



BBD CDT
Braehead, Broomridge & District
Community Development Trust

Annual Report for
Financial Year April 2023
through March 2024
and
Growing Year 2024





BBD CDT - 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 2024, the Trustees are:

Aileen Hall (Chair),
David Black (Secretary),
John Miller (Treasurer),
Jess McNeil,
Matthew Power,
Wendy McLean,
Rosa Huczynska,
Tracy Rich,
Mandy Rae,
Alistair Kerr and
Anne Kane

A copy of the Trust constitution can be obtained from www.braehead.org.

The Trustees can be contacted at the above address or 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.





Chair's Report

This report covers the year 2024 growing year.

On behalf of myself and the Trustees thank you to all our members, visitors and volunteers who have supported the garden this year.

It is a delight to see the garden being utilised across all age groups and interests.

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: 30lbs onions, 25lbs beans, 32lbs of grapes, 11lbs of figs, 343lbs of tomatoes, 122lbs of potatoes, 95lbs of assorted apples, 8lbs of pears, 25lbs courgettes, 35lbs aubergines etc., etc., etc., In addition the Trust donated plants and produce to local community groups for example tomato plants to Braehead Primary School fair. This was thanks to the ongoing determination and hard work of the growing group.

The hen group welcomed an additional 12 hens into the second hen run in the orchard. 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.

The bee group successfully harvested another crop of honey which has been enjoyed by many members with numerous comments that this year has delivered the best ever tasting honey.

The craft group has been hand crafting pots to order this year and already has a lovely selection of Christmas items available to purchase both within the garden and at local craft fairs.

These and other groups within the garden give their time, knowledge, labour and enthusiasm much of it un-noticed but all very much appreciated.

We added a second orchard to the left of the access path. Our aspiration is that the fruit from this orchard will be enjoyed by local residents, dogs and the dog walkers, footballers and their supporters as well as all those who walk past our garden.





Our open days have been very successful. Special mention must go to the massive effort to prepare the garden ready for our first participation in the Scottish Open Garden Scheme – the garden looked fantastic, the home baking amazing and all those who visited said they would be back! We hope that this will become a regular addition to our annual events as it attracts visitors from other area.

A number of open events were held and supported by garden members and local residents. Events started with the annual plant sale in May which saw people visit the garden, purchasing plants for their own growing and some even taking garden membership. The annual horticultural show in August doubled the number of entries from last year. Halloween was once again celebrated in style. The monthly members and families get together, last Friday of the month April through September, were again well supported as a great opportunity for members and guests to chat and enjoy the summer evenings. We brought back our end of summer BBQ evening which was attended by over 70 members with their families.

The Trust thanks our Development Officer for her hard work during the year in particular her ability to find potential grant opportunities, match them with opportunities within the garden and submit applications which secure that funding and for her outreach to local employers, nurseries, school and other organisations.

At the end of the 2024 growing season our membership stands at over 140 members.

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.
- nursery 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

We welcomed Stirling Carers Centre, St Modan's High School, Forth Valley College, PLUS Forth Valley and the local Scout troop through our gates, some of whom have





become regular visitors and volunteers. We also partner with Forth Climate Forest to support their tree planting goals.

This year has continued our relationship with Stirling Council, Land Services with work placements for apprentices. 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. It is a place of peaceful contemplation, lively chat over a cuppa or even mild competitiveness over the size of onions! 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 part in Braehead and Broomridge.

What started as a "why don't we have a community garden in our area" comment in 2013, became successful funding applications, a location, plan, planning permission and a build which became the garden which opened for membership April 2015. Next year marks 10 years since the garden opened – we will be celebrating this milestone.

Aileen Hall
Chair of the Trustees, November 2024





Annual Accounts

Notes on the accounts

In year 2023/24, the CDT had:

A cash balance of £46,255.57. These funds were raised through garden operations and grant funding:

Total income was £46,286.28, consisting of operational income associated with Braehead Community Garden (£9,707.75) and Grant Funding (£37,019.64). Income included the sale of memberships for year 2023/24, 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 was associated with various projects such as improvement to the rainwater collection system but largely associated with funding of our Development Officer.

Expenditure of **£34,361.02**. These expenditure were revenue (£9,707.75) and grants (£24,653.27)

Revenue funds associated with the operation of Braehead Garden (£9,707.75). These figures have increased slightly, partly as a result of higher maintenance costs as the infrastructure and equipment ages.

Grant Funding (£37,019.64). We have been fortunate to be in receipt of several major grants for certain projects, including funding for the role of Development Officer. Some of this funding is also allocated for use in the following financial year.





**Braehead, Broomridge & District CDT
Summary for Financial Year 2023/2024**

held as	Bank accounts:		£33,801.19	
	allocated to:			
	Future Project Development Fund	£1,601.19		
	Development Officer	£16,200.00		
	Good food for all Grant	£0.00		
	Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£1,000.00		
	Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£1,000.00		
	General Reserve Fund	£6,000.00		
	BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2023/24	£8,000.00		
	Revenue account total	£33,801.19		
	Cash in Hand		£499.12	
	Opening Balance			£34,300.31
	Receipts			
comprising	General		£9,266.64	
	Grants		£37,019.64	
				£46,286.28
	Payments			
comprising	General		£9,707.75	
	Grants		£24,653.27	
	Total			£34,361.02
held as	Bank accounts:		£46,206.26	
	Revenue account			
	allocated to:			
	Future Project Development Fund	£6,206.26		
	Development Officer	£18,000.00		
	Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£1,000.00		
	Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£4,500.00		
	General Reserve Fund	£6,000.00		
	BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2024/25	£10,500.00		
	Sub total	£46,206.26		
	Cash in Hand		£19.31	
	Closing Balance			£46,225.57

Detailed Summary for Financial Year 2023/2024

Receipts	General	2023/24 Budget		Actual
		Original	Revised	
	Membership	£6,000.00	-	£1,325.00
	Fob	£0.00	-	£5.00
	Spare	£0.00	-	£0.00
	Propagation Endeavour	£4,000.00	-	£4,487.04





<i>Events</i>	£0.00	-	£529.49
<i>Club House Fridge Sales</i>	£0.00	-	£0.00
<i>Egg</i>			
Sales	£600.00	-	£647.29
<i>FIT Payments</i>	£2,000.00	-	£1,836.53
<i>Craft Sales</i>	£200.00	-	£211.93
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	£0.00	-	£25.36
<i>Honey</i>	£250.00	-	£199.00
Sub total	£13,050.00		£9,266.64
Grants			
<i>Grants</i>	£0.00	£0.00	£37,019.64
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00	£37,019.64
RECEIPTS TOTAL	£13,050.00	£0.00	£46,286.28

		2023/24 Budget		Actual
		Original	Revised	
Payments	General			
Utilities	<i>Electricity</i>	£805.00	£0.00	£876.88
	<i>Internet</i>	£563.00	-	£565.34
Toilet	<i>Toilet</i>	£1,000.00	-	£714.00
Garden	<i>Growing</i>	£600.00	-	£106.93
	<i>Equipment</i>	£0.00	-	£228.11
Communications	<i>Website</i>	£100.00	-	£0.00
	<i>Marketing</i>	£0.00	-	£621.10
Office	<i>Stationery</i>	£100.00	-	£6.85
	<i>Postage</i>	£0.00	-	£3.45
	<i>Printing</i>	£100.00	-	£8.99
	<i>Equipment</i>	£200.00	-	£180.92
Professional	<i>Insurance and Legal</i>	£300.00	-	£273.04
	<i>Publications and Professional</i>			
	<i>Memberships</i>	£100.00	-	£108.00
Propagation				
Endeavour		£700.00	-	£515.07
Events		£500.00	-	£413.58
Club House				
Fridge		£100.00	-	£94.33
Club House				
Others		£100.00	-	£9.00
Hens		£600.00	-	£633.63
Maintenance		£5,000.00	-	£3,728.22
Bees		£500.00	-	£79.89
Flower Show		£400.00	-	£406.66
Spare		£0.00	-	£0.00
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Spare
Craft Group

	£0.00	-	£0.00
	£200.00	-	£133.76
Sub total	£11,968.00		£9,707.75
Grants	Income		Expenditure
P1 : NLF	£10,000.00	-	£10,000.00
P2 : FVL CLLD - Rain water	£7,626.64	-	£7,626.64
P3 : Community Pride	£1,500.00	-	£653.01
P4 : Pockets & Prospects	£493.00	-	£493.00
P5 : Creative Lives	£300.00	-	£300.00
P6: Spare	£0.00		£0.00
P7: Corra, Boost	£3,000.00		£2,250.00
P8: FEL	£1,500.00		£1,445.89
P9: PF Charitable Trust	£4,000.00		£791.08
P10: Peoples' Postcode Trust	£5,600.00	-	£594.67
P11: Scotmid	£500.00	£0.00	£498.98
P12: Ross & Liddell	£500.00		£0.00
P13: Lady Eda Jardine	£2,000.00		£0.00
P14: Spare	£0.00		£0.00
Sub total	£37,019.64		£24,653.27
PAYMENTS TOTAL	£11,968.00	£0.00	£34,361.02

