In August 2022 we were notified that our electricity costs would be increased by more than 100% as of September 2022. This represented a **400%** increase in 18 months and still further increases were anticipated. Our main heating system is the recently installed Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) which runs entirely on electricity.

Recognising that these energy costs would be unsustainable within our expected level of income the Trustees held an emergency meeting and agreed immediate, medium term and long term measures to address the issue. We notified local stakeholders of the situation. Six weeks later we were able to report that intervention by the UK Government to cap energy prices for charities and small businesses had given us a welcome reprieve until the end of our financial year, 31 March 2023.

We continued to implement our cost reduction measures as follows:

Short Term: The timing of the heating was adjusted to maintain a lower temperature for longer periods when the building was unoccupied, taking into account the potential impact on the fabric. This reduced the flexibility of use and required a high commitment to manual intervention but was necessary in the short term. Thermal blinds were installed on the west windows of the church and this significantly reduced the chill effect in that space. We received a grants totalling £2,397 from WAT Group and Listed Places Of Worship for the purchase of these.

Medium Term: We continued to investigate ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the GSHP system. (see Property report on page 10)

Long term: We progressed plans etc for the erection of a shelter in the ACC grounds to provide a covered outdoor activity / learning space with 20 PV panels on the roof and the placing of a "ground array" of a further 30 PV panels beyond the NE corner of the church. The PV panels would reduce our dependence on grid electricity and allow us make best use of the GSHP system going forward.

Renewable Energy Fund (REF) agreed a grant of £3,540 for Architect's fees, planning costs etc. Plans were drawn up by Wham Architecture and at an ACC Committee Open Meeting in March 2023 these plans received overwhelming support by all those present.

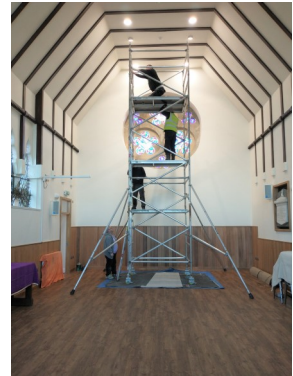
We are currently awaiting relevant consents from South Lanarkshire Council.

Property Matters

Thermal Upgrade and Refurbishment Project

The final inspection of the Project, one year following “completion”, was carried out in July 2022 by Scott Wham (Architect) and John McClory (Contractor) along with ACC Trustees Campbell Fisher and Stephen Hunter. A number of matters were identified for attention and these were addressed over the following weeks.

Overall the Project has been hugely successful and the final payment was made in December 2022.



Ground Source Heating System

Shortly after the installation of this system but before the management and operational set-up was completed, the installation sub-contractor was bought over by a different company which subsequently closed down that part of the business. Attempts to get the system running to the standard of efficiency specified within the original contract were unsuccessful as the new company no longer had the necessary expertise. Following advice from external bodies the Trustees decided to identify a new GSHP company to provide servicing and any adjustments required to the system. This situation is ongoing.

In February 2023 the manual thermostats were replaced by remote controlled thermostats and this has improved the efficiency of use and greatly reduced the need for twice daily in person intervention.

Maintenance, Repairs etc

The premises are one hundred and sixty years old so ongoing maintenance is an essential part of managing them for current and future users. While appropriate trades are employed for electrical work and maintenance of safety equipment etc we also benefit from many hours of voluntary labour to keep Auchengray Church Centre clean, fresh and welcoming, inside and out.

Upgrades to the AV systems this year have been appreciated by those wishing to use various media options, to relay services etc from the church through to the hall and to live stream events to family abroad. We are grateful to Alan Gibson for getting the wifi extension up and running through to the church.

In order to spread the load and provide opportunities for those who wish to become involved we have started two new volunteer groups - the Gardens Group and the Technical Support Team. These groups are in addition to the existing Auchengray Flower Show Committee and the ACC Committee. The latter takes the form of “Open Meetings” at which the Trustees report back to supporters and other interested parties on the financial position of the Trust and on matters pertaining to the Property. It is an important opportunity to benefit from the experience, feedback and input of a wider cross section of the community.

Finance 2022/ 2023

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.

Contributions from **ACC users** amounted to **£2,712** (up from £180 in the previous year). This increase reflects increased use post covid, catch-up payments from before covid and the generosity of some users.

We received four **RHI** payments during this year, totalling **£4,761**.

WAT Group gave a grant of **£420** for oil. The oil boiler is used for heating the hot water.

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

A grant of **£500** was received from **TWAandDCC** to replace the **Christmas Star** which is mounted on the front of the church each Christmas. This was no longer working and the new one is a beautiful addition to the Community Christmas lights.

£588 was used for further items as per the **WAT Group** restart grant received in the previous financial year. These included **AV cables and fittings, additional keys etc.** and also the super eight-seater **picnic table** which was assembled by Robert Marshall with a little help from his Dad, Alistair.

We 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. The Reserve Fund balance remains unchanged from last year.

The **Gardens Group Fund** is a Designated Fund into which grants and donations are lodged for particular expenditure relating to the Auchengray Church Centre gardens and grounds. A grant of **£2044** was received from **WAT Group** for the replacement of damaged **planters** etc.

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. **WAT Group** donated **£490** towards the cost of running the Flower Show in 2022.

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.

We received grants totalling **£11,644** towards the final payment of the **Thermal Upgrade Project**. This comprised **£5,000** from **WAT IF?**, **£4,800** from **WAT Group** and **£1,844** from **Listed Places of Worship**.

WAT Group also gave a grant of **£2,397** towards the **Thermal Blinds** for the church and for the **remote controlled thermostats**.

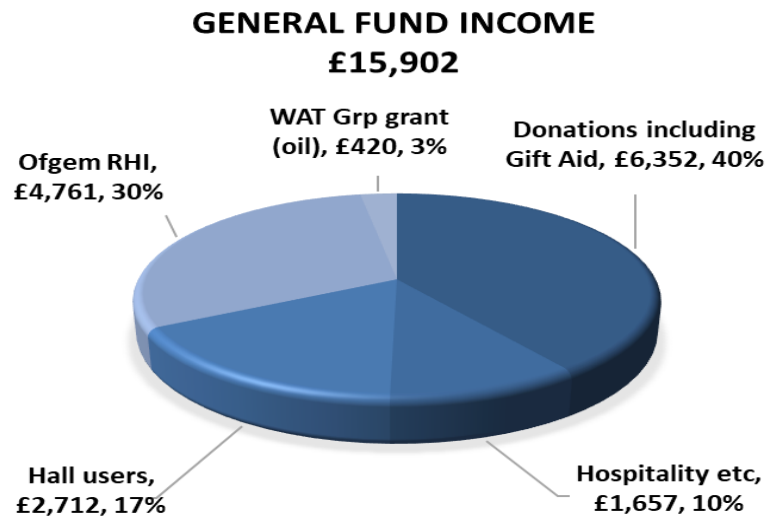
Listed Places of Worship gave a grant of **£405** towards the blinds.

The **REF** grant for plans etc for the **PV Panels Project** will be paid retrospectively.

Previous donations totalling **£4,500** are currently held in the ACC Fund for the **Stained Glass Window Project**. A further **£1,000** donation is yet to be allocated.

General Fund Income and Expenditure 2022 - 2023

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



The **income** to this fund includes donations to the Community Church (including Gift Aid), Hospitality income (which is mainly donations to the Wee Church Café), and donations for the use of the premises.

We received four Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments during this financial year for the use of the Ground Source Heating System.

We are grateful to WAT Group for a grant of £420 towards the cost of oil.

The **payments** from this fund relate to the routine running costs of the Trust. These are:

Community Church:

services and all-age events.

Hospitality:

the Wee Church Café, other catering costs and janitorial expenses

Utilities:

electricity, oil, telephone and broadband

Insurance:

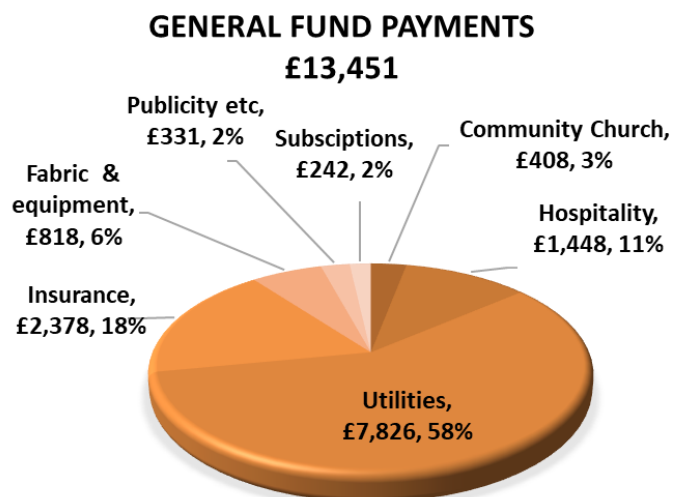
Buildings, Contents and Trust indemnity

Fabric and equipment:

servicing, safety checks and maintenance, upgrades etc

Publicity, stationery etc

Annual subscriptions



Summary of Accounts - Auchengray Church Centre Trust

1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds			
	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Reserve Fund	Garden Group	Flower show	ACC	Total Funds	Previous Year
Receipts								
Ordinary Receipts								
Donations								
Offerings	647						647	498
Gift Aid	2460						2460	2400
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	775						775	700
Other offerings, donations etc	2470						2470	2531
Total Donations	6352	0	0	0	0	0	6352	6129
Receipts for fundraising activities								
Flower show					1004		1004	0
Rent from land and buildings								
Contributions from ACC users	2712						2712	180
Receipts from other charitable activities								
Hospitality including Café	1633						1633	1115
Ofgem RHI payments	4761						4761	2269
Other receipts	24						24	0
Total Ordinary Receipts	15482	0	0	0	1004	0	16486	9693
Extraordinary Receipts								
Donations						1000	1000	0
Grants								
TCC (star)		500					500	0
WAT group (Oil) (Gdn) (FS) (blinds)	420			2044	490	2397	5351	4600
LPoW (blinds)						405	405	
Thermal upgrades (WATIF,WAT grp, LPOW)						11644	11644	16503
Total Extraordinary Receipts	420	500	0	2044	490	15446	18900	21103
Total Receipts	15902	500	0	2044	1494	15446	35386	30796
Payments								
Charitable Activities								
Ordinary Expenses								
Community Church	408						408	480
Heating Oil	420						420	281
Electricity	7114						7114	5959
Insurance	2378						2378	2321
Telephone / broadband	292						292	287
Fabric repairs and maintainance	699						699	469
Equipment purchases	119						119	263
Hospitality including Café	1448						1448	1041
Subscriptions and training								
EA / CCLI / SCT	242						242	237
Publicity, stationery, postage	139						139	176
Flower Show					602		602	0
Other expenses	192						192	159
Total Ordinary Expenses	13451	0	0	0	602	0	14053	11673
Extraordinary Expenses								
TCC Christmas star		498					498	0
Restart costs		588					588	1791
Planters				1734			1734	
Thermal blinds						2397	2397	
Additional heating controls						405	405	
PV Panels project						1486	1486	
Thermal upgrades project						11654	11654	36669
Total Extraordinary Expenses	0	1086	0	1734	0	15942	18762	38460
Total charitable activities	13451	1086	0	1734	602	15942	32815	50133
Total Payments	13451	1086	0	1734	602	15942	32815	50133
Surplus / deficit for year	2451	-586	0	310	892	-496	2571	-19337
Transfers between funds	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Brought forward balance	6205	2104	1000	0	765	7326	17400	36737
Carried Forward Balance	8656	1518	1000	310	1657	6830	19971	17400

Statement of Balances

Bank and Cash in Hand	8656	1518	1000	310	1657	6830	19971
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Third Party Collections and Payments

Clydesdale Food Bank

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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 2022 – 31 March 2023.

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 during this period.

Collections for third parties: £110 was collected for Clydesdale Food Bank at the Community Carol Service.

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Auchengray Church Centre Trust for period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 set out on pages 13 and 14.

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 (as amended). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 view given by 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 **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, the Auchengray Church Centre Committee (currently running as an "Open Committee") which assists the Trustees with the administration of property matters, the Gardens Group which co-ordinates the upkeep of the ACC grounds, and the Technical Support Team which deals with the technical aspects of the premises.

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)

Cycling around the world from Patagonia . . .



September 2022

***. . .via Auchengray
for lunch!***

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