



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

## **Annual Report for Financial Year April 2022 through March 2023 and Growing Year 2023**





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 AGM 2023, the Trustees are:

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

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## **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.





## Chair's Report

This report covers the year 2023 growing year.

This year saw the return of normality within our primary project, Braehead Community Garden. The garden and polytunnel four was fully open for the hire of raised beds. Events (open and members only) were planned and held.

Polytunnel One and Two and a number of outside beds continued to be dedicated to the market garden. This year the growing group produced a bumper harvest in the polytunnels and also from the external market garden. From July onwards a range of fresh, healthy, local produce vegetables were available with recipients (members of the public and garden members) choosing to leave donations for the produce. Produce sales continued until October with any remaining crop being frozen for use during the winter. Random facts: we grew: 716 lettuces, 80 cucumbers, 34lbs of grapes, 85lbs of figs, 440lbs of tomatoes, 180lbs of potatoes, 165 lbs of assorted apples, 10lbs of pears, etc., etc., etc., In addition the Trust donated plants and produce to local community groups for example 20 tomato plants to Braehead Primary School fair; 49lbs of apples & 33lbs of tomatoes to a local food bank; weekly bags (approx 72lbs) of fresh produce to support local families. This was thanks to the ongoing determination, hard work and generosity of the growing group.

Polytunnel Four was open for raised bed hire and an amazing variety of crops was harvested by those garden members who had hired indoor beds.

A number of open events were held and supported by garden members and local residents. Events started with the return of the annual plant sale in May which saw 270 people visit the garden, purchasing plants for their own growing and some even taking garden membership. The annual horticultural show made its return after four years, lots of keen competition and entries. Again over 200 people visited the garden during the event. Halloween was once again celebrated in style. The craft group continues much to the delight of those who have purchased from them. The monthly members and families get together resumed – last Friday of the month April through September, again a great opportunity for members and guests to chat and enjoy the summer evenings.





Thanks to funding from the Mental Health and Well Being and the Lottery for All we were able to continue the role of our part time garden development officer. We said goodbye to Daisy in March and welcomed Nikki in May. She has been a great help to the members for example taken on

- membership process for the garden. For the first time since we opened we have a wait list
- communications, internal and external resulting in regular newsletters and event publicity
- outreach to local employers, nurseries, schools

And to the Trustees by successfully identifying, submitting applications and securing funding for future hours and projects.

The hen group continued to work hard to ensure that the hens' welfare. The new weather resistant roof provides dry conditions for both the hens and the humans. The hens continue to provide a highlight for the local dog walking circuit and many conversations were struck up through the fence with people taking their daily exercise. We currently have eleven ladies who have produced approx. 2,500 eggs in the last twelve months, these eggs are available to members and local residents for a donation. Plans and funding is in place to extend the hen run and number of ladies in residence.

The bee keepers again harvested the honey for this year (48 x 220ml jars) which members and local residents enjoy for a donation.

We continue our association with our local

- TreeLink charity who have improved their tree nursery within the community garden and also used the garden to host their Trees for Babies distribution this year. A weekend which saw local families come to the garden to take delivery of trees to plant in their own garden.
- guides and brownie groups who use our garden for some of their activities.
- nurseries where there are regular visits of the children to enjoy planting and harvesting
- child minders who utilise the community garden to ensure a safe outdoor space for their young charges





This year has strengthened our relationship with workplace outreach programmes particularly with the Thistle Centre where their staff, as part of community giveback, completely upgraded our children's circle by donating materials and their time. Much to the children's (and adults) delight. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.

What continues to be evident is that the garden provides a place where people's mental health and wellbeing could be nurtured. Many use the garden as somewhere peaceful to do their daily exercise or just maintain their own vegetables while having some conversation. We also enjoyed seeing Enable, Includem and Support 4 Families and others, as some of the local organisations who are members and use the garden for the benefit of those they support. This displays the value of the garden as a community resource and our hope is that the Trust and the garden project will continue to play a Braehead and Broomridge.

**Aileen Hall**  
**Chair of the Trustees, November 2023**





# Annual Accounts

## Notes on the accounts

In year 2022/23, the CDT had:

A cash balance of **£51,234.75**. These funds were raised primarily through garden operations:

**Total income was £16,833.23, consisting of operational income associated with Braehead Community Garden (£16,333.23)**, including the sale of memberships for year 2022/23, plant sales, honey sales, egg sales, kitchen garden vegetable and fruit sales. The sales of vegetables and plants from the market garden have been very successful and have been a major source of income in this year. Grant income during the year was £500.

Expenditure of **£16,883.54**. These expenditure were revenue (£8,051.72) and capital (£8,831.82)

**Revenue funds associated with the operation of Braehead Garden (£8,051.72)**. These figures have returned to near normal as the garden returned to pre-Covid operations.

**Capital funds associated with the role of Development Officer (£8,831.82)** (Good Food for All Fund and Mental Health and Wellbeing) is expenditure relating to the role of Development Officer which was filled in June 2022





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**Summary for Financial Year 2022/2023**

<b>Opening Balance</b>			<b>£34,401.52</b>
Bank accounts:		£34,401.52	
Revenue account	£34,401.52		
allocated to:			
Future Project Development Fund	£4,821.52		
Development Officer	£10,200.00		
Good food for all Grant	£3,380.00		
Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£1,000.00		
Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£1,000.00		
General Reserve Fund	£6,000.00		
BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2022/23	£8,000.00		
Cash in Hand		£0.00	
<b>Receipts</b>			<b>£16,833.23</b>
General		£16,333.23	
Grants		£500.00	
<b>Payments</b>			<b>£16,883.54</b>
General		£8,051.72	
Grants		£8,831.82	
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>£34,300.31</b>
Bank accounts:		£33,801.19	
Revenue account	£33,801.19		
allocated to:			
Future Project Development Fund	£2,601.19		
Development Officer	£12,000.00		
Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£1,000.00		
Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£3,000.00		
General Reserve Fund	£6,000.00		
BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2023/24	£9,200.00		
Cash in Hand		£499.12	

	<b>2022/23 Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>
	Original	Revised	
<b>General</b>	<b>£2,300.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£16,333.23</b>
Membership	£1,000.00	-	£5,985.00
Fob (returnable)	£0.00	-	£40.00
Lets	£0.00	-	£125.00
Propagation Endeavour	£1,000.00	-	£3,242.74
Events	£0.00	-	£850.71
Egg			
Sales	£300.00	-	£926.83
FIT Payments	£0.00	-	£3,897.80







<i>Craft Sales</i>	£0.00	-	£423.46
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	£0.00	-	£623.69
<i>Honey</i>	£0.00	-	£218.00
<i>Bank Interest</i>	£0.00	-	£0.00
<b>Grants</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<i>Grants</i>	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
<b>RECEIPTS TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,300.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£16,833.23</b>

	2022/23 Budget		Actual
	Original	Revised	
<b>General</b>	<b>£6,950.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£8,051.72</b>
Utilities	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,602.81
<i>Electricity</i>	£500.00	-	£1,139.02
<i>Internet</i>	£500.00	-	£463.79
Toilet	£1,000.00	-	£570.00
Garden	£600.00	£0.00	£471.15
<i>Growing</i>	£600.00	-	£118.09
<i>Equipment</i>	£0.00	-	£353.06
Communications	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00
<i>Website</i>	£100.00	-	£0.00
Office	£300.00	£0.00	£693.60
<i>Stationery</i>	£100.00	-	£49.35
<i>Printing</i>	£100.00	-	£37.00
<i>Equipment</i>	£100.00	-	£607.25
Professional	£400.00	£0.00	£581.11
<i>Insurance and Legal</i>	£300.00	-	£304.04
<i>Publications and Professional</i>			
<i>Memberships</i>	£100.00	-	£277.07
<i>Propagation</i>			
Endeavour	£700.00	-	£346.64
Hens	£1,000.00	-	£584.86
Maintenance	£1,000.00	-	£1,698.39
Bees	£200.00	-	£71.48
Hen			
Run			
Roof	£250.00	-	£1,296.84
Craft Group	£200.00	-	£134.84
<b>Grants</b>	<b>£13,380.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£8,831.82</b>
P1 : Development Officer	£10,000.00	-	£7,428.32
P3:			
Good Food for all	£3,380.00	-	£1,403.50
<b>PAYMENTS TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,330.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£16,883.54</b>



