



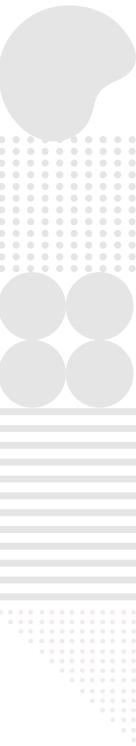
# Strathleven Foundation

Trustee Report  
March 2025 - September 2025



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# Words from Chair of Trustees



"Our Helping Hand Fund has given Trustees a clear understanding of the fantastic pride and commitment to community engagement in Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven area"

## **Bruce Malcolm**

Strathleven Foundation  
Chair

Over the past fifteen years, I have been privileged to be part of the success story in the redevelopment of Lomondgate in Dumbarton - once a major hub of industry and manufacturing in the area. Companies such as Aggreko and Chivas Regal have developed sites here, bringing significant regeneration and employment opportunities to the community.

With most of the funds generated from land sales at Lomondgate, now transferred to Strathleven Foundation, we are keen to continue this success story - building on the rich cultural, industrial, sporting and historical heritage from previous generations.

I have enjoyed visiting many of the groups who have benefitted from a Helping Hand grant and seeing what a difference even a small amount can make. In the coming year, our focus will be on larger funding which we hope will inspire young and old alike to reach their full potential.



# Our Trustees



**Dame Jackie Bailey**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee



**Paul Sheerin**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee



**Fiona Duff**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee



**John Hesketh**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee



**Cllr Michelle McGinty**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee



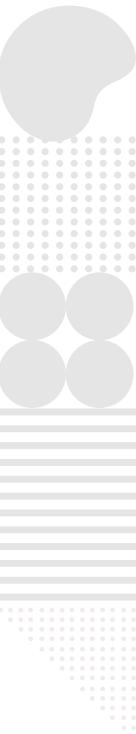
**Cllr David McBride**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee



**Allan McQuade**

Strathleven Foundation  
Trustee





# Foundation Objectives and Activities

## Objectives

Strathleven Foundation is a registered charity, established in 2023 by Strathleven Regeneration CIC (SRCIC) to inherit funds generated from the sale of SRCIC's land assets in the Lomondgate area of Dumbarton.

The Trustees are committed to funding projects that follow the ambition and advancement that were part of our historical achievements.

The objective of the Foundation is to provide grants and financial assistance within our Area of Benefit (Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven).

The Trustees consider applications with priority given to those which contribute to one or more of the following:

- The advancement of education
- The advancement of health
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of arts, culture, heritage and science
- The advancement of public participation in sport
- The promotion of equality and diversity
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement



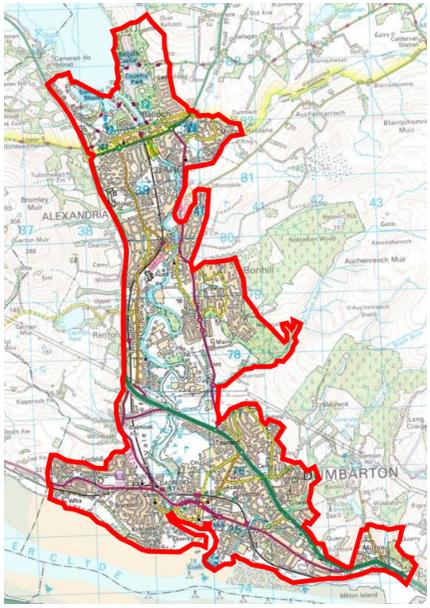


# Activities

We opened our initial funding with our **Helping Hand Fund** which ran from June 2024 until May 2025.

Our Trustees wanted a strong start to Foundation giving with a focus on our local community groups and small charities. Our online application process was straightforward and over the course of the year we received 58 applications with 35 being successful (a 60% success rate).

Running alongside the Helping Hand Fund, Trustees were exploring opportunities for larger funding in our Area of Benefit.



Our **Inspiring Change** program identified some projects which the Trustees felt mirrored our priorities for the area.

The first of these involved working with both West Dunbartonshire Council and consultants Lateral North to provide digital enhancements for the children's library in the newly redeveloped Glencairn house on Dumbarton High Street.

# Focus on our Helping Hand Fund

Our main focus for the fund was that it was for charities and constituted community groups, that it was within Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven and the grants were up to £2000.

Applications came in from a range of interests - older people groups, youth involvement, cultural and historical clubs and local foodbanks to name but a few.

Trustees were delighted to visit some of our successful applicants and see first hand how we had made a difference in these communities.



## What we achieved



£57,672  
awarded



Resources  
for young  
people



Supporting social  
interaction



35 local community  
groups and charities  
received funding



Making a  
difference  
in the  
community



Tackling  
social  
isolation



60% application  
success rate



Improving health  
and wellbeing

# Community Stories

Some of our recipients wanted to share how our funding has helped them to sustain and grow services for people in their local communities.

Thanks to all our local charities and constituted community groups in Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven for making a difference - here are some of their pictures and stories.



**Dillichip Community Gardens** received a Helping Hand Grant toward the cost of a pergola shelter and fruit trees.

Trustee Chair Bruce Malcolm visited the allotments to see the progress being made and joined in with the tree planting alongside Iain McPhie and other Dillichip Community gardeners.

## Singergie

"We were absolutely delighted to receive this money from Strathleven Foundation Helping Hands. We will always keep Singergie a free choir, so that the fun and joy remains accessible to everyone regardless of their circumstances, and this money will help us to do that."



Many of the groups we have funded come together to host and participate in local events.

The Lennox Heritage Society, Dumbarton Cine, Video and Digital Club and The Dumbarton Castle Society were all involved with the recent History Schools project at the Concord Leisure Centre.

We saw first hand how much fun the primary and secondary school children in the area enjoyed learning about our local history and culture. Here is a picture of two of the members having a break between filming.



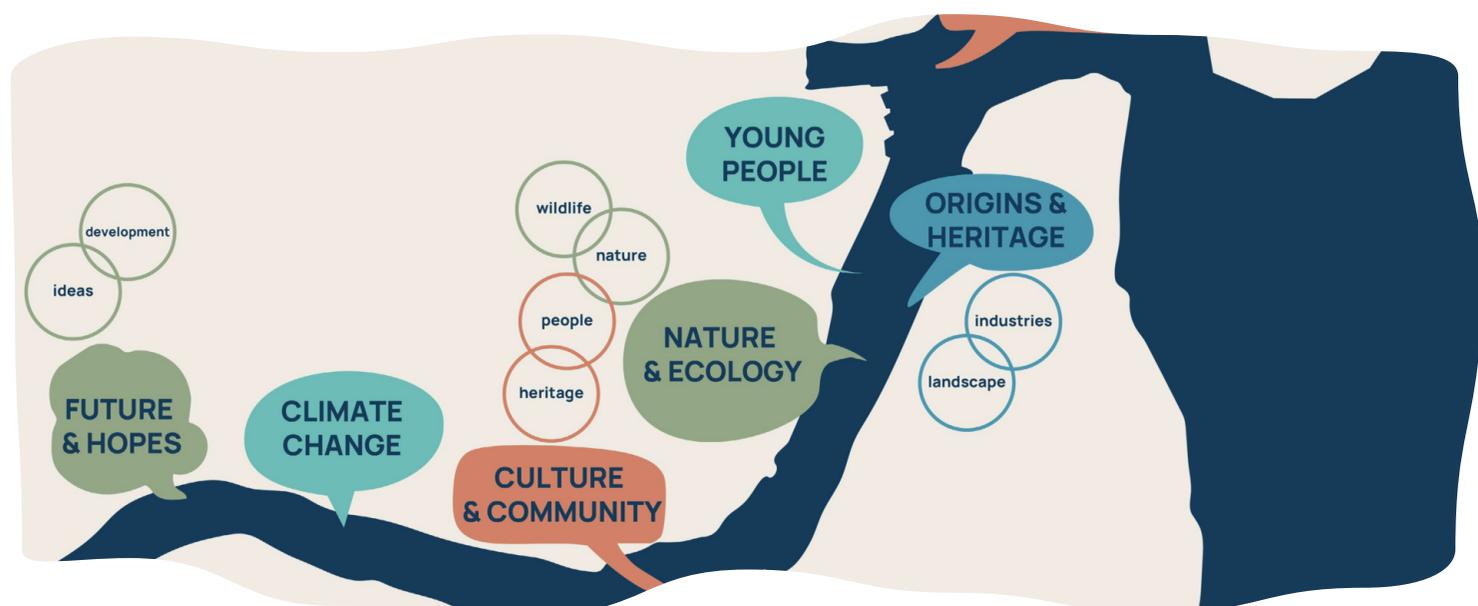
# Our Inspiring Change Fund

With the last of the Helping Hand awards made over the summer, Trustees turned their attention to larger grant giving in our Area of Benefit.

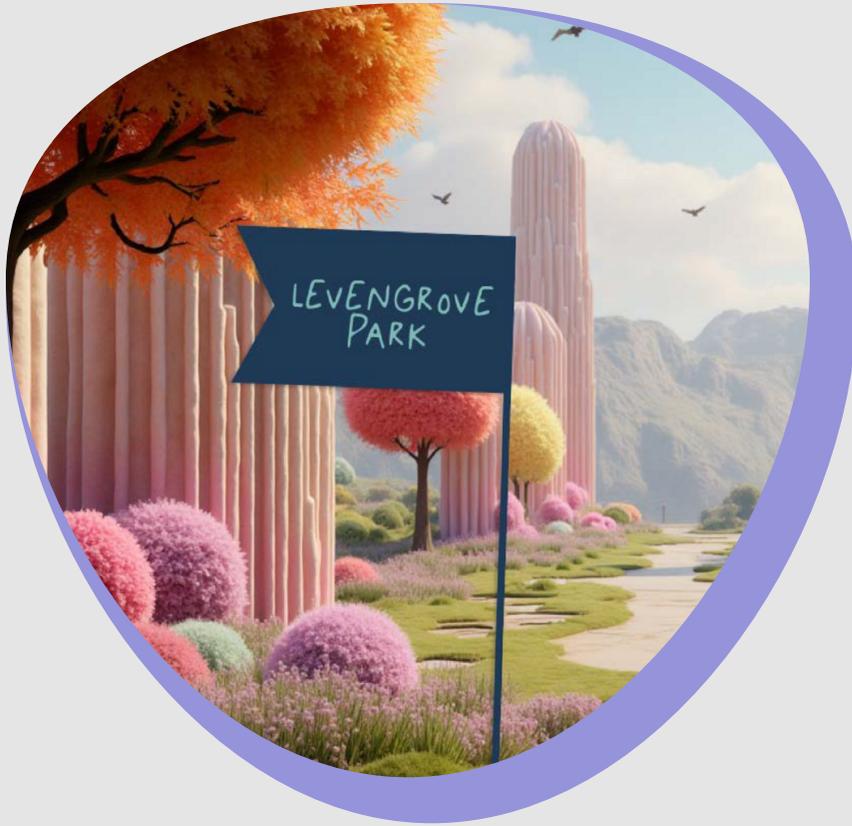
Our first **Inspiring Change Grant** in September 2025 was awarded to West Dunbartonshire Council - almost £200,000 to work with Lateral North, a digital technology design company, to enhance the visitor experience at the soon to be completed children's library in **Glencairn House**.

Children will be able to experience Dumbarton past, present and future through projection, augmented reality, virtual reality and digital interaction.

Story telling and content has been informed through workshops and engagement with local schools and set against the backdrop of the **River Leven**.



# Letting Imagination Run Wild



The Future Dumbarton experience invites children to explore a reimagined version of their town.

Virtual reality leads them down a path to the River Leven, transformed into an exciting reimagined corridor complete with riverside gardens and animal figures.

Augmented reality overlays digital elements onto the real world, allowing children to explore interactive and educational environments through devices like tablets.

Projection technology transforms flat surfaces into interactive displays enabling children to engage with digital content in a physical space.



# Financials

## THE STRATHLEVEN FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 21 SEPTEMBER 2025*

	Notes	Unrestricted funds to 21 Sep 2025 £	Unrestricted funds to 21 March 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	1,000,010	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,000,010</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	4	295,885	4,325
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>295,885</u>	<u>4,325</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		704,125	(4,325)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 22 March 2024		(4,325)	-
<b>Fund balances at 21 September 2025</b>		<u><u>699,800</u></u>	<u><u>(4,325)</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

# Financials

## THE STRATHLEVEN FOUNDATION

### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Notes	21 Sep 2025		21 March 2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	2,069		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		898,422		-	
		<u>900,491</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(200,691)		(4,325)	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>			699,800		(4,325)
			<u>699,800</u>		<u>(4,325)</u>
<b>The funds of the foundation</b>					
Unrestricted funds			699,800		(4,325)
			<u>699,800</u>		<u>(4,325)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27 February 2026

*D B Malcolm*

D B Malcolm  
Chairman of Board of Trustees



# Financials

## THE STRATHLEVEN FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 21 SEPTEMBER 2025*

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	Notes	21 Sep 2025		21 March 2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	13		898,422		-
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			<u>898,422</u>		<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period			-		-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>			<u><u>898,422</u></u>		<u><u>-</u></u>

# Conclusion

On average in the UK, 60-70% of a charity's expenditure is allocated to charitable endeavors, with the rest covering essential costs like administration and governance.

With a commitment to making sure as much money as possible is distributed to the people of Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven, the Trustees are pleased that Strathleven Foundation achieved **86%** in this regard - awarding **£255,072** in grants during the reporting period.

With a significant amount of funds still available, the Trustees have decided that one large inspirational project should receive the bulk of the remaining funds.

Working with local stakeholders, it is anticipated that a project which fits these Foundation aims will be identified and agreed upon in the early part of 2026.

In the meantime, an Educational Fund has been created and is currently accepting applications from local primary and secondary schools, with grants being awarded in March 2026.



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