



# Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021



## Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees of Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### Structure, Governance and Management

Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) was first registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Its registered office is 5 Green Street, Strathaven, South Lanarkshire, ML10 6LT

With effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, OSCR approved the charity's application to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), subject to a new constitution that had been approved by the trustees on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The following trustees served during 2021:

Tom Barbour	Chair and Trustee
Alastair Brown	Treasurer and Trustee
Martin Hill	Secretary and Trustee
Elsbeth Wilson	Trustee
Rachael Wakefield	Trustee

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity, with the day-to-day running delegated to the project workers, and in turn to other volunteers as appropriate, all overseen by the Chair and Secretary. The Trustees met 8 times during 2021 to discuss strategic, operational and governance issues. The duties and powers of the Trustees are set out in the charity's constitution.

The charity's bankers are the Bank of Scotland

### Climate Action Strathaven – Purposes

The charity's core purposes are:

- The advancement of citizenship and community development; and
- The advancement of environmental protection and improvement.

## Progress in 2021

The level of climate change that we are leaving for our children is predicted worse now than it was a year ago. If nothing significant changes, a rise of around 3.0 C by 2100 is likely, and with it further extensive biodiversity loss.

November's COP Conference in Glasgow failed to deliver any meaningful agreements, and CO2 levels continue to rise.

And yet despite these clear and constant warnings from scientists, governments in Edinburgh, London and around the world fail to take meaningful action, still fail to 'tell the truth.' Preferring instead to set 'world leading' but overly distant targets for 2045 & 2050.

Against that backdrop, the relative good or bad performance of Climate Action Strathaven in 2021 may be considered to have little meaning. What is the point of celebrating an increase in walking in Strathaven, if internal flights in the US rose by 10.0% , and coal burning in China rose by double digit percentages?

And yet, I attach great meaning to what we are doing in Strathaven.

Strathaven has 0.1% of Scotland's population, and Scotland has 0.1% of the world's population. If we can influence Scotland (and we can), then Scotland can influence the world.

During the year, we were incredibly lucky to be able to recruit Arthur Potter & Sarah Sall as our full time project workers. Their enthusiasm, compassion, knowledge and ability has energised and driven forward CAS in a way that we could not have imagined a year ago. And I would like to extend my thanks to them, both personally and on behalf of CAS.

Obtaining the premises at 5 Green Street has also literally given us a shop window in the centre of the Strathaven community, and the opportunity to engage with locals on a daily basis.

We have extended our e-bike and Strathaven Car Club fleet and acquired an increasing array of ingenious cargo bikes. Our bike repair shop at the Town Mill led by Kenny Hutchison, continues to flourish, working energetically every Saturday morning from 9am – 1pm - returning bikes **and** their riders to the road, sometimes for the first time in years.

Al Brown continues to lead on the active travel front, engaging with local authority, community council and local cycling groups – to make Strathaven area a more pleasant, practical and safe place to walk and travel around on a bike.

Robert Morris & Dylan Hampshire have brought new enthusiasm, skill and insight to the Local Energy Plan (LEP), and we expect to hear and deliver a lot more of the LEP during 2022, and through Dylan's lead on Sow Strathaven, over 400 trees were planted during the year.

If 2021 was a year of project inputs - building capacity and developing project plans - then 2022 must be the year of delivery. We now have a fantastic platform from which to deliver on the aims set out in our Manifesto, playing our part to reduce the burning of fossil fuels.

Our original aims were to highlight to the people of Strathaven the reality of the climate crisis, to be a catalyst for the community to demand action from governments, and to establish a

portfolio of carbon reducing projects which both reduce fossil fuel use, and make life better for locals. These remain the fundamental aims of the charity today.

I'd like to thank all our funders during the year, who have helped us deliver on our existing projects, and given us the capital and confidence to develop new projects. I'd especially like to thank our Trustee group, our volunteer group, and the community in Strathaven who have supported us, as we seek to support all of us.

Finally, we are sorry to be saying farewell to Martin Hill, who is stepping down as a Trustee, but not I hope as a valuable contributor to the overall thinking behind CAS. Thank you Martin, for your invaluable input over the past 2 and a half years. I'd also like to especially thank Alastair Brown for his phenomenal work as Treasurer and across our whole range of our activities, as he moves across to take up the Secretary role vacated by Martin. And to welcome Ian Harley, who will join Rachael Wakefield and Else Wilson in our Trustee group, setting and monitoring the strategic direction of the charity.

This is a very exciting and important time to be involved in a community group such as CAS. We hope if you live in the Strathaven area, you will consider joining and supporting us, or joining one of the many similar groups that are emerging across Scotland.

## **Growth**

Receipts during the year rose from £9,555 in 2020 to £88,110 in 2021. This growth was provided through operating income from running activities and from grants and funds gratefully received from a number of agencies, listed below.

## **Future Plans**

During 2022 we intend to increase the surplus that we derive from all our trading activities, as we seek to create a charity that is sustainable in that it generates a large proportion, if not all of the income it needs to support its operations from its own activities.

We were delighted, in February 2022, to welcome Mick Wilson to the team, to lead the Community Fridge project which is about to launch. This is an exciting development in the area of minimising food waste.

In April 2022 we welcomed Tommy Potter, who will lead on the Cargo Bike delivery project.

As we now speed through 2022 the next two projects are tantalisingly close.

- 'Retrofit' Strathaven which will focus on re-training and implementation around the skills and information required to place the local housing stock into a much more carbon neutral stance.
- CAS Community Bus connecting Strathaven and Glasgow, which is in the final planning stages and hopes to operate several return services a day, 6 days a week between Strathaven and Glasgow with pick-ups in Stonehouse thus allowing local to save money and reduce their travelling carbon footprint

Considerable ground work has been done, but project launch for both frustratingly continues to slip towards the summer.

## Review of Financial Position

Income for the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to £88,110 (£9,555 in 2020). Expenditure amounted to £89,688 as detailed in the receipts and payments account on page 7 of this report, leading to a deficit of (£1,578) for the year (£3,140 surplus in 2020).

## Reserves

The reserves of the charity stood at £1,562 at the end of the year. The charities policy is retain up to 10% of annual net income in reserve.

## Acknowledgements

Climate Action Strathaven continues to receive support from an increasing number of individuals and organisations. On behalf of all those who benefited from the charitable work undertaken by the charity in 2021, the Trustees would like to place on record their debt of gratitude to everyone involved in whatever capacity.

We look forward to their continuing support in 2022 and beyond.

Energy Savings Trust, CoMoUK, Paths For All, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Kype Muir Community Fund, South Lanarkshire Council, Cycling UK, SOLWEC, Cycling Scotland, Strathaven Town Mill Arts and Heritage Centre, Strathaven Scouts and Guides, National Lottery Fund, Arnold Clark, People's Postcode Lottery Trust, Tesco Community Fund, AVIVA, Hubbub, Home Energy Scotland, Local Energy Scotland, Scotland's Town Partnerships, Woodland Trust, Food for Life, Co-Op, Sainsbury's, and more.

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**The annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 were approved by the trustees of Climate Action Strathaven in May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:**

Chair:

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

## **Independent Examiner's Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2021**

I, Anne McCall, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, report on the financial statements of the charity Climate Action Strathaven for the period ended 31 December 2021, as set out on pages 7 and 8 of this report.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Strathaven) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Strathaven) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Regulations'). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations and (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

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## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31/12/2021 £	31/12/2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Trading Income	17,227		17,227	2,185
Donations & Legacies	12,383		12,383	170
Grant – Banks Renewables		2,500	2,500	1,200
Grant – Cycling UK		5,000	5,000	5,000
Grant – Paths for All		35,188	35,188	-
Grant – CoMoUk		3,894	3,894	-
Grant – SOLWEC		1,000	1,000	1,000
Rental Income	800		800	-
Grants Released for Fixed Assets		10,118	10,118	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,410</b>	<b>57,700</b>	<b>88,110</b>	<b>9,555</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Trading Expenses	5,264	10,071	15,335	3,927
Rent	10,968	-	10,968	-
Advertising	2,869	-	2,869	-
Bus Rental Costs	1,380	-	1,380	-
Staff Costs	6,222	34,294	40,516	-
Insurance	1,927	-	1,927	375
Office/Admin Expenses	3,390	-	3,390	2113
Accountancy Fees	1,800	-	1,800	-
Depreciation on Fixed Assets	-	11,503	11,503	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>33,820</b>	<b>55,868</b>	<b>89,688</b>	<b>6,415</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(3,410)</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>(1,578)</b>	<b>3,140</b>

## Statement of Balances for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31/12/2021 £	31/12/2020 £
<b>Funds reconciliation</b>				
Opening balance	3,140	-	3,140	-
Surplus/(deficit) generated in year	(3,410)	1,832	(1,578)	3,140
<b>Closing balance at 31 December</b>	<b>(270)</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>3,140</b>
<b>Reserves</b>				
Closing bank balance			18,618	6,081
Savings Account			40,000	-
Cash			59	59
Sub-total			<b>58,677</b>	<b>6,140</b>
<b>Other assets</b>				
Fixed assets			35,607	-
<b>Other liabilities</b>				
Trade Creditors			(4,500)	(3,000)
Accruals			(1,800)	-
Payroll taxes			(1,008)	-
Deferred income			(85,414)	-
<b>Total net assets</b>			<b>1,562</b>	<b>3,140</b>

Approved by the trustees in May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Chair:

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022