



Annual Report 2024-25



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SC043913

TRUSTEES REPORT

By Chairperson, Eleanor Martin



Welcome everyone to our Annual General Meeting of 4 Winds Trust. In the past year the charity has grown and developed with the wisdom and experience of new and experienced members from each of the four communities we serve. At this time we thank previous members who stood down for their support and enthusiasm which was imperative for the group success.

We would like to welcome new trustees who have become board members, they are doing marvelous work to ensure 4 Winds Trust funding reaches groups in the areas and hope they are enjoying the work and find it rewarding.

The Charity has been developing on a number of fronts in the past year. Some of the highlights are the continuing agreement with 4 Winds operator RES to ensure our communities are guaranteed funding into the future, improving our public profile to display the news and the impact of our work on our website. Keeping records updated gives a clear picture of the 4 Winds Trust impact over the past 11 years. The grant cheque presentation events organized by 4 Winds have been a positive move forward and I as chairperson have enjoyed meeting people and discussing their projects.

We continue to monitor the impact of grant funding in the communities and we thank you for all your cards, photographs and updates about your projects.

During this year we have also received additional training which has enabled trustees to be upskilled ensuring procedures are being followed and monitored. I would like to thank Fife Voluntary Action and in particular David McGrath who was absolutely fantastic in guiding us through OSCR regulation and new charity laws. We are, along with Fife Voluntary Action in the process of creating a new application form for anyone wishing to apply to be a trustee in the future.

I have every confidence that the charity will continue to deliver vital funding for the people of Auchtertool, Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly and Lumphinnans.

Thank you to the Trustees for their ongoing support and our funders RES.

I firmly believe we are now in the best shape ever for the challenges the new financial year brings. The total amount of funding recipients received this year was £ 83,341.55

GOVERNANCE

4 Winds is established to distribute funding from the Little Raith Wind Farm, on behalf of the wind farm operator, RES. Our charity number is SC043913 and we are regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

4 Winds is a '2-tier' SCIO, meaning we have trustees and members. The board of trustees manage the strategy, policy and day-to-day operations of the charity. The membership comprises all community councillors in Auchtertool, Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly and Lumphinnans.

We are grateful for the support of each of the four community councils in our area who send two representatives to sit on our board as trustees.

We also appreciate the input and efforts of our co-opted trustees, who provide additional community oversight on the board and, as per our constitution, stand down at each AMM.

For the year ended 30th April 2025, the following trustees have been part of 4 Winds:

Eleanor Martin, Lumphinnans CC – Acting Chairperson
Andy Bolden, Lumphinnans CC – Treasurer
Debbie Scollay, Auchtertool CC – Secretary (joined Dec 2023)
Joolie Martin, Cowdenbeath CC – joined May 2024
Wilma Aitchinson, Cowdenbeath CC – joined October 2024
Garrie Roberts, Lochgelly CC – joined Dec 2023
Andrea Cail, Auchtertool CC – joined Dec 2023
James Mann, Lochgelly CC – joined October 2024
Stuart Duffy, Cowdenbeath CC – left August 2024
Jim Martin, Lumphinnans CC – left October 2024
Mari Erskine, Lochgelly CC – left October 2024

IMPACT

Feedback from funded groups

On behalf of the committee members of Acorn Aid, we thank you most sincerely for donating towards our Family Christmas hampers.

Your generosity has overwhelmed us and we can assure you that your donations will go a long way to supporting those in need in our community.

Thank you June and Brian



NCB Workshops Cairn project

Your funding was essential in making this project a reality. The funding was used in the provision of materials and a new stone plaque for the cairn, which we are sincerely grateful for.

The cairn celebrates the achievement and contribution of the workers of Cowdenbeath Central Workshop, which built and maintained vital mining equipment for pits across Scotland and North England.

FUTURE PLANS

A new decade for 4 Winds



As the charity enters another year, we are filled with confidence about the future and the positive impact the funding from Little Raith Wind Farm is having on our communities.

With amendments to the Scottish charities regulations we have been working hard reviewing our governance and will continue to work with professional organizations to ensure compliance.

To assist prospective trustees we are in the process of designing a Recruitment Pack which will provide information on our Charity, Roles and processes.

Our governance and performance as a charity continues to be strong, with transparency and accountability for the communities we serve. We continue to review and develop a robust funding framework, ensuring the fund continues to support the work so vital in our local towns and villages.

Ensuring the fund is as accessible and available as possible to local groups continues to be our aim, we are committed to reviewing and learning, ensuring we have the right tools and processes in place. This will enable us to continue supporting the many local groups who support our local communities living in Auchtertool, Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly and Lumphinnans.

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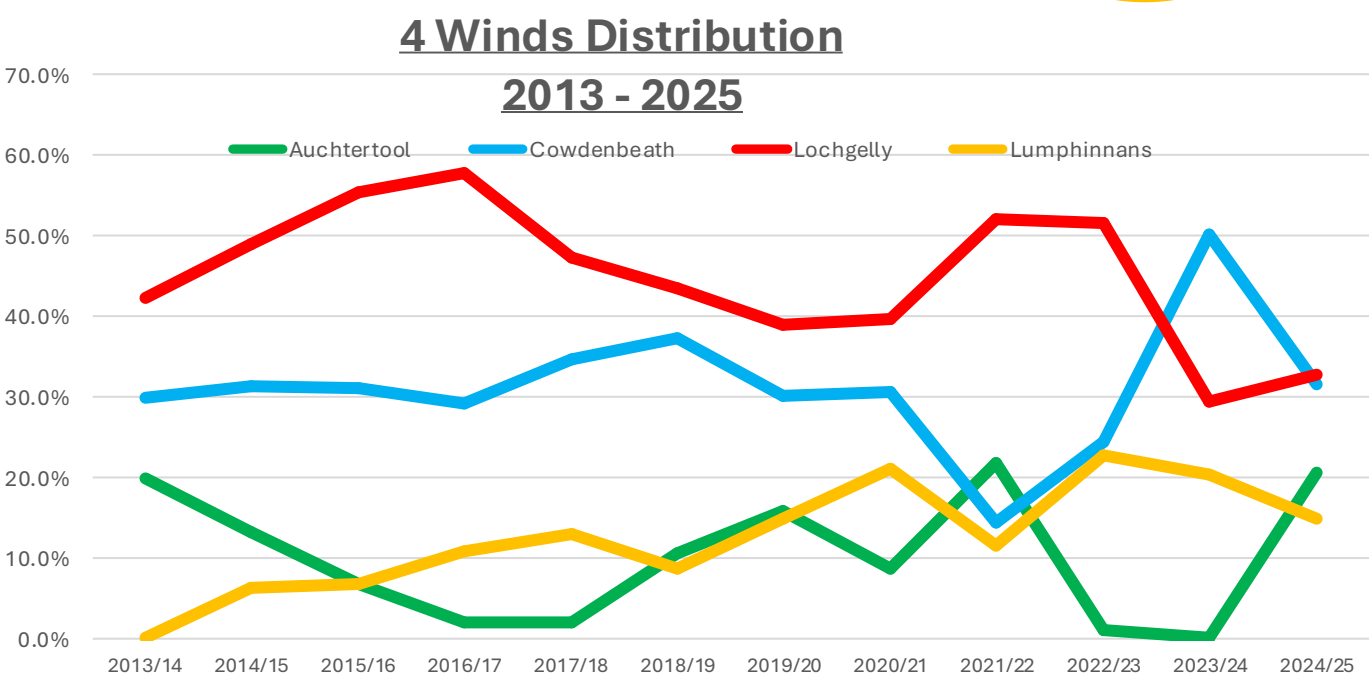
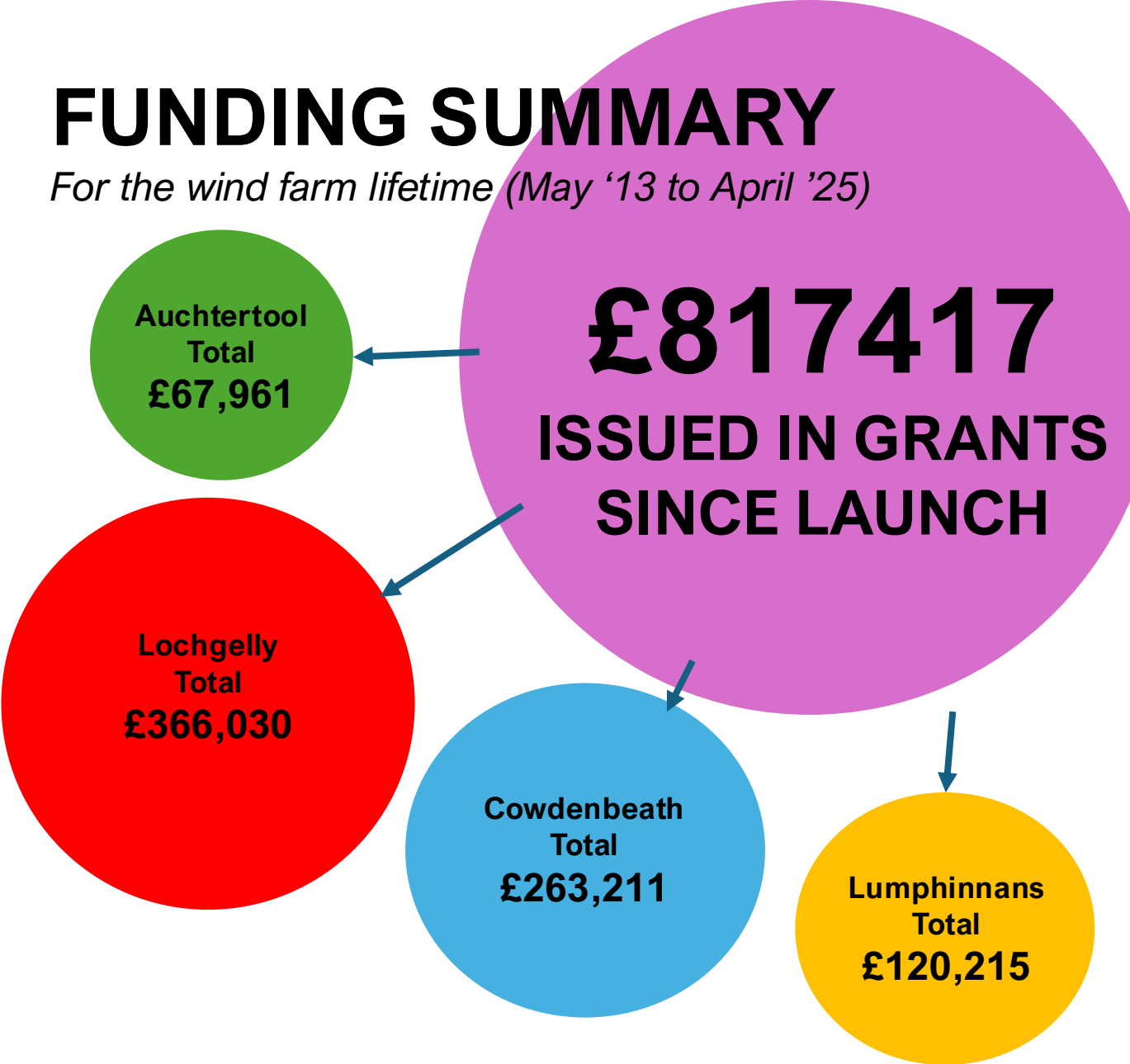


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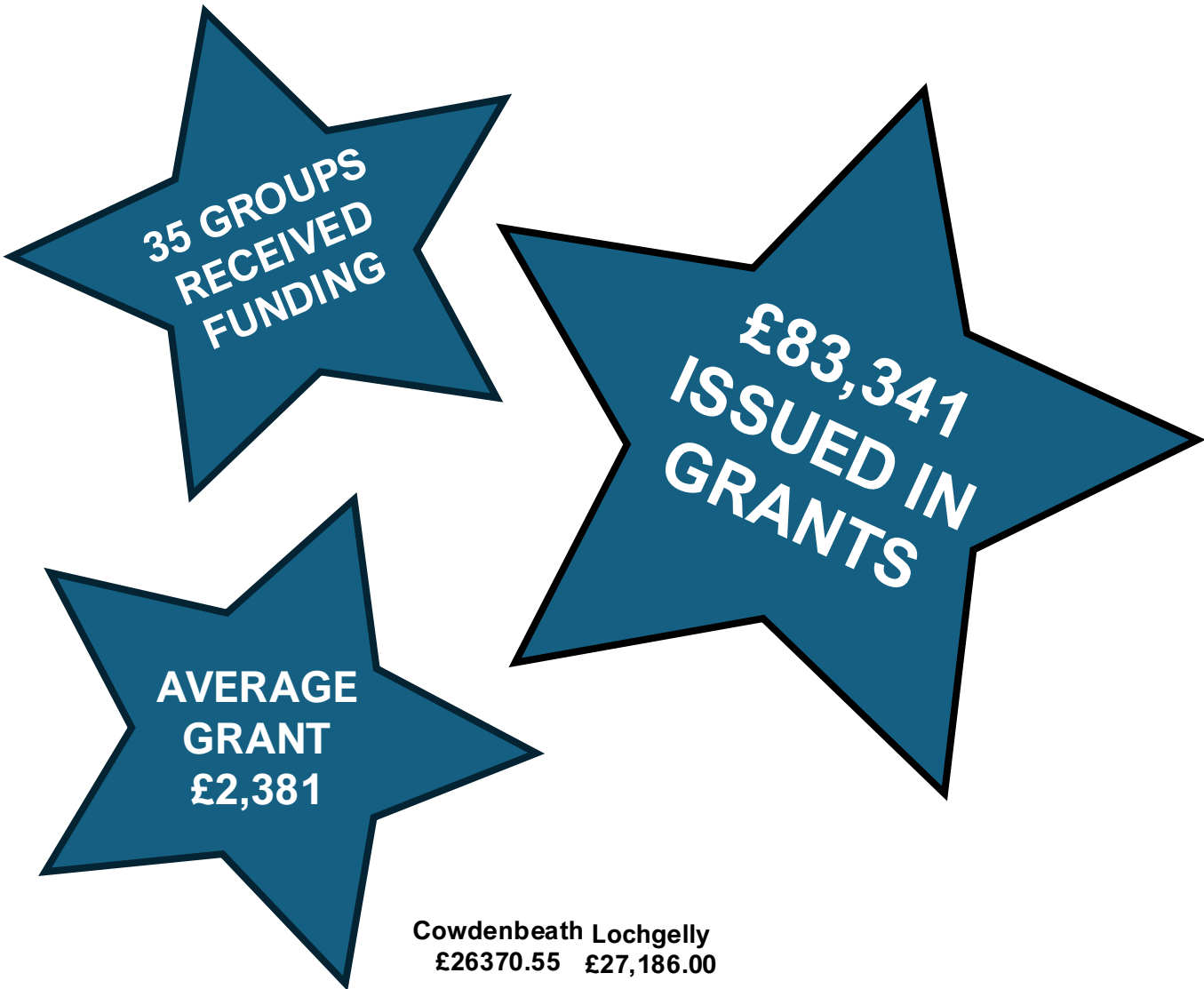
FUNDING SUMMARY

For the wind farm lifetime (May '13 to April '25)



FUNDING SUMMARY

For the year ended 30th April 2025



Communities share of funding for the year 2024-25

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

4 Winds SCIO

SCO43913

Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 30/04/2025

<u>Receipts</u>	2024/2025	2023/2024
Little Raith Wind Farm	89,442.33	84,770.52
Total Receipts	89,442.33	84,770.52

Payments

Project Funding (Note 1)	75,841.55	88,625.66
Youth Development Grants	7,500.00	0.00
Room Hire	74.63	87.10
Website Costs	393.60	623.36
Independent Examiner	30.00	20.00
Admin Costs/Supplies	67.98	0.00
Total Payments	<u>83,907.76</u>	<u>89,356.12</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	5,534.57	(4585.60)

The attached note forms an integral part of this account.

Statement of Balances at 30/04/2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Opening Bank Balance	32,895.07	37,480.67
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	5,534.57	(4585.60)
Closing Balance	<u>38,429.64</u>	<u>32,895.07</u>

Signed and approved by the Trustees

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Date 10/08/2025

Eleanor Martin

Date 10/08/2025

FUNDING AWARDS

Note 1 to accounts for y/e 30/04/2025

4-WINDS SCIO Grants Awarded 2024-25

Group Name	Amount	Date Awarded	Area
Auchtertool Kirk	£ 3,000.00	Jun-24	Auchtertool
Auchtertool Primary PTA	£ 785.00	Jun-24	Auchtertool
Auchtertool Village Hall	£ 6,000.00	Jun-24	Auchtertool
Lochgelly Albert Colts 2012s	£ 500.00	Jun-24	Lochgelly
Lochgelly Childrens Gala	£ 1,864.00	Jun-24	Lochgelly
Lochgelly West PS PTA	£ 5,000.00	Jun-24	Lochgelly
Lumphinnans Community Council (Youth Dev)	£ 1,500.00	Jun-24	Lumphinnans
Lumphinnans Hearts AFC	£ 1,500.00	Jun-24	Lumphinnans
Cowdenbeath Community Council (Youth Dev)	£ 2,500.00	Aug-24	Cowdenbeath
Folk Who Paint	£ 475.15	Aug-24	Cowdenbeath
Thane of Fife Social Club	£ 3,000.00	Aug-24	Cowdenbeath
46th Fife YMCA Scout Group	£ 2,000.00	Aug-24	Cowdenbeath
My Cowdenbeath	£ 3,000.00	Aug-24	Cowdenbeath
Lochgelly Community Council	£ 1,195.00	Aug-24	Lochgelly
Lochgelly Christmas Lights	£ 3,000.00	Aug-24	Lochgelly
Cowdenbeath Community Council	£ 4,945.40	Aug-24	Cowdenbeath
Acorn Aids	£ 1,000.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
Beath Malawi	£ 750.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
CLOBAR	£ 1,000.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
Cowdenbeath Bowling Club	£ 2,000.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
Knights Templar	£ 2,000.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
LADAMA	£ 2,500.00	Nov-24	Lochgelly
Lochgelly Albert Colts 2013's	£ 750.00	Nov-24	Lochgelly
Lochgelly Band	£ 3,500.00	Nov-24	Lochgelly
Station Rd Indoor Bowling Club	£ 200.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
The Clearing	£ 2,500.00	Nov-24	Cowdenbeath
Auchtertool Community Council (Youth Dev)	£ 1,500.00	Nov-24	Auchtertool
Fife Street Pastors	£ 1,000.00	Feb-25	Cowdenbeath
Lochgelly Childrens Gala	£ 1,851.00	Feb-25	Lochgelly
Lo'gelly Lunches (Friends of Loch Gelly)	£ 2,026.00	Feb-25	Lochgelly
Lumphinnans Community Bowling Club	£ 8,000.00	Feb-25	Lumphinnans
Robert Smith Court	£ 1,500.00	Feb-25	Lumphinnans
Auchtertool Village Hall	£ 6,000.00	Feb-25	Auchtertool
Lochgelly United	£ 3,000.00	Feb-25	Lochgelly
Lochgelly Community Council (Youth Dev)	£ 2,000 .00	Feb-25	Lochgelly
AUCHTERTOOL	£ 17,285.00	20.8%	
COWDENBEATH	£ 26,370.55	31.6%	
LOCHGELLY	£ 27,186.00	32.6%	
LUMPHINNANS	£ 12,500.00	15.0%	
	£ 83,341.55		

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 4 Winds Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2025 which are set out on pages 8 & 9.

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 (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts 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.



Brian McLaren

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