



BBD CDT
**Braehead, Broomridge &
District**
Community Development Trust

Annual Report for
Financial Year April 2024
through March 2025
and
Growing Year 2025





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 2025, 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 2025 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.

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.

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. 2025 was a much better growing year than 2024. Random facts: we grew: 24lbs onions, 33lbs beans, 60lbs of grapes, 24lbs of figs, 486lbs of tomatoes, 191lbs of potatoes, 235lbs of assorted apples, 8lbs blackcurrants, 55lbs courgettes, 65 cucumbers, 28lbs 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 has welcomed additional hens into the hen hut and orchard. This group are, as always, monitoring the reports of avian flu, this has resulted in the hens and the orchard being placed into quarantine during November.

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 dogs and themselves for their daily exercise.





The bee group successfully harvested another crop of honey which sold out very quickly at our Honey festival. This event was about all things 'bee' and allowed members and visitors to see and understand the work of the bee group in the garden. We were joined by another local bee keeper so our members and visitors were able to taste the honey produced before purchasing.

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

The maintenance group continues with the planned replacement, regardless of weather conditions, of the raised beds and general maintenance within the garden.

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

Our second orchard planted last year continues to grow. We hope next year will see our first crops and achieve our aspiration 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 second 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 attracted entries from members and the public again with very positive feedback on the day and the following week. 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 held our first Burns Supper in January 2025 at our local community centre. Burns Supper 2026 is already booked!

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. This year has marked 10 years since the garden was officially opened. We had a wonderful 10th birthday party, many thanks to all who helped organise before, during and after. 10 cherry blossom trees have been donated by 10 members and planted on the walkway next to the hedge on the way to the hens and the orchard. Whilst we may never rival the cherry blossom trees on the River Forth walkway at Riverside, Stirling, we will create our own walkway as a memory of our first ten years. Following suggestions from members Spring bulbs have been planted in the outside orchard and beech grove, with different groups undertaking planting in designated areas within the garden. The Braehead Garden Recipe book is also in progress with lots of lovely recipes from members.

At the end of the 2025 growing season our membership stands at over 150 members, this has added significantly value to our volunteering membership, especially our community growing and ongoing maintenance work. We continue to have a small waiting list. Most prospective members are offered a bed within a few months of showing interest.

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 schools 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 and Dynamic Wheel who have set up their own small gardening group. We also welcomed Employee Volunteering and M&G who held a large team building day, where 36 of their staff, carried out manual tasks across the garden, making it look fantastic as we heading into Autumn. 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.

It should be noted that as this report is published on the OSCR web site it has been decided that no photographs will be included.

Signed by

Aileen Hall

Chair of the Trustees, November 2025





Annual Accounts

Notes on the accounts

Please note the amount in brackets is for the previous year, i.e. 2023/24:

A cash balance of £46,206.26 (£33,801.19). These funds were raised through garden operations and grant funding:

Total income was £45,845.51 (£34,300.31), **consisting of operational income associated with Braehead Community Garden (£16,659.51)** (£9,266.54) **and Grant Funding (£29,186.00)** (£37,019.64). Income included the sale of memberships for year 2024/25, 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 but largely associated with funding of our Development Officer.

Expenditure of **£39,661.29** (34,361.02). These expenditures were revenue (£11,305.56) and grants (£28,355.63)

Revenue funds associated with the operation of Braehead Garden (£11,305.66) (£9707.75). These figures have increased, partly as a result of higher maintenance costs as the infrastructure and equipment ages.

Grant Funding (£28,355.63) (£24,653.27). 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.

The financial details which follows have been verified and signed off:

Signed by

John Miller

Treasurer of the Trust, November 2025

The financial details which follows have been prepared from the information supplied. I have checked and accept the accuracy of these accounts:

Signed by

Lauren McGowan

Management Accountant,

OCS Technical Services Ltd, 28th September 2025




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Summary for Financial Year 2024/2025

held as	Bank accounts:		£46,206.26	
	allocated to:			
	Future Project Development Fund	£14,006.26		
	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 2024/25	£8,000.00		
	Revenue account total	£46,206.26		
	Cash in Hand		£19.31	
	Opening Balance			£46,225.57
comprising	Receipts			
	General		£16,659.51	
	Grants		£29,186.00	
				£45,845.51
comprising	Payments			
	General		£11,305.66	
	Grants		£28,355.63	
	Total			£39,661.29
held as	Bank accounts:		£52,382.28	
	Revenue account			
	allocated to:			
	Future Project Development Fund	£8,882.28		
	Development Officer	£20,000.00		
	Infrastructure Improvement Fund	£1,000.00		
	Polytunnel & raised bed maintenance	£4,500.00		
	General Reserve Fund	£6,000.00		
	BCG Operational Revenue Budget 2025/26	£12,000.00		
	Sub total	£52,382.28		
	Cash in Hand		£27.51	
	Closing Balance			£52,409.79

Detailed Summary for Financial Year 2024/2025

		2024/25 Budget		Actual
		Original	Revised	
Receipts	General			
	<i>Membership</i>	£6,000.00	-	£4,986.73
	<i>Fob</i>	£0.00	-	£59.66
	<i>Spare</i>	£0.00	-	£0.00
	<i>Propagation Endeavour</i>	£4,000.00	-	£3,801.98
	<i>Events</i>	£0.00	-	£2,844.15
	<i>Club House Fridge Sales</i>	£0.00	-	£0.00
	<i>Egg</i>			
	<i>Sales</i>	£600.00	-	£704.73
	<i>FIT Payments</i>	£2,000.00	-	£2,660.27
	<i>Craft Sales</i>	£200.00	-	£921.52
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	£0.00	-	£332.96
	<i>Honey</i>	£250.00	-	£347.51
	Sub total	£13,050.00		£16,659.51
	Grants			
	<i>Grants</i>	£0.00	£0.00	£29,186.00
	Sub total	£0.00	£0.00	£41,551.35
RECEIPTS TOTAL		£13,050.00	£0.00	£58,210.86

		2024/25 Budget		Actual
		Original	Revised	
Payments	General			
	<i>Utilities</i>	£805.00	£0.00	£684.88
	<i>Internet</i>	£530.58	-	£541.63
	<i>Toilet</i>	£600.00	-	£390.00
	<i>Garden</i>	£600.00	-	£141.51
	<i>Equipment</i>	£600.00	-	£821.14
Communications	<i>Website</i>	£100.00	-	£30.00
	<i>Marketing</i>	£0.00	-	£11.30
Office	<i>Stationery</i>	£100.00	-	£9.65
	<i>Postage</i>	£0.00	-	£0.00
	<i>Printing</i>	£100.00	-	£69.69
	<i>Equipment</i>	£200.00	-	£17.98
Professional	<i>Insurance and Legal</i>	£300.00	-	£255.04
	<i>Publications and Professional</i>			
	<i>Memberships</i>	£100.00	-	£135.00
Propagation				
Endeavour		£700.00	-	£857.77
Events		£500.00	-	£2,261.64



Club House			
Fridge	£100.00	-	£213.05
Club House			
Others	£100.00	-	£10.10
Hens	£600.00	-	£875.58
Maintenance	£5,000.00	-	£3,236.34
Bees	£500.00	-	£0.00
Flower Show	£400.00	-	£0.00
Charity			
Donations	£0.00	-	£151.81
Spare	£0.00	-	£0.00
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Spare	£0.00	-	£0.00
Craft Group	£200.00	-	£591.55
Sub total	£12,135.58		£11,305.66

Grants	Income		Expenditure	Unspent
P1: Corra Boost	£3,750.00	-	£750.00	£3,000.00
P2: PF Trust	£3,208.92	-	£3,208.92	£0.00
P3: PPT	£5,005.33	-	£5,005.33	£0.00
P4: Lady Jardine	£2,000.00	-	£2,000.00	£0.00
P5: Stafford	£5,000.00	-	£5,000.00	£0.00
P6: Baillie Gifford	£4,000.00		£1,000.75	£2,999.25
P7: CMH&WB	£5,000.00		£4,745.00	£255.00
P8: Spare	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
P9: Spare	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
P10: BoA Round Table	£750.00	-	£0.00	£750.00
P11: FEL Seed '23	£54.11		£0.00	£54.11
P12: Growing FT	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	£0.00
P13: Community Pride	£846.99		£843.13	£3.86
P14: Bruce Wake	£1,050.00		£0.00	£1,050.00
P15: FEL Seed '24	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
P16: FEL Women's Climate Training	£1,386.00		£0.00	£1,386.00
P17: FEL Leadership Training	£750.00		£0.00	£750.00
P18: FEL Next Steps	£1,750.00		£802.50	£947.50
P19: Spare	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
P20: Ross Liddell	£500.00		£0.00	£500.00
P21: EIS	£1,000.00		£0.00	£1,000.00
P22: Spare	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
P23: Spare	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£41,551.35		£28,355.63	£13,195.72
PAYMENTS TOTAL	£12,135.58	£0.00	£39,661.29	

