

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 358212 (Scotland)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC040969**

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements For The Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

for  
Girvan Community Garden

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for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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## Girvan Community Garden

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

SC358212 (Scotland)

##### **Registered Charity number**

SC040969

##### **Registered office**

Carrick Buildings 20A  
Henrietta Street  
Girvan  
Ayrshire, KA26 9AL

##### **Trustees**

Audrey Riddell - Chair  
Ward Higgins - Vice Chair  
Nathalie Ceates - Secretary  
Chris Campbell - Treasurer  
Patricia Newmarch appointed as director on 20/12/16  
Grace Newmarch appointed as director on 20/12/16

##### **Directors who resigned in the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Krysia Mulvihill director appointment terminated on 25/3/17

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New Directors are put forward by the members of the company for election.

##### **Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of new trustees**

Training and relevant information on Girvan Community Garden is given to new trustees.

##### **Policy and Governance Introduction.**

As the charity develops they have continued to create and improve all their processes, policies and governance.

##### **Organisational structure and how decisions are made**

The Board of Trustees meets monthly to review progress on activities and take the necessary decisions as necessary and appropriate. The Board has a chairman who provides updates and discusses the day to day operation and financial matters relating to the core activity of the charity. Recommendations for further discussion and decisions are made at the Board.

##### **Investment policy**

The directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

##### **The major risks and systems and management to mitigate risks**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Internal risks are minimised by procedures for the authorisation of transactions and by the development of financial reporting and budgeting processes. These processes are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

##### **Independent Examiner**

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### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES; STRATEGIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE STATED OBJECTIVES**

The purposes of the Charity are listed in bold and strategies for achieving stated objectives are listed below each purpose.

##### Overview and Summary

Girvan Community Garden is an Ayrshire based charity formed in 2007 as a small local project. Originally called "Make It Happen", since then Girvan Community Garden has become a company limited by guarantee and a registered Scottish charity.

The Object of the Charity is to advance the development and regeneration of the area of land situated at the rear of Knockcushan House, 25 Knockcushan St, Girvan, and other areas of land in Girvan and surrounding villages in South Ayrshire for the benefit of the local community.

##### **Purpose One - Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development**

This has been delivered through continuously increased volunteering, training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings and land for the community to use.

##### **Purpose Two - Provision of Recreational Facilities**

Gardening is one of the UK's largest hobbies and the creation of a community garden for use by the community in the area of land situated at the rear of the old Town House has enabled many more individuals within the Girvan area to participate in this activity. Over the last year, there have been over 2000 visitors to the garden.

The Garden has now extended its opening hours and recorded a vast geographic array of visitors to the garden.

##### **Purpose Three - Advancement of Environmental Protection or Improvement**

The encouragement of sustainability is progressed through the establishment of the pond and the wildlife garden which encourage bio-diversity. The garden is maintained with the reduction of the carbon footprint in mind by carrying out organic gardening. Composting systems, enhanced wheelchair access at the main entrance, educational interpretation board and the installation of solar panels. Up-cycling from locally sourced materials was a key focus in the garden this year.

##### The Contribution of Volunteers

Girvan Community Garden utilise the services of a wide range of volunteers, this includes 7 Directors of the Board, which without them the initial development and continued enhancement of the garden would not be able to take place. Volunteering within the garden is still invaluable to the garden's development. Collectively we have amassed a total of almost 3,500 volunteer hours over the 36 week period of the summer season. Volunteers;

- Support the work and development of the garden
- Develop skills and knowledge
- Gain experience to add to their CV and improve job prospects
- Improve their health and well-being
- Use their skills to benefit the local community
- Take part in workshops and training
- Meet new people and make friends

##### The contribution of Government and other Agencies

Funding is achieved from a number of sources in the main from the Voluntary Action Fund. South Ayrshire Council lease the garden to the charity on a long term lease. In addition other funding sources have come from running workshops and educational programmes for South Ayrshire Council. Shop sales and donations still play an important part in the purchase of new and innovative installations and in the replenishment of insurance, essential tools and implements.

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### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

#### Review of Performance

##### Participation.

The garden is open to all, and has been designed to allow both local residents and tourists to have considerable access to what was once an unused and unloved area of ground. The group, through an invaluable group of 2 employees and core volunteers and many intermittent volunteers, deliver participation throughout the year by allowing a wide range of individuals to come together to share in the development of the garden.

- Volunteering and training opportunities
- Projects with local schools and groups
- Regular events for children and their families including Strawberry Teas and Harvest Festival
- Regular 'one off' workshops
- Weekly Green Gym sessions
- 'Grow your own' basic gardening courses
- Organic gardening
- Greenhouse for raising plants and seeds
- Encourage wildlife and biodiversity as much as possible.
- Attendance at many local events such as the Xmas Street Party and the Folk Festival.

##### Fundraising Activities.

Income is generated through a number of sources;

Revenue from a number of fundraising activities including volunteers selling plants, books and baking at local events.

Income generated from sales within the shop.

Generation of income from workshops.

“Grant funding from a range of local, regional and national schemes.

“Donations

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30th April 2017

Summary of Main Achievements.

Thanks to our funders we were able to continue to employ Julie and Jim, without whom our garden would not be as it is today. Their commitment and hard work is invaluable. Our weekly green gym sessions also play a vital role in maintaining and developing our garden. The green gym project goes from strength to strength and for a period of time was able to operate on two days per week this year.

Our yearly calendar of events has become firmly established and we have an excellent reputation within our community as a place to visit and indeed celebrate. Our visitor numbers continue to grow and its lovely to see so many folk returning again and again. It was especially memorable to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A time to reflect on our huge achievements over that time.

Our links with South Ayrshire Council are well established and strengthening with an increasing number of projects underway involving various schools. This development is something we are especially pleased about as it puts local young people and their families at the heart of what we do.

We are truly a community garden.

<http://girvancommunitygarden.com/>

Plans for future periods

The charity has many other ideas and directions on how they wish to enhance the garden design and the structures which are within it.

We have conducted a volunteer survey, the results of which will help guide us for the future and we will continue to use this survey to help us to gauge the opinion of the garden community.

We have increased and expanded our events, established a variety of partnerships, facilitated and hosted conferences and workshops, continue to have a representative on the Ayrshire Leader LAG and plan to continue with this social enterprise approach in the forthcoming year.

We will continue to seek a suitable funding package to continue the community work of our employees from April 2017 onwards.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

.....  
Chris Campbell  
Date: .. .....17.11.17.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Girvan Community Garden

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 set out on pages six to ten.

**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) (a) to (c) 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 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.

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Date: .....17.11.17.....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.4.16 Total funds £	30.4.15 Total funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		17,511	10,000	27,511	31,389
Activities for generating funds	2	<u>2,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,831</u>	<u>4,542</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		20,342	10,000	30,342	35,931
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		4,515	-	4,515	5,609
<b>Governance costs</b>		642	-	642	631
<b>Other resources expended</b>		<u>13,226</u>	<u>9,905</u>	<u>23,131</u>	<u>29,678</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		18,383	9,905	28,288	35,918
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
		<u>1,959</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>13</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		13,900	-	13,900	13,887
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>15,859</u></u>	<u><u>95</u></u>	<u><u>15,954</u></u>	<u><u>13,900</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



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Balance Sheet

At 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.4.16 Total funds £	30.4.15 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Fixtures and Fittings	5	<u>6,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,867</u>	<u>7,376</u>
		6,867	-	6,867	7,376
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>10,026</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>10,121</u>	<u>7,485</u>
		10,026	95	10,121	7,485
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,034)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,034)</u>	<u>(961)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>8,992</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>9,087</u>	<u>6,542</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>15,859</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>15,954</u>	<u>13,900</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>15,859</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>15,954</u>	<u>13,900</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	8	15,859		15,859	13,900
Restricted funds		<u>95</u>		<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
		<u>15,954</u>		<u>15,954</u>	<u>13,900</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

At 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on .....6.11.17..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Chris Campbell

.....  
Audrey Riddell

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Tangible Fixed Assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its useful life, as follows; Fixtures and Fittings – 20% straight Line

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	30.4.17	30.4.16
	£	£
Fundraising and workshop income	<u>2,831</u>	<u>4,542</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 nor for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 nor for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Declaration**

Julie Campbell, wife of Director Chris Campbell during financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 was employed by Girvan Community Garden, the salary and associated costs paid to Julie during this period was £5,178.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

	30.4.17	30.4.16
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>11,194</u>	<u>22,111</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1st May 2016	2,237	31,870	34,107
Additions to 30th April 2017		1,855	1,855
At 30th April 2017	2,237	33,725	35,962
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st May 2016	0	26,731	26,731
Charge for year		2,364	2,364
At 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	0	29,095	29,095
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	2,237	4,630	6,867
At 30th April 2016	2,237	5,139	7,376

£

## 6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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	30.4.17	30.4.16
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-

## 7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.4.17	30.4.16
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,034	689
PAYE		272
	1,034	961

## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.5.16 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.17 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	13,900	1,959	15,859
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted General	-	95	95
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>13,900</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>15,954</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	30,342	28,288	2,054

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

	30.4.17 £	30.4.16 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Grants	14,950	30,697
Donations	2,561	692
Other income	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	27,511	31,389
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Fundraising and workshop income	<u>2,831</u>	<u>4,542</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	30,342	35,931
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>		
Materials	1,284	2,109
Direct Costs	320	3,500
	<u>2,911</u>	<u>-</u>
	4,515	5,609
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and other	642	631
<b>Other resources expended</b>		
Rent, Repairs and maintenance	7,791	2,471
Wages, salaries and training	11,194	22,111
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank Charges	-	-
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	1,782	2,485
Depreciation	<u>2,364</u>	<u>2,611</u>
	<u>23,131</u>	<u>29,678</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	28,288	35,918
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>2,054</u></u>	<u><u>13</u></u>