



# **Braehead, Broomridge & District Community Development Trust**

**Annual Report & Accounts  
1 April 2020—31 March 2021**





Braehead, Broomridge & District Community Development Trust (SC046408)  
is a charity regulated by OSCR, with its registered address at

Braehead Community Garden, Broom Road, Stirling, FK7 7GU.

As of 31st March 2020, the Trustees are:

Matthew Power (Chair)  
Chris Kane (Secretary)  
Aileen Hall (Treasurer)  
Wendy McLean  
Ailsa Power  
Gillie Thompson  
John Miller  
Martin Shaw  
Tracy Rich  
Mandy Rae  
Jim Kirk  
Alistair Kerr  
John Wright

A copy of the Trust constitution can be obtained from [www.braehead.org](http://www.braehead.org).

The Trustees can be contacted at the above address or [trust@braehead.org](mailto:trust@braehead.org)





## **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of BBCDT is open to everybody who lives in Braehead or Broomridge and to those further afield who share our aims and objectives.

## **OUR VISION**

To create a vibrant, connected community which flourishes as a key part of 21st Century Stirling with healthy, happy residents.

## **OUR MISSION**

(1) We will pursue projects and objectives which recognise that our physical and mental wellbeing is inseparable from the condition and health of the built and natural environment in which we live.

(2) We will listen to and amplify the local community voice to create, influence and facilitate new opportunities that enhance the quality of life in Braehead and Broomridge

(3) We will work with partners and members to nurture civic pride and enhance our reputation regionally and nationally.

Key objectives will be:

- Regular community engagement to stay relevant and connected to our members' priorities
- Exploring and delivering innovative technologies and projects that enhance and improve our built environment
- Expanding on the success of Braehead Community Garden by continuing to explore and improve attitudes and skills relating to growing and preparing locally grown food
- Expanding on the success of Braehead Community Garden by continuing to create hub spaces and events for members and residents to foster strong, vibrant relationships.
- Creating and / or identifying volunteering opportunities and matching them with residents who have the skills to help facilitate success.
- Our key objectives and our mission will be regularly reviewed and updated – we welcome input from all of our members.





## Chairman's Report

This report covers the year 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021.

Clearly this year has been dominated by Covid-19 and the impact it has had on all of us, as individuals, families and communities alike.

Our primary project, Braehead Community Garden, was impacted hugely and the trustees took the decision to suspend new raised bed hires and to allow those with access in the 2019 growing season to continue to be able to come into the garden, although everyone was required to bring in their own tools etc. if they wished to grow vegetables. A decision was also taken to effectively close the polytunnels in line with guidance around enclosed and indoor spaces. A proposal from the growing team was made to grow the crops that had been propagated in the polytunnels prior to lockdown and a protocol and rota was devised to ensure that this could be done safely. This was approved by the trustees and the growing group produced a bumper harvest in the polytunnels and also from the external market garden. Later in the summer, a range of vegetables were donated to Heart of Braehead's community food bank, providing fresh, healthy, local produce for people in need living locally. Other produce was distributed to fellow gardeners with some choosing to leave donations for the fantastic tomatoes. This was thanks to the ongoing determination, hard work and generosity of the growing group.

An innovative UV filtration system was installed to provide safe hand washing facilities using harvested rainwater ensuring that enhanced hygiene measures could be provided to those accessing the garden.

The hen group continued to work hard to ensure that the hens' welfare was maintained while humans adhered to social distancing measures. The hens also provided a highlight for the local dog walking circuit and many conversations were struck up through the fence with people taking their daily exercise.





During the first lockdown, the trust worked as a community anchor organisation and offered support to vulnerable members of our community by delivering shopping and checking in with them. This was done in partnership with Stirling Council and was part of a wider response to these truly unforeseeable circumstances. It is fair to say that networks of support sprang up across the area and it was fantastic that the trust were able to be a part of this.

While the garden was not able to operate at full capacity, we were still able to deliver two significant infrastructure projects that are hard to miss! Firstly, the solar array's installation was delayed due to covid and was finally constructed in autumn 2020. The panels will deliver clean, sustainable electricity that will more than meet the needs of people using the garden with excess production being fed into the grid creating income for the trust and community garden. While I am slightly baffled by the significance of the numbers relating to the energy being produced, I have been assured that the system is highly effective, even in the shorter days of autumn and winter.

The second infrastructure project of this year was the building of polytunnel 4. It seems that many funding opportunities currently involve extremely tight turnarounds in terms of application processes, with this being no exception. Many hours of unseen hard work went into ensuring that the application and build were delivered on time, again I offer my thanks to those involved. Sadly the ongoing covid situation meant that we have been unable to use this as a growing space, however I think the addition of these 2 new structures has provided a striking contrast between nature's organic work and the man made geometric shapes of the polytunnel and solar array.

What was very evident throughout the varying levels of restrictions during the year, was that the garden provided a place where people's mental health and wellbeing could be nurtured when other aspects of daily life were anything but stress-free. Many used the garden as somewhere peaceful to do their daily exercise or just maintain their





own vegetables while having some socially distanced conversation. This displays the value of the garden as a community resource and our hope is that the Trust and the garden project will play a key role in Braehead and Broomridge's response and recovery from the pandemic.

**Matthew Power**  
**Chair of the Trustees, April 2021**





Growing for our members and our community



A different Halloween October 2020





# Annual Accounts

## Notes on the accounts

In year 2020/21, the CDT had:

Income of **£55,536.56**. These funds were raised through two broad areas of operation:

**Fundraising through grant applications for enhancement projects within Braehead Community Garden (£52,520.87)**. This funding in this year is from Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust, Climate Challenge Fund (Keep Scotland Beautiful) and Scottish Power Green Energy with match funding of elements of our infrastructure projects.

**Operational income associated with Braehead Community Garden**, including the sale of memberships for year 2021/22, hire of the facilities to third parties, plant sales and kitchen garden vegetable and fruit sales and a Covid 19 grant from the Corra Foundation (**£3,015.69**).

Expenditure of **£75,464.61**. These expenditure were revenue and capital.

**Revenue funds associated with the operation of Braehead Garden (£6,491.23)**. These figures are reduced for this year as the garden day to day operations was impacted by Covid 19 restrictions.

**Capital funds associated with infrastructure costs with Braehead Community Garden (£68,973.30)**. This was work to complete the installation of our 30kw solar panel array and the purchase and built of a fourth polytunnel.







## Braehead, Broomridge and District Community Development Trust

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31st March 2021

<u>Receipts</u>		£	<u>Payments</u>		£	
Opening balance:	Bank	27,970.61				
	Cash in Hand	3.33				
Add:	General	Garden events / membership	3,015.69	Deduct	General	6,491.23
	Grants	Various	52,520.87		Grants	68,973.38
					Closing bank balance:	8,042.56
					Cash in Hand	3.33
Total		<u>83,510.50</u>		Total	<u>83,510.50</u>	





**Braehead, Broomridge & District CDT  
Summary for Financial Year 2020/2021**

	<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>£27,973.94</b>
held as	Bank accounts:		£27,970.61
	Revenue account	£1,276.09	
	Reserve account	£26,694.52	
	allocated to:		
	Future Project Development Fund	£2,970.61	
	Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£2,000.00	
	Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£7,000.00	
	General Reserve Fund	£5,000.00	
	BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2020/21	£11,000.00	
	Cash in Hand		£3.33
	<b>Receipts</b>		<b>£55,536.56</b>
	General		£3,015.69
	Grants		£52,520.87
	<b>Payments</b>		<b>£75,464.61</b>
	General		£6,491.23
	Grants		£68,973.38
	<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>£8,045.89</b>
held as	Bank accounts:		£8,042.56
	Revenue account	£1,066.12	
	Reserve account	£6,976.44	
	allocated to:		
	Future Project Development Fund	-£3,957.44	
	Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£1,000.00	
	Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£1,000.00	
	General Reserve Fund	£3,000.00	
	BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2021/22	£7,000.00	
	Cash in Hand		£3.33

**Detailed Summary for Financial Year 2020/2021**

Receipts	General	2020/21 Budget		Actual
		Original	Revised	
		<b>-£100.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,015.69</b>
	Membership	£0.00	-	£480.00
	Fob (returnable)	-£100.00	-	£0.00
	Lets	£0.00	-	£0.00
	Propagation			
	Sales	£0.00	-	£120.00
	Events	£0.00	-	£10.00
	Club House Fridge Sales	£0.00	-	£0.00
	Egg			
	Sales	£0.00	-	£83.64
	Flower Show	£0.00	-	£0.00
	Covid-19	£0.00	-	£121.22





<i>Miscellaneous</i>	£0.00	-	£2,185.76
<i>Honey</i>	£0.00	-	£5.15
<i>Bank Interest</i>	£0.00	-	£9.92
<b>Grants</b>	<b>£37,272.00</b>	<b>£39,272.00</b>	<b>£52,520.87</b>
<i>Grants</i>	£37,272.00	£39,272.00	£52,520.87
<b>RECEIPTS TOTAL</b>	<b>£37,172.00</b>	<b>£39,272.00</b>	<b>£55,536.56</b>

Payments	2020/21 Budget		Actual
	Original	Revised	
<b>General</b>	<b>£7,450.00</b>	<b>£7,850.00</b>	<b>£6,491.23</b>
Utilities	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£736.60
Toilet	£2,000.00	£400.00	£78.00
Garden	£600.00	£600.00	£137.21
Communications	£100.00	£100.00	£240.46
Office	£300.00	£300.00	£81.90
Professional	£300.00	£300.00	£201.84
Propagation	£300.00	£300.00	£75.37
Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Club House Fridge	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Club House Others	£100.00	£100.00	£14.24
Hens	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£320.29
Maintenance	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,824.99
Bees	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00
Flower Show	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Netting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Hen			
Run			
Roof	£250.00	£250.00	£78.94
Covid-19	£0.00	£0.00	£261.31
Covid-19 reopening	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,440.08
<b>Grants</b>	<b>£45,000.00</b>	<b>£21,000.00</b>	<b>£68,973.38</b>
P1 : Polytunnel recover	£0.00	£0.00	£679.65
P2 : Polytunnel Four	£0.00	£21,000.00	£23,481.60
P6 : Solar Panels	£45,000.00	£0.00	£44,812.13
<b>PAYMENTS TOTAL</b>	<b>£52,450.00</b>	<b>£28,850.00</b>	<b>£75,464.61</b>

