

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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CHARITY NO: SC036006

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity and the group for the year ending 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

Having called for a strong and ambitious approach, Circular Communities Scotland Ltd were delighted to see The Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 was passed unanimously in the Scottish Parliament on 26th June 2024. Whilst the Bill didn't deliver everything we called for; it did put the circular economy on the national agenda in a significant and positive way. Circular Communities Scotland Ltd had worked with Scottish Government and Parliament giving evidence at Committee stage and supported MSPs to table amendments to make the bill more ambitious, particularly in relation to reuse.

At Circular Communities Scotland Ltd we are passionate about calling for a more circular economy with more reuse, repair and sharing to replace consumption and waste. We are calling for this change because it will deliver significant social, environmental and economic benefits here in Scotland. Earlier this year our CEO represented our members at a keynote climate event with the First Minister where he was able to make the point that reuse supports all four priorities of the Scottish Government. From eradicating child poverty, to growing the economy, tackling climate change and ensuring high quality and sustainable public services, reuse has an important part to play.

As an organisation Circular Communities Scotland Ltd is in a strong place and delivering significant support to our growing membership. To support our work over the next three years we have published our new Strategic Plan which is available on the Publications page of our website. To create this plan we consulted our membership, staff, board, funders, policymakers and wider stakeholders. We have identified three key pillars to drive us towards a more circular economy:

- Building Capacity through our Member Services.
- Creating Opportunities through our Policy Work.
- Strengthening our Organisation.

In this Trustee Report you will find information on our objectives and activities, our achievement and performance during the last year, a financial review, our plans for the future, and details of our structure, governance and management. As trustees we believe the organisation is in a strong place and the staff and board will continue to work hard to deliver our vision of a circular economy in Scotland.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Circular Communities Scotland Vision and Values

Our vision is for a thriving circular economy in Scotland, with local communities benefiting from the social, environmental and economic outcomes.

Our values are the underlying principles that guide our work and are the following:

1. Trust and Integrity
2. Openness and Community
3. Environmental and Social Justice

Circular Communities Scotland Objectives

Circular Communities Scotland objectives are as follows:

1. To conserve and protect the physical and natural environment by reducing the proliferation of landfill sites, and in particular through the promotion of sustainable waste management practices.
2. To advance the education of the public in Scotland concerning recycling, waste minimisation and waste management through a programme of teaching, training, publishing, exhibitions, seminars and any other means for providing public knowledge and information.
3. To promote and fund scientific research for the public benefit in the fields referred to above, and to disseminate the results of such research.
4. To alleviate poverty by working to provide social benefits and economic opportunities to people who are most excluded from society.

Purposes & activities

Circular Communities Scotland is a membership body for community organisations working towards a circular economy by managing waste resources at a local level through recycling, reuse, composting, waste reduction and waste education activities. In addition to providing information and advice to both existing and emerging community organisations, Circular Communities Scotland works to raise the profile of the sector through promotional activity and advocacy. Circular Communities Scotland also strategically supports the sector and its members by working closely with Zero Waste Scotland, the Scottish Government, and local authorities.

In addition to its membership, Circular Communities Scotland also holds equity in the knowledge and experience of its Board of Management and staff, the Circular Communities Scotland brand, and intellectual property in the form of research we have conducted and resources we have written. As well as supporting and representing our members, we are also involved in projects and programmes to support the third sector, in pursuit of zero waste. In the past year this has included:

- The Reuse Consortium
- The Share and Repair Network
- The Affordable Access to Bikes Project

Grant Making policy

The charity supports member organisations in their work by acting as the lead partner in consortium bids for national frameworks. Circular Communities Scotland also distributes grant funding to circular economy-based organisations when they become available.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year was the final year of our Strategic Plan for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025. Our key achievements for the year ended 31 March 2025 are outlined below, demonstrating how we have performed against each of our four Strategic Pillars.

Member Services

Our member services have grown stronger during this period supporting our members to continue to grow and deliver social and environmental impact, key highlights include:

- This year we have supported our members through over 1,500 meaningful interactions with Circular Communities Scotland staff, which includes event attendance, phone and video calls, meetings in-person, email conversations, member-to-member enquiries, or conversations that take place over social media.
- In our 2024 Annual Survey we asked members what they value most about their Circular Communities Scotland membership. Answers included:
 - *“Staying connected with other organisations, networks, and stakeholders allows us to collaborate more effectively, identify new opportunities and partnerships, and adapt our strategies to meet evolving community needs.”*
 - *“Circular Communities Scotland communications are a ‘one stop shop’ keeping us updated on the wider network activities, national policy and the circular economy work happening in Scotland and beyond”.*
- In our Impact Report (*The Difference We Make: 2024 and Beyond*, November 2024), we reported that the combined membership of Circular Communities Scotland employed 2,399 staff and 7,989 volunteers, turned over £136 million and diverted over 30,000 tonnes from landfill, saving the equivalent of 126,089 tonnes of CO₂e. One member said of the Circular Communities Scotland staff team:
“The Circular Communities Scotland team have answered lots of queries for me through email or phone conversations... I really appreciate the 1-1 support and how helpful all the staff are.”
- We delivered a range of member events, including: nine regional forums which support members to network with others in their area; two policy events which provided information to members about relevant updates in the sector, such as the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act, Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and updated reuse guidance; three technical seminars designed to support members with marketing and funding/business support, as well as project-specific events for our Share and Repair Network and Affordable Access to Bikes project. One member said of our events:
 - *“We love Circular Communities Scotland and have enjoyed every event that we have attended...the networking opportunities were brilliant.”*
- Circular Communities Scotland distributed £67,325 of grants in this financial year through the Share and Repair Network Tourism Fund which launched in January 2024, with the aim to use share, repair or reuse to open possibilities for a more circular approach in the tourism sector. Five organisations were awarded funds, and our Fund Coordinator will provide support until June 2025.
 - One recipient of the Tourism Fund told us *“thank you for your support, the project has really enabled us to move on as an organisation, and we are very grateful”.*

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

- We operated the Reuse Consortium in conjunction with nine of our members who traded with seven Local Authorities and one Housing Association. For the Financial Year 24/25, the Consortium diverted over 284,000 kg of waste from landfill equivalent to over 760 tonnes of CO2e and financial trading increased by 9% over the prior year.
 - One Council buyer said of the Consortium: *“Using re-use items allows us to play our part in the council’s wider commitment to reducing our carbon footprint, preventing good working items being taken to landfill”*
- We expanded our Share and Repair Network funded by Scottish Government and Zero Waste Scotland. At the end of March 2025, we had 128 members (we had 107 members at the end of March 2024). We also held our third Share and Repair Gathering event in Stirling in February 2025, which had over 80 attendees. Staff collected verbal feedback during the event using a microphone:
 - *“I’ve enjoyed speaking to lots of different people, some who are in exactly the same boat as I am...so it’s good to get different ideas and find out what people are doing, going through the same issues that you are”.*
 - *“It’s so brilliant to get together with so many other inspiring, motivated people to talk about share and repair, and come up with different ideas for how we can work together, how we can work on our own projects and make them more successful”.*
- Whilst our Affordable Access to Bike project funded by Cycling Scotland, came to a close in March 2025. much was achieved in the last year of operation. We held several events for bike reuse partners and stakeholders, including a quarterly bike reuse workshop and a project stakeholder workshop. We also produced two key publications, including a *Guide for Local Authorities* to make bike reuse happen at recycling centres (July 2024), and a project *Impact Report* (February 2025).
- Our membership remained steady during the year, standing at 258 full members in March 2025 (260 members in March 2024). We continue to have members across all 32 Local Authority areas of Scotland and were pleased to see the membership remain stable despite increasing fees to support our financial stability.

Sector Representation

Representing our membership is a key part of what we do. This year with the Circular Economy Act being passed in Scottish Parliament this was as important as ever. We actively engaged with Zero Waste Scotland, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Government along with wider stakeholders throughout the year. Highlights of our work included:

- Throughout 2024/5 Circular Communities Scotland’s CEO and Membership Manager has met with representatives from the Scottish Government to discuss the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024, which was passed in June 2024. This includes meetings with the Cabinet Secretary, one of which was held at our member’s venue, Edinburgh Tool Library. Circular Communities Scotland also worked with elected members in the Scottish Parliament to propose two amendments to the Circular Economy Act one of which was approved. This amendment related to prioritising reuse in any ban on the destruction of durable goods.

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- Circular Communities Scotland staff have presented at events throughout the year, highlighting the work of Circular Communities Scotland and our members, and the importance of working towards a circular economy in Scotland. Presentations include: speaking to environment students at Strathclyde University, a Circular Economy Policy event for academics and policy officers hosted by Heriot Watt University, Zero Waste Scotland's 'Shout It From the Rooftops' event about the Tourism Fund, presenting to delegates from the Bosnia Hertz Government, and an interview on the Circular Economy Podcast 'Happy Porch'.
- Circular Communities Scotland hosted a Policy Forum for members to share important updates on legislation including the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act and the Circular Economy and Waste Route Map. This event also gave members an opportunity to feed into Circular Communities Scotland's upcoming manifesto due to be published in June 2025, which will focus on 3 key asks centred around prioritising reuse over recycling.

Carbon Benefits

In our last strategic plan, we noted the need for the circular community sector to become more carbon literate which will help individual members, the wider sector, and Circular Communities Scotland to demonstrate environmental benefits more clearly. This year we have progressed this as follows:

- Following the publication of our Feasibility Study in December 2023 Circular Communities Scotland obtained funding from Zero Waste Scotland to develop a prototype carbon calculator for the reuse, sharing and repairing sector in Scotland. In March 2025 the prototype was launched and tested by 11 of our members. We are currently seeking funding to further develop this calculator into an online tool for the sector.

Storytelling

At Circular Communities Scotland we offer a strong and clear articulation of the benefits of a circular economy shared with, by and through our membership. Highlights in our storytelling work this year include:

- Our Annual Conference, 'The Difference We Make: 2024 and Beyond' aimed to recognise the difference our members made this year, to celebrate it, and to envision a future where our sector can do more and be even more than it already is. The event had a record 175 attendees and keynote speakers included the Minister for Climate Action, Dr Alasdair Allan, representatives from Local Authorities including Dumfries & Galloway Council and The Highland Council, and spotlights on influential member organisations Four Square, ILM Highland, Transition Stirling and others.
- Publications and News on our own website and social media, including our 'Reuse Charities Call for a Strong and Ambitious Circular Economy Bill' Policy Campaign, which ran in June 2024 and spotlighted four of our members as they shared their thoughts on what a strong Circular Economy Bill would mean for their work, and the broader sector. This campaign had over 10k impressions on LinkedIn and 6k on Facebook.
- We have also promoted the work of our sector on external websites to increase our online presence, such as our CEO taking part in an interview with the podcast 'Happy Porch' talking about the work of Circular Communities Scotland and the importance of the circular economy sector.

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- We ran our first ever #GreenFridayScotland campaign on November 29th 2024, to give members the opportunity to share their products, events, fundraisers and sales to encourage communities to say no to big business on Black Friday, and to engage with their local reuse charity instead. The campaign ran over just one day but had an impressive reach of between 40-90k impressions across social media and the web.
- Our #ShareRepairAware campaign in February 2025 had 20,000 impressions on social media and over 400 engagements. This year the campaign was used as an opportunity for members to promote their own sharing and repairing activities.

Partnerships and participation

In addition to these activities and to participate in local and national dialogues and decision-making relevant to its members, Circular Communities Scotland is engaged in the following partnerships:

- Circular Communities Scotland is a member of RREUSE, The European network of community re-use and recycling organisations.
- Circular Communities Scotland continues to be active members of the Scottish Community Alliance; Social Enterprise Scotland, Wellbeing Economic Alliance, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and SCVO.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 17, which shows the consolidated income and expenditure of the charity and its subsidiary, Circular Enterprises Limited. Separate results for the charity alone are shown in the income & Expenditure account on page 18 and the results for the subsidiary company are summarised in note 11 on page 28.

The charity on its own generated a deficit for the year of £20,607 (2024: £36,886). The total income amounted to £444,835 (2024: £393,686), of which £249,183 (2024: £231,708) was related to restricted projects and £195,652 (2024: £161,978) to unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date the unrestricted reserves were £104,858,058 (2024: £135,143), with £36,923 (2024: £27,244) in restricted funds.

There were several principal sources of funding for the period 2024/2025:

- Zero Waste Scotland Network Support for Third Sector Resource Management Organisations in Scotland.
- Zero Waste Scotland funding for the Share and Repair Network.
- Zero Waste Scotland Network funding for Share & Repair Circular Tourism Scheme.
- Cycling Scotland funding for our Affordable Access to Bike Project.
- Awards for All funding towards our event programme.
- Trading income from membership fees and events.
- Trading income for our Reuse Consortium.

Investment Policy

Circular Communities Scotland banks with the Triodos Bank, which is one of Europe's leading ethical banks. Circular Communities Scotland's reserves are deposited with the Nationwide Building Society.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Reserves Policy

The Board of Directors has examined the charity's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. This includes consideration of:

- The potential for unforeseen emergencies and day-to-day operating costs.
- The impact on the charity's beneficiaries following a sudden loss of funding or service.
- Uncertainty over future income in the current landscape and the need to allow for any gaps in funding.
- Plan for future growth and funding requirements associated with this.

Circular Communities Scotland, in line with OSCR and Scottish Government recommendations, ensures it has sufficient reserves which are deposited into a Reserve Bank Account.

The Board of Directors has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should cover between 3 and 7 and a half months of the critical expenditure (which is designated as salaries, rent, communication contracts, and utility bills) a figure of between £87,030 and £217,575.

The free reserves of the charity on its own at the year-end were £127,098 so the reserves policy met at the year end. Since the organisation has been growing rapidly in recent years these reserves are prudent to underpin this growth.

Risk Management

Circular Communities Scotland maintains a risk register whereby all identifiable risks to the charity are considered and mitigating actions put in place to minimise the impact to the charity. This is reviewed regularly by the Board. The current risk register has 26 risks identified.

Historically a key risk for the organisation has been our dependence on one funding source, a core network services contract with Zero Waste Scotland. We have continued to grow our trading income and have included the preparation of an Income Generation strategy as a key action in our new strategic plan. As a people organisation, the loss of our CEO, key staff and/or board members are all recognised as important risks to monitor and these are reviewed regularly. Lastly, ongoing financial losses using up our reserves is also identified as a risk to manage and reserve levels are reported monthly in our management accounts.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

At the end of this financial year, we published our Strategic Plan for the next three years (2025-2028). In this plan we set out three key pillars to drive us forward:

Building Capacity through our Member Services – in serving our members our primary focus will be capacity building. Looking forward, we would rather grow our members than grow our membership. Actions within this pillar are focused on Member Analysis and Strategy, Events and our communications.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Creating Opportunities through our Policy Work – here the focus is on making sure our policy representation creates the right conditions for our members to deliver more circular economy activity. We want to see the right policies implemented in the right way to deliver growth in the circular economy. Actions in this pillar include our policy Manifesto, Membership Involvement and Sector Impact (Carbon and Social Impact).

Strengthening our Organisation – whilst we have made strong progress in strengthening the organisation in recent years we want to continue this with the following action areas – Partnership Working, Team and Diversity, Our Impact and Income Generation.

You can read more about our Strategic Plan by visiting the publication page of our website.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 April 2004 and is registered as a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Members of the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

Due to the national remit of Circular Communities Scotland, the Board of Directors seeks to ensure that the differing geographical and key interests of the community resource sector are reflected in the diversity of the trustee body. Proactive recruitment of potential Board of Directors members can take place in the run up to an Annual General Meeting to ensure that all parts of the sector are represented.

Trustee Induction and Training

An overview of the practical work of Circular Communities Scotland is provided to all Trustees, including co-opted members, as part of their induction. Many Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of Circular Communities Scotland being elected from the membership.

An induction pack is prepared and distributed to all members of the Board of Directors. The induction pack also includes any relevant publications on being a Trustee or Company Director such as provided by OSCR, SCVO and Companies House. Staff and board have received training on diversity and inclusion this year as part of our ongoing commitment to this important area.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Organisational Structure

The Circular Communities Scotland Board of Directors meets approximately every three months and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the organisation. At March 2025 the Circular Communities Scotland Board had nine members, six of whom worked for membership organisations and three of whom worked in wider industry.

The new trading subsidiary – Circular Enterprises Ltd - which is wholly owned by Circular Communities Scotland began trading on 1 April 2023.

Day-to-day responsibility for the running of Circular Communities Scotland is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

Staffing

Michael Cook is currently the Chief Executive Officer. He resumed his post following a sabbatical from December 2023 until August 2024, during which time Laura Alcock-Ferguson joined Circular Communities Scotland as Interim CEO. In addition to a part-time (4-day/week) CEO, the current staffing at the year-end consists of two full-time staff and 6 part-time staff.

Key management remuneration

Circular Communities Scotland staff, including all key management staff, are contractually entitled to an annual salary review. The salary review looks at equivalent marketplace salaries for each role and assesses where staff are against the marketplace average and whether any adjustments to salaries for specific roles are warranted. Where particular roles may be difficult to recruit for due to locality or required skillsets, this may also be a factor influencing increases to salary.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	Circular Communities Scotland Ltd	
Charity Number:	SC036006	
Company Number:	SC266160	
Trustees	Naomi Johnson Ian Matheson David Bryan Mark Morgan Rashid Khaliq Sasha Taylor Jon Molyneux Laura Young Donna Wood Mary Michel Chris Hellawell Austin Hardie Marie-Anne Brown Steve Coutts	Chair Resigned 30 th July 2024 Resigned 1 st August 2025 Appointed 1 st July 2025 Appointed 1 st July 2025 Appointed 1 st July 2025 Appointed 21 st August 2025
Secretary	Michael Cook	
Key Management Personnel	Michael Cook Laura Alcock-Ferguson September 2024 Michele Donegan	Chief Executive Officer Interim Chief Executive Officer until 13 Finance & Office Coordinator
Registered Office and Operational Address	Suite 35 Stirling Business Centre Wellgreen Place Stirling FK8 2DZ	
Independent Auditors	Whitelaw Wells Statutory Auditor 9 Ainslie Place Edinburgh, EH3 6AT	
Bankers	Triodos Bank Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AS	
Solicitors	Burness Paull LLP 242 West George Street Glasgow, G2 4QY	

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps he ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 29 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-



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Naomi Johnson
Trustee, Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Circular Communities Scotland for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account), the charity Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account), the consolidated Balance Sheet, the charity Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Accounting Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's and group affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' (who are also the directors of the company for company law purposes) use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If

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we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report, prepared for the purposes of company law and included in the report of the trustees, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report, included with the report of the trustees, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report, included in the report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report, included within report of the trustees, and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error.

From enquiries of those charged with governance, it was determined that the risk of material misstatement from fraud was low with little scope for fraud to occur. Our audit testing is designed to detect material misstatements from fraud where there is not high level collusion.

Our audit testing was designed to detect material misstatements from other irregularities that result from error where there is not high level concealment of the error. In this regard the following audit work was undertaken: applicable laws and regulations were considered, reviewed and discussed with management; senior management meeting minutes were reviewed; internal controls were reviewed; and journals were reviewed. From this audit testing it was determined that the risk of material misstatement in this regard was low.

We performed income and expenditure testing which was designed to identify any irregularities as a result of mistakes or human error. From this audit testing it was determined that the risk of material misstatement in this regard was low.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other Matters

The comparative financial statements were unaudited.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD
(a company limited by guarantee)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and the trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Kevin Cattnach

Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Whitelaw Wells, Statutory Auditor

Whitelaw Wells is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

9 Ainslie Place

Edinburgh EH3 6AT

29 October 2025

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Charitable activities	4	164,136	248,175	412,311	368,380
Other trading activities	5	110,233	1,008	111,241	105,260
Investments - bank interest received		3,270	-	3,270	3,096
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Income		277,639	249,183	526,822	476,736
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		30,719	-	30,719	30,163
Charitable activities		248,213	263,773	511,986	477,032
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Expenditure	6	278,932	263,773	542,705	507,751
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Net (Expenditure)/income		(1,293)	(14,590)	(15,883)	(31,015)
Transfer to/from funds		-	-	-	-
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Net Movement in Funds		(1,293)	(14,590)	(15,883)	(31,015)
Funds reconciliation					
Total funds brought forward	14	141,014	27,244	168,258	199,273
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Total funds carried forward	14	139,721	12,654	152,375	168,258
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The results for the year derive from continuing activities.
There are no gains or losses other than those shown above.
The notes on pages 21 - 34 form part of these financial statements.

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Note				
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Gift aided profits from subsidiary undertaking	5,871	-	5,871	-
Charitable activities	164,136	248,175	412,311	368,380
Other trading activities	22,375	1,008	23,383	22,210
Investments - bank interest received	3,270	-	3,270	3,096
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Total Income	195,652	249,183	444,835	393,686
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Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	30,719	-	30,719	30,163
Charitable activities	170,949	263,773	434,722	400,409
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Total Expenditure	201,668	263,773	465,441	430,572
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Net (Expenditure)/income	(6,016)	(14,590)	(20,606)	(36,886)
Transfer to/from funds	-	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net Movement in Funds	(6,016)	(14,590)	(20,606)	(36,886)
Funds reconciliation				
Total funds brought forward	135,143	27,244	162,387	199,273
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Total funds carried forward	129,127	12,654	141,781	162,387
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The results for the year derive from continuing activities.
There are no gains or losses other than those shown above.
The notes on pages 21 - 34 form part of these financial statements.

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD
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CONSOLIDATED AND CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	Group		Charity	
		2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	2,028	5,159	2,028	5,159
Investments	11	-	-	1	1
		2,028	5,159	2,029	5,160
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	26,366	78,927	19,945	87,023
Cash at bank and in hand		177,691	120,666	164,353	105,600
		204,057	199,593	184,298	192,623
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(53,710)	(36,494)	(44,546)	(35,396)
		150,347	163,099	139,752	157,227
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		152,375	168,258	141,781	162,387
NET ASSETS					
		152,375	168,258	141,781	162,387
FUNDS					
Restricted	14	12,654	27,244	12,654	27,244
Unrestricted		139,721	141,014	129,127	135,143
		152,375	168,258	141,781	162,387

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
Naomi Johnson
Trustee

Company Registration No: SC266160

The notes on pages 21 – 34 form part of these financial statements.

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in) operating activities	below	53,755	(44,945)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of fixed assets		-	(2,455)
Interest received		3,270	3,096
Net cash provided by investing activities		3,270	641
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		57,025	(44,304)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		120,666	164,970
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		177,691	120,666
 <u>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</u>			
		2025 £	2024 £
Net (expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		(15,883)	(31,015)
<u>Adjusted for:</u>			
Depreciation charge		3,131	3,580
Interest received		(3,270)	(3,096)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		52,561	(23,403)
Increase in creditors		17,216	8,989
Net cash (used in) operating activities		53,755	(44,945)

The notes on pages 21 - 34 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a. **Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

These financial statements are a consolidation of the Circular Communities Scotland Ltd (the charity) and is wholly owned subsidiary, Circular Enterprises Limited see note in accordance with Scottish Statutory Instrument 2006 No.218 The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Separate results are shown for the charity in the income & expenditure account on page 17 and the balance sheet on page 18.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The directors consider there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Directors going concern assessment is for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The functional and presentational currency of the financial statements is the pound sterling (£) and the amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

b. **Funds structure**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created funds for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor of trust deed, or through the terms of an appeal. Further details of each fund are disclosed in Note 14.

c. **Income recognition**

Income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies (cont)

c. Income recognition (cont)

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' or 'revenue' grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d. Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to Note (g) below.

1. Costs of raising funds comprise the costs, based on staff time, incurred in raising voluntary income, including staff costs and associated support costs.

2. Expenditure on charitable activities includes expenditure on activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure is incurred.

e. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and recorded at historical cost. Depreciation is charged as follows:-

	Basis
Short Leasehold improvements	10% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

f. Taxation

The company is a charitable company with the meaning of Section 467 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied for charitable purposes only.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies (cont)

g. Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of the pension provision which is measured at net present value.

h. Pensions

The Charity operates a Defined Contributions Pension Scheme. Contributions are charged to the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the Scheme.

i. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

j. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligations and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

2. Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a registered Scottish charity.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

3. Related Party Transactions and Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

There was no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

Three Trustees were reimbursed expenses of £954 in the year (2024: four Trustees were reimbursed £878).

During the year £Nil (2024: £2,800) was paid to Naomi Johnson, a current trustee, in her capacity as a freelance consultant for a research piece of work for the Share and Repair project. The decision to use Naomi on this basis was approved by the wider board. There were no balances outstanding at the year end.

Circular Enterprises Limited is a subsidiary company of the charity. During the year £67,308 (2024: £70,682) of shared overheads was recharged to the subsidiary. £6,922 was outstanding at the year end (2024: £15,942 outstanding) and removed on consolidation.

Directors are often directors of organisations that transaction with the charity. They all pay services at the same rates as any other member organisations but in the year subscriptions of £475 (2024: £6,800) and consortium trading income of £6,892 (2024: £14,000) was received from these parties. There was nothing due at either year end from these organisations.

No one individual had control over the charity during either the current or previous year.

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Zero Waste Scotland	118,102	-	118,102	114,884
Zero Waste Scotland – Share and repair	-	80,250	80,250	47,500
Zero Waste Scotland – Carbon	-	59,360	59,360	59,360
Scottish Government	-	-	-	47,500
Cycling Scotland – Affordable bike project	-	41,240	41,240	62,683
Scottish Community Alliance	-	-	-	6,700
Zero Waste Scotland - Tourism	-	67,325	67,325	67,325
Membership subscriptions	26,150	-	26,150	21,788
National Lottery – Awards for All	19,884	-	19,884	-
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	164,136	248,175	412,311	368,380
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Income from charitable activities was £412,311 (2024: £368,380) of which £164,136 (2024: £136,672) was unrestricted and £248,175 (2024: £231,708) was restricted.

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

5. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Annual conference	22,107	-	22,107	21,867
Other income	268	1,008	1,276	343
Charity	22,375	1,008	23,383	22,210
Consortium trading and contracts	87,608	-	87,608	72,557
Other trading activities	250	-	250	10,493
Group	110,233	1,008	111,241	105,260

Income from other trading activities was £111,241 (2024: £105,260) of which £110,233 (2024: £105,260) was unrestricted and £1,008 (2024: £Nil) was restricted.

6. Expenditure

<u>Charitable Activities</u>	Project Costs £	Govern- ance £	Trading Activities	Raising Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Direct Costs</u>						
Staff costs (note 7)	243,930	12,197	62,654	9,486	328,267	310,249
Other staff costs	8,348	417	1,808	325	10,898	11,268
Office supplies etc	3,997	-	-	-	3,997	4,328
SCA (Pockets & Prospects)	-	-	-	-	-	5,876
Grants payable (note 9)	67,325	-	-	-	67,325	67,325
Annual conference	-	-	-	19,732	19,732	19,879
Other expenses	759	-	7	-	766	8,315
Board expenses	-	2,296	-	-	2,296	703
Audit/ Independent Examination	-	7,560	3,600	-	11,160	4,050
Research, Consultancy and Marketing	60,117	-	225	-	60,342	39,666
<u>Support Costs</u>						
Staff costs (note 7)	4,608	813	-	-	5,421	5,011
Other staff costs	168	10	-	9	187	196
Premises costs	10,168	-	3,840	535	14,543	14,655
Telephone	1,293	-	313	68	1,674	1,949
Repairs & renewals	860	-	-	45	905	588
Computer costs	6,317	-	2,774	332	9,423	9,808
Bank charges	565	-	133	30	728	305
Depreciation	2,974	-	-	157	3,131	3,580
Professional fees	-	-	1,910	-	1,910	-
	411,429	23,293	77,264	30,719	542,705	507,751

Further analysis of the charitable activities is not provided as the directors believe the charity only has one main activity.

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	278,957	262,776	223,643	204,852
Social security costs	20,884	19,571	18,382	17,233
Other pension costs	33,847	32,913	29,009	28,282
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	333,688	315,260	271,034	250,367
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The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Chief Executive and the Finance Officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personal was £85,820 (2024: £79,937). No employee had emoluments of more than £60,000 during either the current or previous year.

Average number of persons, by headcount, employed by the charity and group during the year was:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Management	3	3
Project Staff	7	7
	_____	_____
	10	10
	=====	=====

8. Net (Expenditure)/Income for the Year

This is stated after charging:

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	3,131	3,580	3,131	3,580
Independent Examiners' fees	-	2,800	-	2,800
Auditors' remuneration – audit fee	7,000	-	4,750	-
Auditors' remuneration – non audit fee	4,160	1,250	2,810	-
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	14,291	7,630	10,691	6,380
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CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

9. Grants payable	2025	2024
	£	£
Transition Stirling	14,469	14,469
Highland Community Waste	11,781	11,781
Granton Remakery	8,780	8,780
Linlithgow Community Development Trust	14,831	14,831
Merry Go Round	17,464	17,464
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	67,325	67,325
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During the years grants totaling £67,325 (2024: £67,325) were payable to 5 organisations (2024: 5 organisations) supporting a more circular approach in the tourism sector.

10. Tangible Fixed Assets – charity and group

	Computer Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	21,350	620	21,970
Additions	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2025	21,350	620	21,970
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Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	16,191	620	16,811
Charge for the year	3,131	-	3,131
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At 31 March 2025	19,322	620	19,942
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Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	2,028	-	2,028
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At 31 March 2024	5,159	-	5,159
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CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

11. Fixed asset investments

The Charity holds 1 share Ordinary £1 share in its wholly owned subsidiary company Circular Enterprises Limited, a company registered in Scotland company number SC7291594.

Investments in subsidiary undertaking

	£
Cost and Net Book Value	
At 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025	1
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Subsidiary undertakings

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:-

Name	Class of Shares	Holding	Principal Activity
Circular Enterprises Limited	Ordinary	100%	Consortium trading and consultancy fees

The aggregate of share capital and reserves as at 31 March 2025 and of the profit for the year ended on that date for the subsidiary undertaking was as follows:

	Aggregate of share capital and reserves	Profit
	£	£
Circular Enterprises Limited	10,595	10,594
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12. Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	22,242	11,646	8,900	3,800
Other debtors	1,227	1,175	1,227	1,175
Prepayments and accrued income	2,897	3,643	2,897	3,643
Grant Receivable	-	62,463	-	62,463
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	-	6,921	15,942
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	26,366	78,927	19,945	87,023
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CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	8,283	8,993	6,400	8,945
Accruals	15,177	9,238	11,727	8,188
Deferred income	23,663	18,263	23,663	18,263
VAT	3,831	-	-	-
Pension creditors	2,756	-	2,756	-
	<u>53,710</u>	<u>36,494</u>	<u>44,546</u>	<u>35,396</u>

Deferred income – Members Subscriptions

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening deferred income	18,263	15,300
Released to Statement of Financial Activities	(18,263)	(15,300)
Received and deferred in the year	23,663	18,263
	<u>23,663</u>	<u>18,263</u>

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

14. Reserves

Group	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Cycling Scotland	27,060	41,240	(57,200)	-	11,100
Zero Waste Scotland – Share & repair	184	81,258	(79,888)	-	1,554
Zero Waste Scotland – Tourism	-	67,325	(67,325)	-	-
Zero Waste Scotland - Carbon	-	59,360	(59,360)	-	-
Total restricted funds	27,244	249,183	(263,773)	-	12,654
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	135,855	277,639	(275,801)	-	137,693
<u>Designated funds:</u>					
Tangible fixed assets	5,159	-	(3,131)	-	2,028
Total unrestricted funds	141,014	277,639	(278,932)	-	139,721
TOTAL FUNDS	168,258	526,822	(542,705)	-	152,375
	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Cycling Scotland	22,892	62,683	(58,515)	-	27,060
Zero Waste Scotland – Share & repair	184	95,000	(95,000)	-	184
Zero Waste Scotland – Tourism	-	67,325	(67,325)	-	-
Pockets & Prospects	-	6,500	(6,500)	-	-
Virtual Learning Exchange	-	200	(200)	-	-
Total restricted funds	23,076	231,708	(227,540)	-	27,244
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	169,913	245,028	(276,631)	(2,455)	135,855
<u>Designated funds:</u>					
Tangible fixed assets	6,284	-	(3,580)	2,455	5,159
Total unrestricted funds	176,197	245,028	(280,211)	-	141,014
TOTAL FUNDS	199,273	476,736	(507,751)	-	168,258

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14. Reserves (cont)

Charity	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Cycling Scotland	27,060	41,240	(57,200)	-	11,100
Zero Waste Scotland – Share & repair	184	81,258	(79,888)	-	1,554
Zero Waste Scotland – Tourism	-	67,325	(67,325)	-	-
Zero Waste Scotland - Carbon	-	59,360	(59,360)	-	-
Total restricted funds	27,244	249,183	(263,773)	-	12,654
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	129,983	195,652	(198,537)	-	127,098
<u>Designated funds:</u>					
Tangible fixed assets	5,159	-	(3,131)	-	2,028
Investments	1	-	-	-	1
Total unrestricted funds	135,143	195,652	(201,668)	-	129,127
TOTAL FUNDS	162,387	444,835	(465,441)	-	141,781

	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Cycling Scotland	22,892	62,683	(58,515)	-	27,060
Zero Waste Scotland – Share & repair	184	95,000	(95,000)	-	184
Zero Waste Scotland – Tourism	-	67,325	(67,325)	-	-
Pockets & Prospects	-	6,500	(6,500)	-	-
Virtual Learning Exchange	-	200	(200)	-	-
Total restricted funds	23,076	231,708	(227,540)	-	27,244
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	169,912	161,978	(199,452)	(2,455)	129,983
<u>Designated funds:</u>					
Tangible fixed assets	6,284	-	(3,580)	2,455	5,159
Investments	1	-	-	-	1
Total unrestricted funds	176,197	161,978	(203,032)	-	135,143
TOTAL FUNDS	199,273	393,686	(430,572)	-	162,387

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14. Reserves (cont)

Purpose of restricted funds

Cycling Scotland – Funding from Cycling Scotland to improve access to bikes by removing key barriers and obstacles to bike reuse in Scotland. The transfer from the fund represents the cost of assets purchased in the previous year.

Zero Waste Scotland and Scottish Government – Share & Repair – Funding from Zero Waste Scotland and Scottish Government to support the delivery of a network of sharing libraries and repair cafes in Scotland.

Zero Waste Scotland and Scottish Government – Tourism fund – Funding from Zero Waste Scotland to fund other organisations with the aim to use share, repair or reuse to open possibilities for a more circular approach in the tourism sector.

Zero Waste Scotland and Scottish Government – Carbon Fund – Funding from Zero Waste Scotland to support the production and use of a carbon measurement tool for calculating the positive environmental impact of the reuse, repair and sharing sector in Scotland.

Pockets & Prospect – Funding from the Scottish Community Alliance to support the payment of Pockets and Prospects grants to Circular Communities Scotland members engaged in supporting disadvantaged communities.

Virtual Learning Exchange – Funding from Scottish community Alliance to support the Cycle hubs.

Purpose of unrestricted funds

The general funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets represent the net book value of the charity's tangible fixed assets.

Investments represents the share capital in the charity's wholly owned trading subsidiary.

15. Pension Scheme

The company operates a money purchase (defined contribution) pension scheme. The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £29,009 (2024: £28,282). The balance outstanding at the year end is £2,756 (2024: £Nil). On a group basis the contributions payable to the fund amounted to £33,847 (2024: £32,913). The balance outstanding at the year end for the group is £2,756 (2024: £Nil).

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16. Operating lease commitment

The following operating lease payments were committed to be paid as at the year-end:

	2025	2024
	Land & Buildings	Land & buildings
	£	£
Within one year	1,050	1,050
	1,050	1,050

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Group

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,028	-	2,028
Current assets	191,403	12,654	204,057
Current liabilities	(53,710)	-	(53,710)
	139,721	12,654	152,375
Net assets at 31 March 2025	139,721	12,654	152,375

Comparative - 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	5,159	-	5,159
Current assets	172,349	27,244	199,593
Current liabilities	(36,494)	-	(36,494)
	141,014	27,244	168,258
Net assets at 31 March 2024	141,014	27,244	168,258

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds (cont.)

Charity

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed assets	2,028	-	2,028
Investments	1	-	1
Current assets	171,644	12,654	184,298
Current liabilities	(44,546)	-	(44,546)
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Net assets at 31 March 2025	129,127	12,654	141,781
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Comparative - 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed assets	5,159	-	5,159
Investments	1	-	1
Current assets	165,379	27,244	192,623
Current liabilities	(35,396)	-	(35,396)
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Net assets at 31 March 2024	135,143	27,244	162,387
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