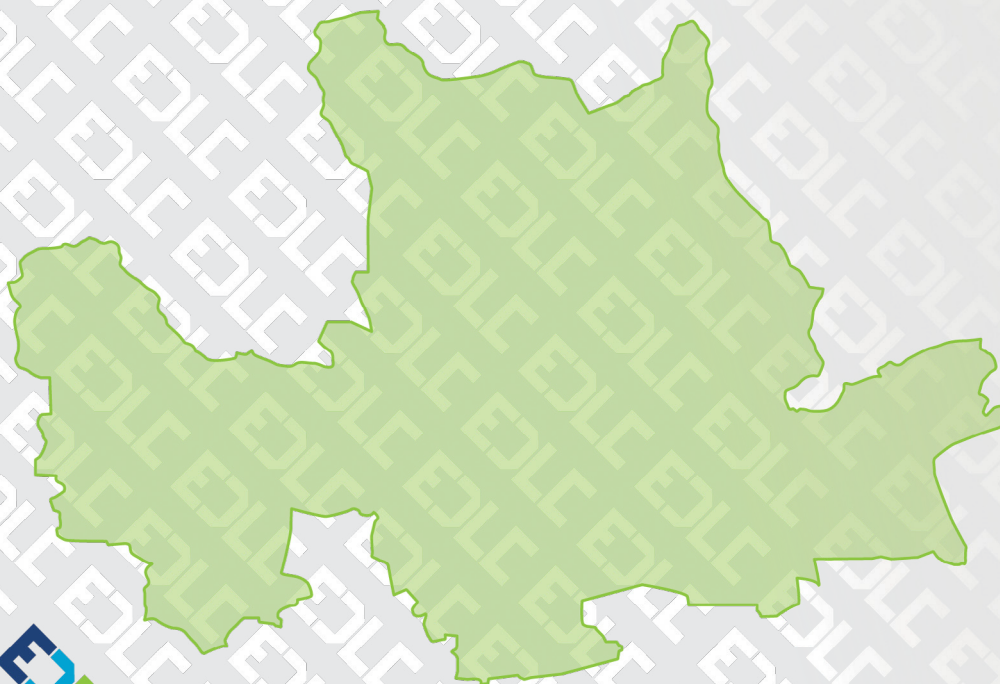




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INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Trustees, it is a pleasure to introduce our 13th Annual Report and accounts for East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (EDLCT) – covering the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

It has been another challenging year, but I'm proud to say that – working together as a team – we have continued to deliver first-class facilities and services, providing sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in East Dunbartonshire.

This report contains a wealth of detail. Highlights include:

- A rise in overall usage figures across the board – up by 10.3% on the previous year
- A rise in Gym membership – up 13%
- A rise in Group Fitness participation – up 61.6%
- A rise in referrals to the Live Active Programme – up 54%
- A rise in Vitality Programme attendees – up 68%
- Strong growth across all areas of Cultural Services, with the overall combined usage for both museums and libraries exceeding target by 13%.

All of this – and more – has been delivered against a challenging backdrop, including rising utility costs and inflation. Maintaining and improving income levels continues to be a priority.

At every second Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October, the Chair position rotates between a partner director (an Elected Member from East Dunbartonshire Council) and an independent director.

At the AGM in October 2023, our previous Chair – Jim Neill – stood down and retired from the Board after many years of service. Jim was a member of the Board for several years as an independent director and also covered the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. I would like to thank him for all his dedicated work in supporting the Board and EDLCT over the years – particularly his leadership as Vice Chair and Chair during the pandemic.

At last year's AGM we also welcomed two new independent directors to the Board – Alan Wright and Lu McNair. Alan has a background in policing and corporate governance, and Lu's background is in the cultural sector.

I hope you can find the time to read the Annual Report and accounts, which provide information and detail about the Trust's work and performance over the financial year of 2023/24.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our employees, volunteers, partner organisations, East Dunbartonshire Council and my fellow Board members for their contributions over the past year.



Jim Gibbons (Partner Director)
Chair of the Board

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust



WHO ARE WE?

EDLCT The Company

Charitable Status

The company attained charitable status on 8 December 2010 and the Scottish Charity Number is SC041942.

Governing Document

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (EDLCT) is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association and does not have any share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 25 November 2010 and commenced trading on 1 April 2011. Each member has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding one pound towards any deficit arising in the event of the charitable company being wound up. The charitable company is a not-for-profit distributing organisation and any surplus, other than that required to keep the reserves at the agreed level, if generated is available to reinvest in the charitable company to maintain and improve the service.

Name of charity:	East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust
Charity number:	SC041942
Company number:	SC389516
Registered Office:	Kirkintilloch Town Hall Union Street Kirkintilloch G66 1DH
General manager:	Karin Jackson
Company secretary:	Maeve Kilcoyne
Independent auditors:	Wbg (Audit) Limited 168 Bath Street Glasgow G2 4TP
Bankers:	Virgin Money 177 Bothwell Street Glasgow G2 7ER
Solicitors:	East Dunbartonshire Council Southbank Marina 12 Strathkelvin Place Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ



Trustees

The trustees of the charitable company (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) who held office during the period and to date are as follows:

Partner Directors
Alix Mathieson
Ian Gallagher
Jim Gibbons (Chair)
Stewart MacDonald
Vaughan Moody

Independent Directors
Alexander Marshall
Greig Russell
James Watson
Jim Neill – retired on 11 October 2023
Lu McNair – appointed on 11 October 2023
Alan Wright – appointed on 11 October 2023 (Vice Chair)

Trade Union Representative
Craig Bell

As set out in the Articles of Association, the maximum number of directors is 11 and comprises the following:

- » Five directors appointed by East Dunbartonshire Council
- » Five directors appointed from the local community and/or independent representatives from the health, cultural and business fields
- » One director appointed from the Trade Unions

The directors have the power to nominate and appoint directors in accordance with the arrangements set out in the Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Board Members

Independent directors are appointed through a selection process and come from a range of backgrounds including leisure, theatre and community safety.

The trustees who served during the period and up until the date of this report are noted above.

Trustee Induction and Training

Governance and legal issues as appropriate are discussed at Board meetings.

Trustees, when necessary, update their employment and other interests in other organisations in the company's Register of Interests to ensure no conflict of interest arises. This Register of Interests is published on the company's website. Trustee induction takes place when new directors are appointed. Around the AGM each year, proposed training is tabled for discussion and agreement.

Corporate Governance

The Board is committed to demonstrating good Corporate Governance and compliance with the Nolan recommendations in this respect. To this end it has established a Finance and Audit Sub-Committee that works to a pre-determined Finance and Audit Plan based around these principles. The Finance and Audit Sub-Committee monitors and considers the company's compliance and records, and then updates the full Board of Trustees.

Trustees' Attendance at Board Meetings

	31 May 2023	9 August 2023	11 October 2023	6 December 2023	7 February 2024	10 April 2024
Alan Wright	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P
Lu McNair	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P
Stewart MacDonald	P	A	P	P	P	P
Alexander Marshall	P	P	P	P	A	P
Greg Russell	P	A	P	P	P	P
Jim Gibbons	A	P	P	P	P	A
James Neil	P	P	R	n/a	n/a	n/a
James Watson	P	P	P	P	A	P
Vaughan Moody	P	A	P	A	P	P
Ian Gallagher	P	A	P	P	A	P
Alix Mathieson	A	P	A	A	P	A
Craig Bell	P	P	A	P	P	A

Apologies	A
Resigned or n/a	R
Present	P
Not Yet Admitted	NYA

Indemnity Insurance

In accordance with the Companies Act, the charitable company confirms that it has in place a Directors' and Officers' Insurance Policy.

Organisational Structure

The Board meets on an eight-weekly cycle to consider company business and it refers decision-making on recruitment, health and safety, and finance to nominated sub-committees.

A General Manager is appointed by the Board, to manage the day-to-day operations of the company. To ensure that operations are carried out effectively, the General Manager has delegated authority within an approved scheme for matters including personnel, finance, procurement and operations.

EDLCT works in close partnership with East Dunbartonshire Council to ensure the highest possible standard of service is offered to residents and visitors to the area. These close links ensure that the vision of EDLCT is closely aligned and integral to the strategic aims of the Council, which is the core funder of the company.

The Board meets six times a year, with trustees and the General Manager present. The business of the company is managed by the Board and operational management is delegated to the senior management team. The senior management team is represented at all leisure facilities, Sports Development, Active Schools, libraries and cultural facilities. The General Manager reports to the Board, senior managers report to the General Manager.

There are currently Board members represented on human resources and recruitment, health and safety, finance and audit, and leisure and culture strategy sub-groups. The Human Resources Committee was set up to facilitate key appointments and to be in place as an arbitration forum for any staffing issues that may arise. This committee will also review senior staffing positions. The Health and Safety Committee was set up to ensure EDLCT's compliance with health and safety legislation, and includes representatives of both staff and trade unions.

The formation of the finance and audit sub-group was approved by the EDLCT Board in August 2012 and is the main conduit with regards to finance and audit matters, ensuring finance and executive business is fed back to the Board of Trustees. The sub-group has responsibility for scrutinising the EDLCT annual accounts and makes subsequent recommendations to the Board. The group has also made recommendations on pricing and Service Level Agreement budgets with East Dunbartonshire Council.

Equal Opportunities Policy and Equality Awareness

The company continues to be committed to providing a working environment in which employees can realise their full potential and contribute to its business success. To this end, the company is determined to make all efforts to prevent discrimination or other unfair treatment against any of its employees, potential employees or users of its services – regardless of race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, disability, trade union membership or non-membership, sex, sexual orientation marital status, age, employment status or offending background that does not create risk to vulnerable people. This is a key employment value to which all employees are expected to give their support.

The company's policies for recruitment, selection, training, development, and promotion are designed to ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on these grounds. The company expects its employees to support this commitment and to assist in its realisation in all possible ways. Specifically, the company aims to ensure that no employee or candidate is subject to unlawful discrimination, either directly or indirectly, on the grounds of gender, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic origin) sexual orientation, marital status, part-time status, religion or belief, disability or age. This commitment applies to all aspects of employment, including recruitment and selection, advertisements, job descriptions, interviews and selection procedures. This policy also covers: training; promotion and career development opportunities; terms and conditions of employment, and access to employment-related benefits and facilities; grievance handling and the application of disciplinary procedures; and selection for redundancy.

An Equality and Diversity group will be established going forward and training opportunities sourced for the EDLCT Board and employees. In conjunction with the Council, a statement will be drafted which signals our intent to make meaningful change.

All employees that were transferred to EDLCT on 1 April 2011 were part of a TUPE agreement with East Dunbartonshire Council.

Employee Information

The company maintained, over the period, up-to-date records and statistics on all human resources matters and this information was available if requested to agencies for monitoring purposes.

EDLCT currently follows the same evaluation process as East Dunbartonshire Council (the Scottish Councils Job Evaluation Scheme). All EDLCT posts have been evaluated through this process.

WHAT DO WE DO?

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (EDLCT), on behalf of East Dunbartonshire Council, is responsible for the operation, management and delivery of leisure and cultural services throughout East Dunbartonshire. The services are delivered under the terms of a service agreement with the Council.

Through the delivery of these services, EDLCT seeks to have a significant impact on the lives of the residents of East Dunbartonshire and the communities in which they live, and so improve their quality of life.

As a charity, our main aim is to provide facilities for recreational, sporting and cultural pursuits which are of maximum benefit to the community and accessible to all. The key objectives and ambitions of EDLCT are detailed below:

Objects and Activities

The charitable company's objects and principal activities are:

- » To advance the arts, heritage, culture and science
- » To advance public participation in sport
- » To provide recreational facilities and organise recreational activities, with such facilities/activities being made available to members of the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life
- » To advance education
- » To advance health
- » To advance citizenship and/or community development (which may include the promotion of civic responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector and/or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities)
- » To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- » To promote, establish, operate and/or support other similar schemes and projects which further charitable purposes.

Strategic Objectives

The Trust has been split into five key service areas:

- » Libraries
- » Heritage & Arts
- » Sports Development
- » Active Schools
- » Leisure Centres and Pitches.

Our Ambition

Through strong partnership working, East Dunbartonshire will be a place with first-class culture, leisure and sporting opportunities where people enjoy fulfilled and active lives. East Dunbartonshire will be recognised as a leader in the provision of culture, leisure and sport.

We will further improve the health and wellbeing of our community by increasing participation in culture, leisure and sport. We will strengthen local partnerships and improve local infrastructure and facilities. We will safeguard and increase opportunities for all residents, workers, visitors and volunteers to take part. We will promote the benefits of participation in culture, leisure and sport, and the opportunities available.

Our Objectives

The strategy has four over-arching objectives that underpin all areas of the strategy:

1. Increasing Participation for All

To increase participation in culture, leisure and sport for all residents, workers and visitors of East Dunbartonshire in an inclusive and sustainable manner.

2. Improving Physical/Mental Health and Wellbeing

To improve health and wellbeing through culture, leisure and sport opportunities – enabling everyone in East Dunbartonshire to lead full and active lives.

3. Developing People



To support and develop the network of volunteers and staff involved in delivering culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire, and to support all individuals in developing their talents, skills and confidence.

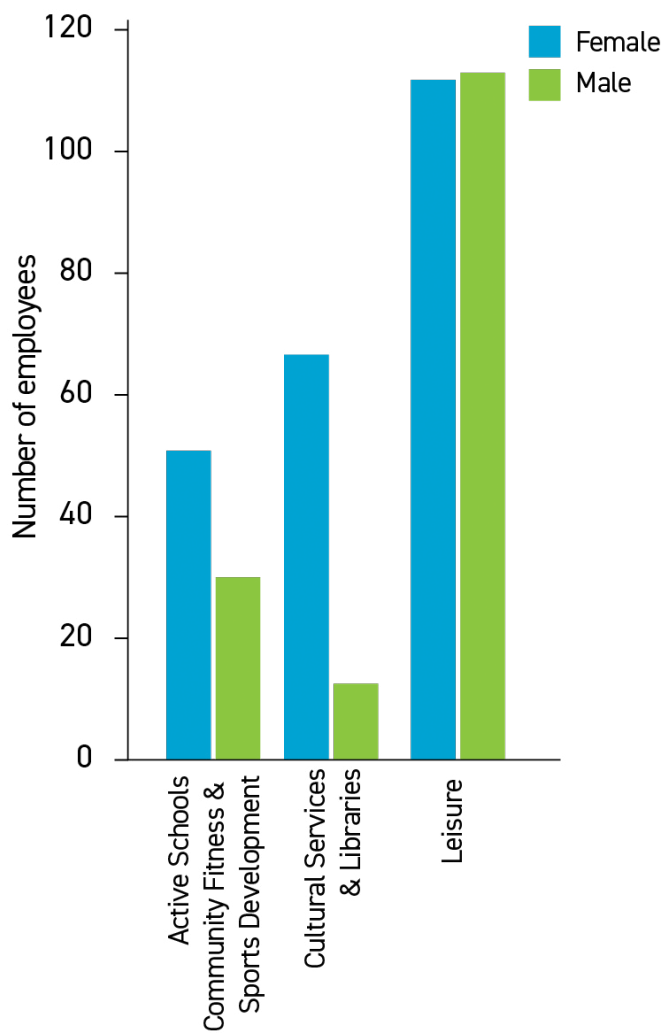
4. Maintaining Quality of Our Existing Culture, Leisure and Sports (CLS) Offer and Maximising Opportunities

To maintain the quality of our current culture, leisure and sport offer, improve existing services and maximise opportunities for providing new activities and services by incorporating high environmental and design standards – therefore ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has first-class culture, leisure and sport venues and services.

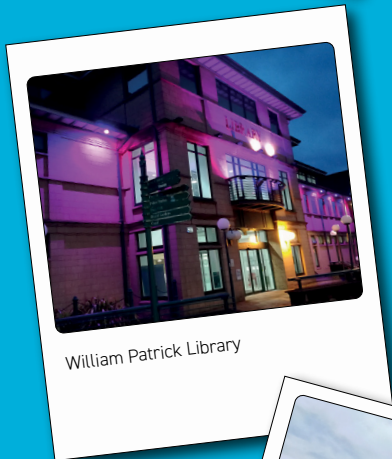
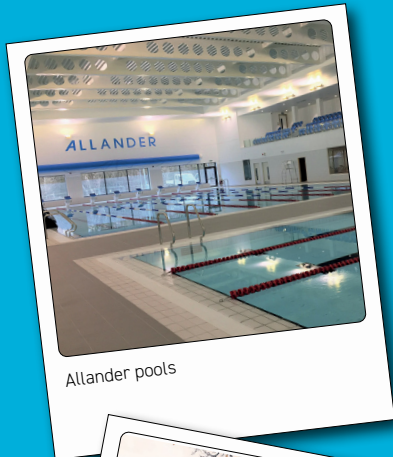
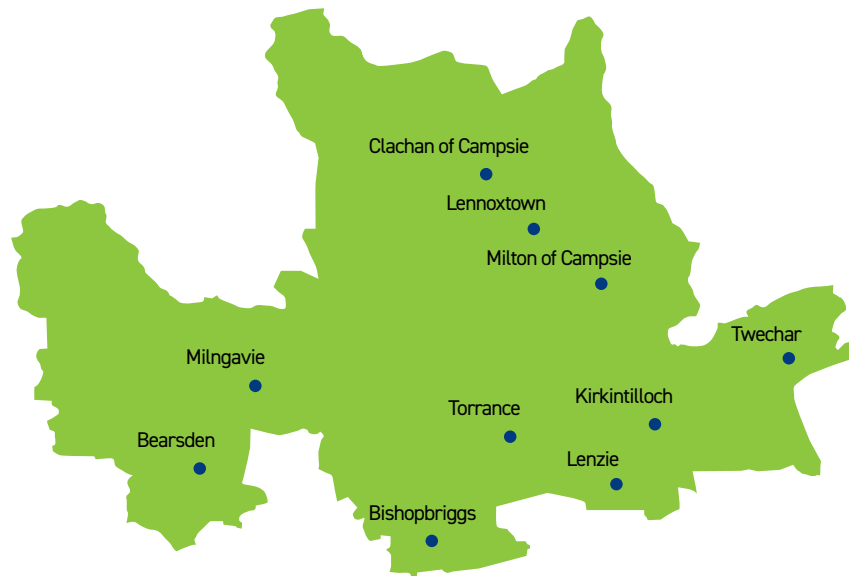
EDLCT Employees

EDLCT has 382.00 Full Time Equivalent employees, these are detailed by service area.

	Active Schools Community Fitness & Sports Development	Cultural Services & Libraries	Leisure
Female 	48	66	112
Male 	28	14	114



Main Facilities



Arts

- Auld Kirk Museum
- Lillie Art Gallery
- Kilmardinny Arts Centre
- Kirkintilloch Town Hall

Sport and Leisure

- Allander Leisure Centre
- Huntershill Sports Hub
- Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre
- Leisuredrome

Libraries

- Bishopbriggs Library
- Bearsden Library
- Craighead Library
- Lennoxton Library
- Lenzie Library
- Milngavie Library
- Westerton Library
- William Patrick Library

Outdoor and Active

- Antonine Wall and Roman Baths
- Campsie Fells
- The Forth & Clyde Canal
- John Muir Way
- Mugdock Country Park
- Peel Park
- Thomas Muir Heritage Trail
- West Highland Way



HOW WELL DID WE DO?

Overall Attendances

Key Figures

Leisure Centres



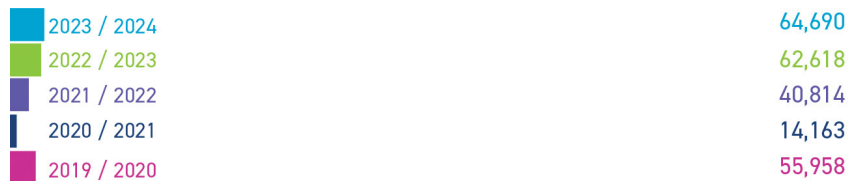
Sports Development including Community Fitness and Live Active



Libraries



Museums including Kilmardinny House



Outdoor usage



EDLCT Total usage





Concessionary Scheme

EDLCT, in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Council, offers a concessionary access scheme which gives residents in receipt of certain benefits a discounted rate for access to activities. This was previously referred to as the Passport Scheme.

The Concessionary Scheme is also available to those aged over 65. There were 165,479 visits under the leisure scheme in 2023/24, an increase of 91,402 from 2022/23.

The Gym

Retention and marketing initiatives continue to be rolled out to attract new customers and encourage those customers who have cancelled their memberships to return.

Gym membership

2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
11,522	10,195	6,074	4,227

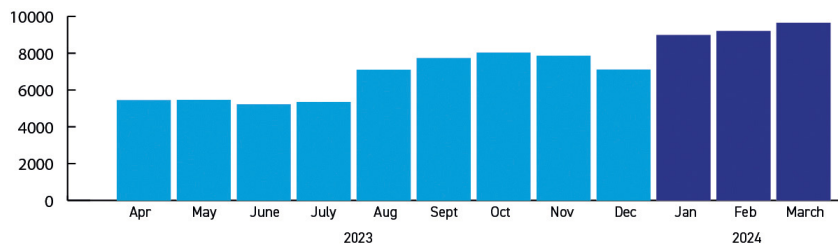
EDLCT Health and Safety Overview 2023/2024

2023/24	Total	%	Reportable	Non-Reportable
Unknown	2	1.06	0	2
Staff	16	8.47	0	8
Member of Public	8	4.23	0	8
Customer	161	85.19	2	159
Contractor (External)	2	1.06	1	1
Total	189	100	3	186



EDLCT Mobile App

During 2023/24, our mobile app continues to be utilised by existing and the majority of new customers – allowing easy access to book classes and activities, but also allowing access to the membership QR code. The app has now been downloaded a total of 30,488 times and active users increased by 77% over the course of the year.



Join EDLC All Inclusive membership today with nothing to pay until April 2023

- New Life Fitness gym equipment with HALO workout data tracking
- Swimming Pools
- Sauna & Steam
- ALL Fitness Classes

Pop in to Allander, Leisuredrome or Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre to find out more.

www.edlc.co.uk/membership-options

Leisure Centres: Group Fitness Participants

2023 / 2024	188,286
2022 / 2023	116,513
2021 / 2022	162,525
2020 / 2021	6,097
2019 / 2020	176,292

The increase of 61% was primarily due to the opening of the new Allander Leisure Centre in March 2023, which has three stand-alone studios, offering greater flexibility and ensuring maximum participation at peak times. The general growth of the membership also added to the success of the programme. New 'on trend' group exercise classes were introduced across our venues to keep up with customer expectation:

HIITSTEP, Broadway Boogie and Baby & Me classes

Live Active Referral Programme

Referrals to the programme increased by 54%.

1,163	2023/24
756	2022/23

Referrals to the programme are generated via GP, Practice Nurse or Physiotherapist. The increase was primarily due to the increase in physiotherapy and mental health referrals. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) has funded a Triage, Maintenance & Support Officer to manage the referrals before being signposted to activities around our leisure centres or passed to the Live Active Officers for more complex patients needs.

Vitality Programme

There was a significant increase in the number of people attending the Vitality Programme - 68%.

7,965	2023/24
4,736	2022/23

Vitality is a programme of exercise classes which supports participants to exercise at a level suitable to their abilities. The classes offer a functional workout, allowing participants to be more independent as well as benefiting from social interaction. Classes are structured by NHSGGC and aim to help build and maintain strength, co-ordination, endurance and flexibility. These classes are suitable for people with different physical abilities and medical conditions - including stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis and breathing difficulties.

Walking Programme

The Walking Programme is aimed at inactive people who would benefit most from doing more physical activity and enjoy an increased social interaction. The programme secured funding in June 2023 and now offers eight weekly walks across East Dunbartonshire. A total of 720 participants attended walks to March 2024.

Free Health Walks are an integral part of our programme to meet a variety of needs of people in the community. Our current provision of eight Health Walks are all volunteer-led and organised by our Walking Co-ordinator. We work closely with local partners - e.g. East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), GP surgeries and third sector organisations - and ensure appropriate signposting to relevant walks. Free health walks are an ideal opportunity for our Live Active, GP-referred patients/customers to commence low-level exercise at no cost.



CULTURAL
 LEISURE AND SPORTS



Facebook Engagements
 up by 80%

Facebook followers
 up by 12%

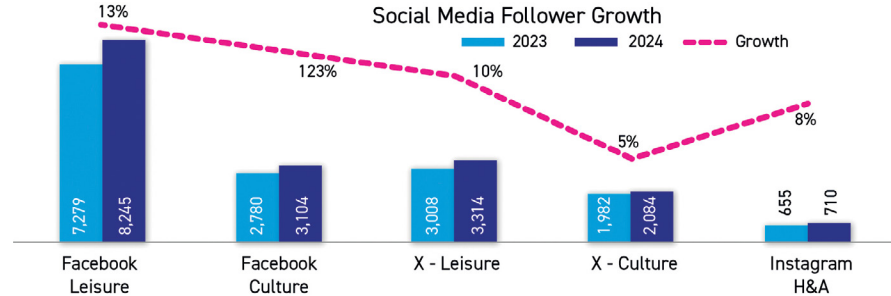
Facebook Engagements
 up by 34%

Facebook followers
 up by 13%

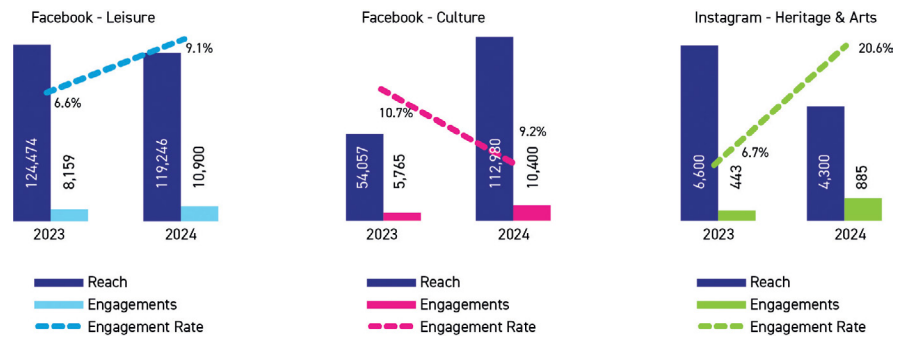


Digital Update

Social Media - Channel Overview



Our social media channels continued to grow over the year. This may be a result of the merging of multiple Sports Development, Active Schools, and Leisure accounts into one umbrella 'EDLC Leisure' account for both Facebook and X. This merger allows us to concentrate resources and work collaboratively across teams, instead of diluting our messages.



While our reach dropped slightly for both our Leisure Facebook and our Heritage and Arts Instagram, our engagement rate increased. This indicates that, for the audiences who did view our content, they found it more relevant and engaging.

Conversely, our Culture Facebook page experienced a significant 109% increase in reach compared to the previous period. While the total engagements figure also increased, the engagement rate is slightly lower year-on-year. This may be due to our content reaching a lot more users than previously.

Unfortunately, data beyond current follower count could not be collated for X due to a combination of channel restrictions and our switch from one social media software tool to another at the end of August 2023. This meant that data from before this is now unavailable.

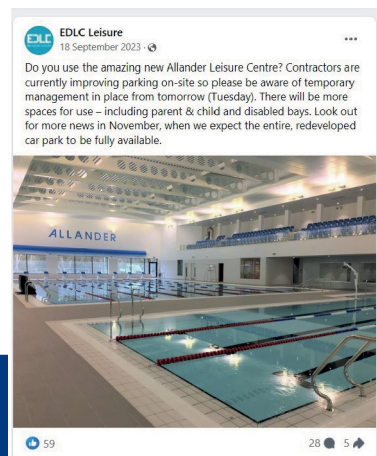
Most Popular Posts

The most popular post for Leisure on Facebook was one which discussed the work going on by contractors to improve parking at the Allander. The post can be viewed [here \(and below\)](#).

It reached 16,270 users and received 59 likes, five shares and 28 comments.

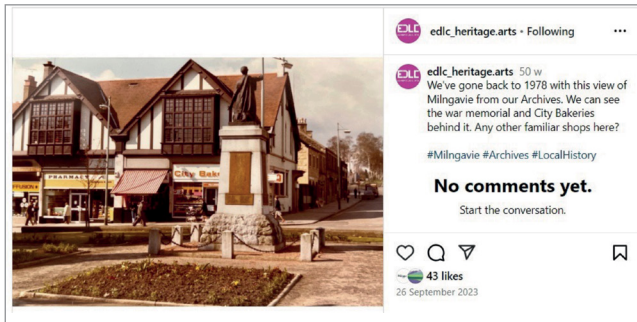
It reached 16,270 users and received 59 likes, five shares and 28 comments.

The most popular post for Culture on Facebook one of our photos from the archives. The post can be viewed [here \(and on the next page\)](#).



It reached 15,823 users and received 57 likes/loves, 11 shares and 28 comments.

The most popular post on Instagram for Heritage and Arts was again, a post from the archives of shots from 1978. The post can be viewed [here \(and below\)](#).



It reached 307 users and received 43 likes and two saves. Unfortunately, no data could be retrieved for X.



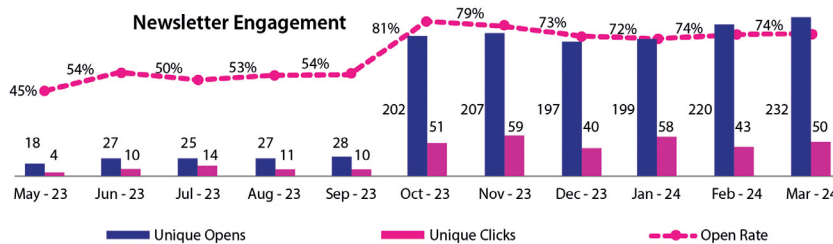
Email Newsletter

Our library newsletter has grown from 138 to 322 subscribers since April 2023, an increase of 133%.

Over August and September 2023, IT fixed a fault whereby our emails were being blocked by various providers. During this time, subscribers moved between our 'bounce' and 'active' lists, hence the sharp drop and climb over that period.

The 'opens' and 'clicks' jumped significantly in October last year. This was again a result of IT's investigation into our domain being blocked. The 'open rate' has been fairly steady ever since, remaining between 70-80%. This is generally considered a high open rate for email marketing and indicates an engaged subscriber list.

There are plans to develop similar email marketing initiatives for other teams within Cultural Services. This will be developed towards the end of 2024.



Website

Unfortunately, due to our new website going live on 27 March 2024, we are only able to retrieve data from this date forward. Thus, an update on the performance of our website will be provided in the next report.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Cultural Services

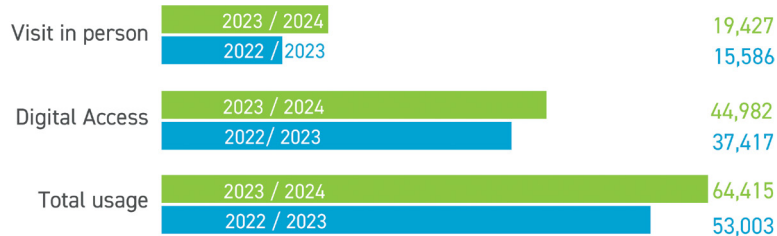
2023/24 saw very strong growth in usage across all areas of Cultural Services, with the overall combined usage for both museums and libraries exceeding target by 13%. Broken down into individual service areas: museum visits in person exceeded target by 25% and digital usage exceeded target by 22%; while library visits in person exceeded target by 7.5% and digital usage exceeded target by 15.7%. Within the library service it was anticipated that, as in-person visits increased, digital usage would decrease, but this has not been the case. The data suggests that library members have become used to, and enjoyed the benefits of, the digital offer, while also continuing with the more traditional book-borrowing service.

The year also saw library and museum usage figures exceed pre-COVID levels for the first time, exceeding the overall 2019/20 usage figures by 29.5%.

The Archives & Local Studies service received 15,185 visitors and staff responded to a total of 3,587 enquiries. Visitor figures to Archive & Local Studies increased by 47% compared with 2022/23.

Museum Attendances

	Visits in person	Digital access	Total usage
2022/24	19,427	44,982	64,415
2022/23	15,586	37,417	53,003



Library Attendances

	Visits in person	Digital access	Total usage
2023/24	304,254	638,000	942,254
2022/23	282,834	566,684	849,518



Total usage 2019/20 (pre-pandemic) versus 2023/24

	2019/20	2023/24	% recovery from 2019/20
Total museum usage	55,958	64,415	115%
Total library usage	721,357	942,254	131%



Heritage & Arts

Get Creative Arts Programme

The popular Get Creative Arts Programme continued to offer a wide range of courses, workshops and events for both adults and young people. In 2023/24, in response to customer feedback, the range of classes was expanded to include printing, painting and collage techniques, as well as the popular drawing, craft and pottery sessions.

Due to demand, the number of workshops delivered at the Lillie Art Gallery and Auld Kirk Museum was increased, with many reaching capacity. The most popular classes were for children aged seven to 11 and pottery classes for both children and adults at the Auld Kirk Museum and Kilmardinny House. This year, the programme returned to Kirkintilloch Town Hall, offering courses in printing and painting techniques.

Throughout the year, the Get Creative programme attracted 1,154 participants to 115 workshops.

Heritage & Arts Events

The service continued to support and provide community-focused events throughout the year, with highlights including:

- » Milngavie Week – with the Lillie Art Gallery hosting various public activities, which included an exhibition of artwork relating to the West Highland Way and Pictures of Hope – an exhibition of images showing the positive experience of refugees living in Scotland.
- » Kirkintilloch Canal Festival – with the Auld Kirk Museum providing live music, entertainment and face painting. The venue received 900 visitors during the canal festival's Sunday Funday.
- » Doors Open Day – co-ordinated by the Archives and Local Studies team, in partnership with East Dunbartonshire History and Heritage Forum, this popular annual event offered a chance to explore fascinating buildings, join guided walks, and celebrate local places and people. A total of 17 venues participated, attracting 381 visitors.
- » As part of the 'Explore Your Archive' campaign, over November and December, Milngavie Library and William Patrick Library hosted archive displays, promoting the Archives and Local Studies service. Both displays proved popular with the public and generated interest across our social media channels.
- » As part of the service's ongoing commitment to developing the performance and events programme, the Lillie Art Gallery hosted a family puppet show afternoon as part of its popular annual Christmas exhibition. Kilmardinny House played host to No Nonsense Productions, who delighted near sell-out audiences with two performances of A Christmas Carol, A Radio Play on Stage. The performances were particularly well received by local residents, most of whom said they had not visited the venue in many years.



Exhibitions



The Auld Kirk Museum and Lillie Art Gallery hosted 22 exhibitions over 2023/24. Highlights of the year included a retrospective of James Greer, which incorporated a video screening of an interview with the artist by Ana Amoros-Lopez from Tenger Films. The exhibition received national interest, with visitors from across Scotland, and sold 52 artworks. Visits to the Lillie Art Gallery were boosted through a partnership exhibition with Gerber Fine Art, of bronze sculptures by artist Denis Westwood.

Young People's Art, a celebration of EDLCT's art classes, had a popular opening event with over 100 people in attendance. Children were inspired by the pop art movement and created a kaleidoscope of colour in the Gallery.

The Lillie Art Gallery hosted a retrospective exhibition by the late Gavin Nicol. Gallery staff worked with the artist's family to select works for this exhibition, which included a range of drawings and paintings, as well as a studio installation. Gavin had previously exhibited in the Lillie 50 years before.

At the Auld Kirk Museum, the public had the opportunity to see an exhibition of local landscapes curated from East Dunbartonshire Council's own fine art collection. The exhibition was visited by residents from a local care home who enjoyed a guided tour. This visit was one in a series of arranged group visits the Museum Team facilitated for vulnerable people.

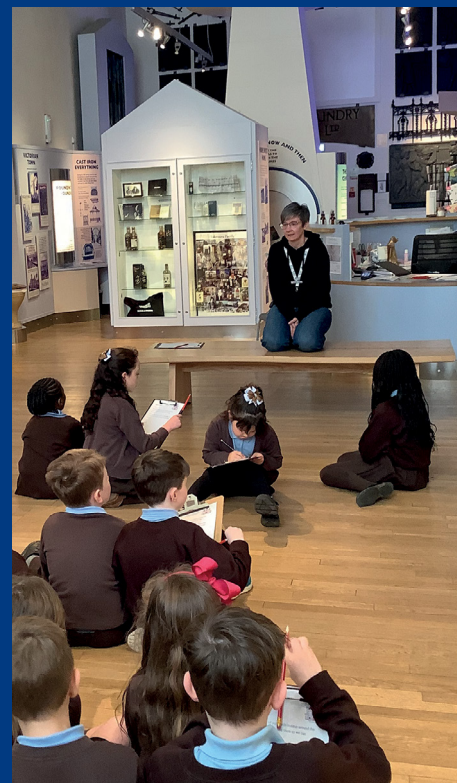
November saw the opening of the popular Christmas selling exhibitions at the Lillie Art Gallery and Auld Kirk Museum. These exhibitions are an annual highlight, showcasing the work of local and other invited artists. This year featured the work of Denise Chateau-Loney, who lives and works in Milngavie. Denise is a botanical artist and bookbinder, working with eco printing and watercolours.

Outreach and Education Work

As part of the service's commitment to increasing outreach and education work, the Museum Team has been promoting "museum handling boxes", which allow participants to get "hands on" with the less delicate or valuable objects from the collections. One handling collection was used by the Memories Scotland group, which is supported by the library service, while other loans went out to schools to support delivery of local history topics.

The museum welcomed three classes from Holy Family Primary, who were exploring Victorians and castles as their topics. A series of activities were designed by the team, in consultation with teachers, to ensure the pupils had a positive and fun learning experience. As well as getting to handle objects relating to the subjects, the pupils also got to dress up as various Victorian people.

"The kids had an amazing time! It was great and very informative, and the kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so thank you very much for all the time and effort you put into producing a session for them." Teacher



Collection Enquires

The Museum Service received 79 enquiries, ranging from requests for information about donations, venue tours, object identification and access to the collections stores. A particular highlight was a visit from representatives of Nikka Whisky, the Japanese whisky producer founded by Masataka Taketsuru, who married Kirkintilloch-born Rita Cowan.

Collection Loans

A replica of the Bearsden Shark remains on loan to EDLCT from the Bearsden Shark Group and is expected to continue until 2026. The replica cast of the original fossil, held at the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow, was on display at Bearsden Library until the temporary closure of Bearsden Community Hub in late 2023, when it was relocated for inclusion in an exhibition of objects relating to Bearsden, at the Lillie Art Gallery, from 24 February to 7 April 2024.

Fifteen works by Joan Eardley were loaned to Glasgow School of Art for their exhibition 'Early Eardley: Selected works 1940-1950' which ran from 10 November to 16 December 2023. The exhibition attracted 1,732 visitors over the 37-day run. Suggested image: BDEN shark

Collections Care

A number of works received essential conservation and preservation treatment as part of our responsibility to ensure objects are cared for, for the enjoyment and education of future generations. Minor improvements were made to collections storage areas, including window coverings, to address issues highlighted in recent conservation surveys.

Acquisitions

Nine objects with local relevance were donated to the collections, including: a miner's spout lamp; Campsie Ware pottery; and a Girl Guiding uniform and flag.



Nikka Whisky visit



ARCHIVES & LOCAL STUDIES

Volunteers

A regular team of five volunteers gave up 328 hours of their time to support the service with indexing and transcribing. The work of our volunteers provides invaluable support to the service, and helps volunteers retain and share their knowledge and experience, while providing an opportunity to meet others with similar interests.

“For me it brings me back to my first love and career in History. I may be retired but my brain still functions and this makes me feel I can still contribute and be of value. I do not want to give up on something I look forward to.” Archive Volunteer

Image: Archives volunteer



Enquiries

A total of 3,587 Archives & Local Studies enquiries were received over the year, with most requests coming from local residents, but with others coming from as far afield as the USA, Canada and Australia. The most common enquiries related to house history, family history and burial locations.

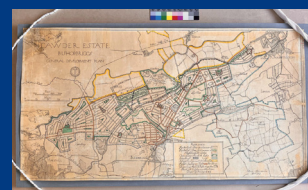
“This is fantastic as it now confirms what the other [certificates] were saying and I can share with the American branch of my tree who had the name all wrong. More importantly it confirms the people I thought were my ancestors are my ancestors. And now I know where they lived. Your help has been invaluable.” Enquirer by email

This year, our Visitors came from here...



Archive Conservation

Items often reach the Archives Service in poor condition and require conservation work. One notable item conserved this year was a plan of Cawder Estate from 1935. Created by Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the plan shows proposed development around Bishopbriggs. This very significant plan was in extremely poor condition, but has been preserved by EDLCT Archives for the benefit of future generations and is available to the public in our archives reading room in Kirkintilloch.



Archives New Accessions

Twelve archive collections were transferred or donated to the Archives Service in 2023/2024 for permanent preservation. They included:

- » Provost Gillian Renwick, East Dunbartonshire Council – invitations, programmes and correspondence relating to Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Her Majesty the Queen, 2022-2023 (Acc 2023/15)
- » Bearsden Horticultural Society – scrapbooks, news cuttings, annual show papers, published history, 1947-2013 (Acc 2023/7)
- » Lenzie Tennis Club – minute book, 1922-1936 (Acc 2023/13)
- » Lodge Caledonian St John Royal Arch No 195, Masonic Lodge – minutes, petition books, sederunt books, 1796-2012 (Acc 2023/11 - loan)
- » Marshall family of Baldernock – legal documents, letters, family photographs, 17th-20th centuries (Acc 2023-14)

Bearsden Archives Decant

In March 2024 over 700 boxes of archives and 50 bags of rolled plans, held at Bearsden Library & Community Hub, were relocated to temporary storage at William Patrick Library and Southbank House, Kirkintilloch. This was to ensure the safety of the archives during essential works required as a result of the discovery of Reinforced, Autoclaved, Aerated, Concrete (RAAC) in parts of the building. Public access to these archives is available by appointment at William Patrick Library, Kirkintilloch.

Outreach

The Archives Service had a busy year delivering outreach work and supporting local groups and third sector organisations. A particular highlight for the team was their work with St Ninian's High School to help the school celebrate its 150th anniversary. This included assisting with copies of archives for displays and creating memories cards for events, as well as hosting a visit from the Advanced Higher History pupils, who looked at items relating to the school from the 1870s to the 1990s, before selecting items to be scanned for a display in the school.

"I found it really interesting, I didn't expect to find things from the 1800s which was very cool. Thanks so much for having us, and for your effort." School pupil, St Ninian's High School



St Ninian's High School pupils visit the Archives Service

LIBRARIES

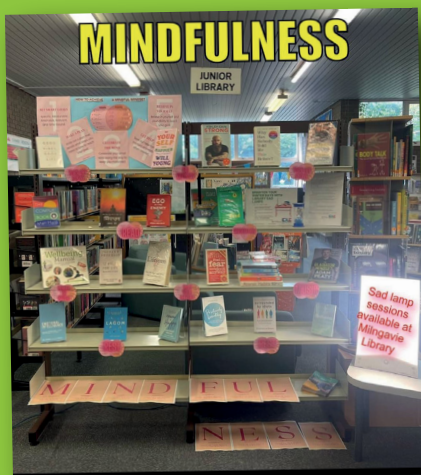
Following the discovery of RAAC in its construction, Bearsden Library closed to the public in September and remains closed at time of going to print. Despite this, footfall across the service performed strongly, exceeding the previous year by 7.5%. There were 373,261 physical stock issues during the year – a small increase on last year.

Overall, despite the closure of one of the four large libraries, usage figures increased 11% over the year. The service welcomed 4,199 new members, which was slightly less than last year.

Health & Wellbeing

The service continued to develop its role in health and wellbeing in line with the national initiative, 'A Collective Force of Health & Wellbeing':

- » EDLCT Libraries, alongside five other library services from across Scotland, is part of a national pilot linking up with Alzheimer's Scotland to provide support, information and signposting for people managing the condition, and their carers and families. Staff underwent training, which now designates the service as being 'Alzheimer's Aware'. The services ran "brew and blether" sessions during Alzheimer's Awareness Week in May.
- » The Health Information Hubs partnership with East Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership and NHSGGC was extended, with all frontline staff having three mornings of training using local and national resources for supporting people managing their health and wellbeing, and digital awareness training. The service will echo the local health information calendar, focusing on conditions of particular relevance to our communities and offering guidance on information and resources, and helping people connect with other agencies for further support.
- » Audiobook walks resumed, with the programme being extended over the festive period due to user demand. Suggested image audiobook walk 1
- » 'Library SAD Lamps' returned for the winter period; providing in-branch loans of daylight lamps to help counteract Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). The service set up a partnership with Glasgow University's Living With SAD research group, who are providing additional resources to libraries with the intention of applying for funding to pilot lamps for loan.



Children & Families

The theme of the year's Summer Reading Challenge was 'Makers'. A total of 1,497 children took part, with 870 completing the programme – the highest number of participants since 2016. This success was partly due to a new initiative to visit schools before the end of term to promote the programme.

BookBug Week, in May, saw 494 children and their parents/carers take part in libraries, local community venues and a pilot session at Allander Leisure Centre. The use of sports venues will be continued and developed in future years.

The team took part in Pathways Through Play – a collaborative project with the Scottish Book Trust (SBT) involving playworkers from PlayTalkRead going out to two East Dunbartonshire nurseries to encourage play based around the books in the SBT Bookbug nursery bags that are gifted to all three-year-olds.

Last year's externally-funded Festival of Facts was continued this year from the service's own resources, focusing on nature, with sessions in libraries and outdoors – offering crafts, animal bingo and a treasure hunt. A total of 225 children and their parents/carers took part over the week.

The team continued to expand their work within communities, which not only delivers direct engagement, but encourages people to visit libraries as independent users.

Activities over the year included:

- » Contributing to Westerton Gala Day, running Bookbug and craft sessions as well as hosting local children and adult authors
- » Running a PlayTalkRead project in early years settings in Hillhead and Auchinairn, in partnership with the Scottish Book Trust
- » A presentation to Kirkintilloch High School's National 4 Child Development class about the role of reading and Bookbug sessions
- » A programme of activities for primary-age children over the October break, providing experience for the team's young volunteers.

Book Week Scotland

The service delivered a full programme of activities across branches and in community venues, including:

- » Children and families author event at St Machan's Primary School, Lennoxtown
- » Outreach visit to all classes at Harestanes Primary School
- » Class visits to libraries from seven other primary schools
- » Taking part in an evening Halloween storytelling session, organised by Hillhead Primary School for pupils and parents
- » An event for adults on a barge on the canal, with authors Rhona Morrison and Allan Martin
- » Adult author events in Milngavie and Bishopbriggs libraries, including the book launch of 'Thirsty Animals'
- » A sold-out murder-mystery evening in William Patrick Library.



Shelf Life

The service secured funding from the Scottish Government Climate Engagement Fund, administered by the Scottish Libraries & Information Council (SLIC), to participate in 'Shelf Life' – a national project bringing libraries together to promote engagement with issues around sustainability. The programme in East Dunbartonshire included: mending and repair workshops with local crafters and menders Eilidh Weir and Joanna Craig; and a writers' workshop in Westerton Library with participants writing poetry on nature and climate resilience. The Children & Families Team organised climate activities, with biodiversity workshops from ZooLab, Thunderbolts and Lightening (an edible insect adventure), and drop-in activities and advice throughout the day. A total of 376 adults and children took part in the activities, which were held in partnership with Home Energy Scotland, EDVA and the East Dunbartonshire Council Allotment Officer. SLIC funding of £500 also allowed the service to enhance book stock on the topic of climate change

Learning & Access

The Learning & Access Team worked with partners in Ceartas to deliver a programme with users over four sessions exploring, in depth, the resources and services on offer for older people from the service. This included a library tour and a workshop on accessing online resources, as well as many conversations about the social history of the group. Parts of the sessions were recorded on audio and video, as a way of documenting the experience, and a film will be shared on social media as a way of extending the offer to other groups.

Links With Local Communities

Throughout the year, our libraries hosted a series of events, placing them at the heart of their communities. Milngavie Heritage Society held an opening event at Milngavie Library for their display on 'Big Houses in Milngavie and Bearsden Area'. With music provided by a pupil from Douglas Academy, the exhibition was formally opened by the East Dunbartonshire Provost Gillian Renwick. Popular events attract a wide variety of local people, including Bishopbriggs Library's Halloween Ghost Walk.

Libraries played a central role during community days and gala days, with craft activities, author events and displays, including Milngavie Week and Kirkintilloch Canal Festival. Bishopbriggs Community Day saw a host of stalls outside the library, and a range of arts and crafts events inside.

Libraries helped communities celebrate Christmas with a wide range of activities. In Bishopbriggs, the library was the key community venue, with 1,906 people attending a Light Up Bishopbriggs event which included Santa's Grotto, Wishing Tree craft session, make your own Christmas cards and a tattoo station (washable), as well as a DJ, school choirs and a visit by the Provost. Inside the library was a marketplace, with baked goods, toys and Christmas gifts on sale, and a display by Macmillan Cancer Support. In Kirkintilloch, the library offered children's craft sessions, with refreshments for parents, to complement the Christmas lights switch-on. Over 400 people attended. At Westerton, the library was the focus of their Christmas event, with a special themed Christmas BookBug session. The Children & Families Team ran special Christmas-themed BookBug sessions at the larger branches, and 'Stories Round The Christmas Tree' activity events at Hillhead and Lennoxton primary schools.



Leisure Centres

Cross Centre Activity

EDLCT introduced a new class cancellation penalty scheme to drive down non-attendees at Group Fitness sessions. During the first month, the initiative evidenced a reduction of over 50% non-attendees across the three leisure centres. The next three months resulted in non-attendance dropping from 18.3% to 5% whilst positively impacting headcounts and customer satisfaction with more availability in Group Fitness.

The Leisuredrome and Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre hosted Nicola Benedetti Foundation schools music event. Over 1,200 East Dunbartonshire Council school pupils attended throughout the day and were involved in an interactive musical experience.

Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre

2023/2024 was another year of growth following the recovery from the pandemic. Usage and income continued to increase each quarter, which is encouraging. Across the year, centre usage was 21% higher than 2022/23 and Gym usage grew by 30%. The new Gym extension, which opened in Quarter 3 of 22/23, helped facilitate growth and has provided a better-quality customer experience.

The Gym extension, created by knocking through into the former Conference Room, has proved extremely popular with customers looking to participate in more functional and floor-based exercise. The new area has also been able to host bookable small group exercise early morning FT30 classes several times a week, run by Gym staff, which again have been popular with gym users.

Centre community clubs have continued to regrow, including swim and gymnastics clubs as well as the Additional Support Needs groups, University of the 3rd Age and the martial arts clubs. A judo club also started to use the centre, as did various youth football clubs training on the outside pitches, and casual pickleball became more popular.

The centre also had a good blend of events taking place this year. Two duathlon events were held by Glasgow Triathlon Club, Springburn Harriers held two schools' cross-country championships, the annual Neil McCover Half Marathon ran once again as did Kirkintilloch Gala Week, and the Nicola Benedetti Music Foundation schools' event was hosted in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Council.

In terms of facility improvement, at the start of the year, works were completed on new air handling for the Dance Studio to improve air quality – providing the ability to accommodate an increase in customers. The entire centre also underwent a corporate rebranding exercise, with a new paint colour scheme and directional wayfinding signage throughout the building.



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The Leisuredrome

The Leisuredrome (formerly Bishopbriggs Sports Centre) celebrated 50 years on 12 July 2023. To mark the occasion, a media campaign took place via EDLC and Council social channels, with local engagement to capture community stories and experiences involving the centre over the years.

To celebrate our partnership with Scottish Swimming, Olympic swimming sensation Duncan Scott MBE attended classes at the centre on 6 September 2023 where he inspired the children taking part. Duncan spent several hours with EDLC teachers and swimmers, promoting the national Learn to Swim Framework, demonstrating technique, answering questions, and finishing with photos with everyone involved.

The centre provided the main pool and pool gallery for Scotia Amateur Swimming Club's Club Championship on 13 and 20 November 2023, with over 160 swimmers taking part. The event was heralded a great success and featured competitors of all age ranges. The Scottish Schools Swimming East Dunbartonshire heats were held earlier with almost 100 swimmers taking part from local schools. This annual event is organised by Swimming Development – supported by Active Schools and our valued volunteers from local swimming clubs.

Over 200 runners took part in the Jack Crawford 10km hosted by Springburn Harriers with the start and finish point at the centre.

Huntershill Sports Hub

At the start of August 2023, Huntershill Sports Hub welcomed the Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH), **sportscotland** and Sir Chris Hoy to renew a four-year partnership between SAMH and **sportscotland**. The event was very well attended and recognised the success of local athletics club Springburn Harriers.

A feasibility survey was completed by a consultant appointed by the Council's Assets Team to assess and provide indicative costs to develop and enhance the facilities at Huntershill Sports Hub. This was in preparation to apply to the SFA Community Facility Fund to cover at least 50% of the associated development costs. The SFA held a meeting in early January 2024 to inform prospective applicants that the £16.1 million had been committed to other projects across Scotland and that no applications would be received at this time. It was indicated by the SFA that further funding would become available soon.

Allander Leisure Centre

The new Allander Leisure Centre (phase one) opened on 6 March 2023 with significant interest during the opening weeks.

Phase two opened on 8 January 2024 which included the Sports Dome (two indoor pitches and one tennis court) and the final sections of the car park, including electric vehicle charging stations.

The centre achieved significant footfall over the year, which grew steadily since its opening. Daily use peaked as high as 2,000 participants per day during February. The end of year head count of 481,000 participants will rise during 2024/25, with the Sports Dome open for the full year.

The Hydrotherapy Pool has proved to be a major success. It has taken some time to achieve a balanced programme within the facility, but it now includes warm baby sessions, Additional Support Needs, quiet sessions, adult rehabilitation and private hire. Six-week block bookings will be introduced in 2024/25.

Pickleball continues to grow rapidly, with clubs and casual play racking up nearly 100 hours of play each week. The centre hosted the Pickleball Masters National Championships during June, which received national coverage.



The Group Fitness programme has gone from strength to strength, due to the flexibility of having three focused studios, with nearly 100,000 attendances through the class programme over the year. Virtual Les Mills Classes were added within the high-impact studio to provide classes outwith the standard times, but also to help on the occasion an instructor was not available.

The NHS Vitality programme and low-impact classes have proved to be extremely popular, with additional classes being added to the programme due to demand.

There is no doubt that the quality of the facility and the programming have attracted many customers from private leisure centres within the surrounding area, as well as attracting those from further afield. The opening of a Pure Gym across the road from the facility in December 2023 has had little impact on the growth of the membership.

Allander Resource Centre – Learning Disability Day Service

The Allander is an outstanding example of how partnership working and a focused design process can provide a resource which meets the diverse needs of all in the local community. The centre supports integration, inclusivity and a positive awareness of individuals with a learning disability. The Allander also contains resources which were previously not available to residents in East Dunbartonshire and therefore provides an effective community hub where access to sports facilities and disability-specific activities promotes and recognises diversity. Effective crossover working between two organisations – EDLCT and East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Partnership – supports the real potential to further develop this service.

Active Schools Academic Year 2023/24

The Active Schools Team had a positive start to academic year 23/24, and as of December 2023 were operating with a full complement of staff. This had significant impact on work achieved in Term 2 (January-March 2024), having carried 2.5FTE vacancies for most of Term 1. The information contained within this report spans the current academic year, with full-year reporting available in August 2024.

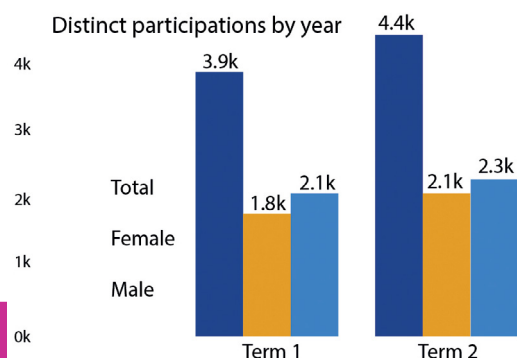
East Dunbartonshire Active Schools Data – Terms 1 and 2

sportscotland measures Active Schools Data by term (three a year). The Active Schools Co-ordinators (ASCs) provide information through the collation of extracurricular registers from across all schools in East Dunbartonshire. This information allows the team to identify trends, as well as gaps in provision, and plan accordingly to improve the scope of activity within each school.

In addition, the ASCs collect Distinct Participant information, which can be broken down by school and across the Council area in several key characteristics, such as Additional Support Needs (ASN), Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and care experienced children and young people. The data is also used by schools for planning, targeting projects, evidence for inspections and evidence when applying for the sportscotland School Sport Award.

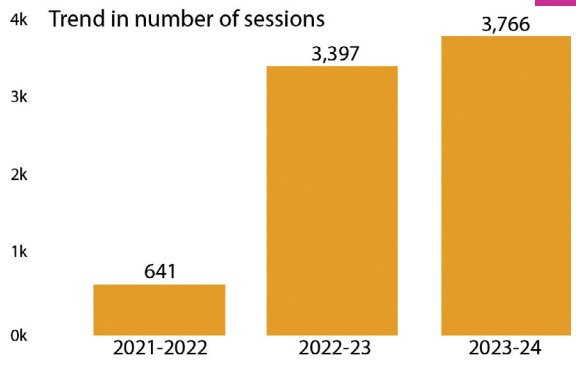
Participants

From August to December 2023 there were 3,896 pupils participating in extracurricular sport and physical activity across primary, secondary and ASN schools within East Dunbartonshire, and 46% of those participating were female.



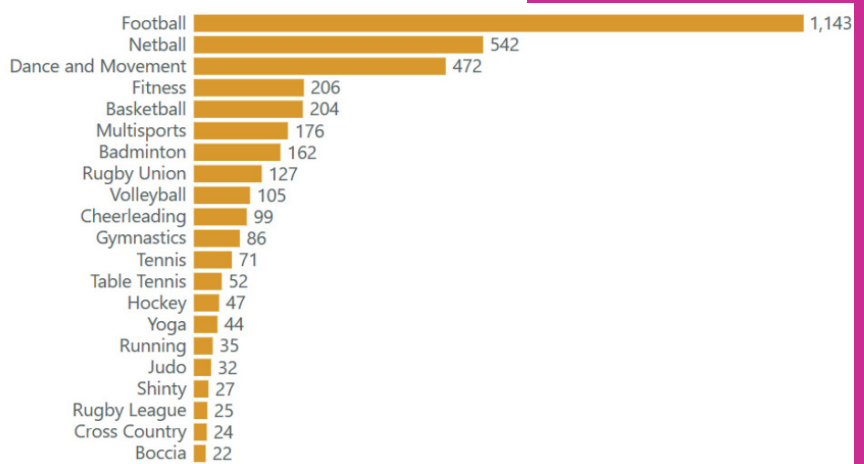
Number of Sessions

Sessions are calculated by the number of times a block of activity takes place, e.g. a six-week block of netball would equate to six sessions. There has been an increase of 10% in number of sessions from 2022-23 to 2023-24. An increase in sessions indicates an increase in the amount of activity available across schools.



Types of Activity

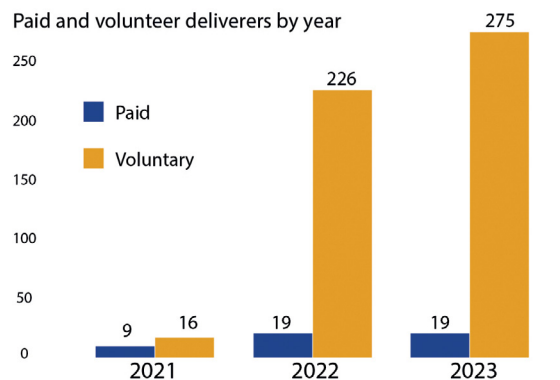
This graph shows the range of activities which took place across East Dunbartonshire schools within Term 1 of the academic year. It also shows how many sessions took place within each activity. It is possible to look at this information from a cluster and individual school perspective.



Volunteers

The Active Schools (AS) Team supports a network of volunteers who are vital in the delivery of sport and physical activity within our schools and communities. The AS team provide two training programmes, for volunteers and for young leaders (14+) within East Dunbartonshire secondary schools, with a range of sport-specific and generic coaching courses. The cost of all training is covered by AS in return for volunteer delivery within a school community. Courses are open to any volunteer or young leader interested in delivering extracurricular sessions in schools.

The below graph shows the total number of deliverers, broken down by paid and voluntary, for Term 1 and compares that to the previous three years.



There has been a 22% increase in volunteer deliverers from 2022 to 2023, while paid deliverers has remained static. This is a positive picture which we hope to see continue throughout the academic year. Term 2 data is showing 274 volunteers and 20 paid deliverers. By the end of the academic year, we will be able to calculate the total number of deliverers for the year, minus duplicates across terms.

sportscotland Inclusive Project Investment – Inclusive Dance in East Dunbartonshire

This is an additional sportscotland-funded, four-year (2022-26) project which aims to:

- » Increase participation in dance for children and young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN)
- » Build capacity by recruiting, training and supporting volunteers and young leaders
- » Work with local clubs to provide sustainable opportunities for participation in the local community.

The second year of the inclusive dance project saw sessions expanded from the ASN schools and community sessions and into Enhanced Learning Resource (ELR) and nurture units within mainstream primary and secondary schools. The ASCs and YDance tutors work with the schools to identified groups of children and young people to receive a four to six-week block of inclusive dance.

Hillhead Community Centre Inclusive Dance Session

This academic year, the project worked with 174 pupils from Woodland View, Wester Cleddens PS, Castlehill PS, Harestanes PS, Baldernock PS and Bearsden Academy. The community sessions continue to run weekly within Hillhead Community Centre, with regular attendance by 19 participants.

Kirkintilloch High School Cluster Games Night

In March 2023, the Active Schools team held the first Kirkintilloch Cluster Games Night at Kirkintilloch High School (KHS). Over 100 P5-7 pupils attended from all six feeder primary schools, and took part in separate netball and football festivals. Matches were officiated by senior pupils from KHS and supported by secondary school PE staff. Following its success, the Games Night will continue to take place on a term basis and will become a key part of the KHS P7 pupil transition programme.



Senior pupil volunteers from Kirkintilloch High School



Kirkintilloch High School Coaching Academy

Twelve pupils from Kirkintilloch High School successfully completed the Coach Academy Programme during year. This was an eight-week leadership programme where the pupils attended an extracurricular club to develop their coaching skills. The programme consisted of sessions delivered by Sports Development Officers from EDLC, Active Schools and PE staff. A range of sports were covered throughout the programme, and it is hoped that the Coach Academy graduates will now go on to deliver extracurricular sports clubs at KHS and feeder primary schools.



sportscotland School Sport Award

Torrance Primary School was awarded a Gold School Sport Award in December 2023. Staff and pupils have worked hard since COVID to re-establish sport and extracurricular opportunities within the school.



Torrance PS and Active Schools worked closely with local clubs to provide new opportunities for pupils, such as touch rugby, tennis, judo and hockey. P6/7 pupils attended Netball and Football Festivals across the academic year, as well as the Bearsden and Milngavie Athletics Festival towards the end of term, competing against 12 other schools and winning some medals.

The P6/7 Netball club, run all year by two parent volunteers and S3 Young Leaders from Boclair Academy, attended three competitions over the year, at Boclair Academy and Allander Leisure Centre.

In Terms 1 and 2 alone, 53.67% of pupils from all year groups attended an extracurricular club, with 12 different activities on offer. Despite being a little further from the rest of the schools in East Dunbartonshire, Torrance PS do not let distance put them off! Pupils regularly travel to attend cluster clubs at Boclair, as well as local clubs, and always take part in cluster festivals.

Club Links Within Bearsden and Milngavie

It has been great to have clubs back in schools delivering free tasters and session blocks for pupils in the Bearsden and Milngavie Locality. Some of this work includes:

- » Coaches from West of Scotland Rugby Club visited local schools, delivering free blocks of touch rugby, curricular and extracurricular, to P3-7 pupils
- » Western Wild Cats Hockey Club were in all the local Bearsden and Milngavie schools, delivering curricular and extracurricular blocks to P6 and P7 pupils. Pupils were then invited to take part in sessions at the local clubs.
- » Nuffield Tennis delivered free tasters in schools, as well as hosting a block of tennis lessons at Nuffield Health Milngavie

- » Brian Long Judo delivered taster sessions to P2-7 pupils in schools, followed by an invitation to free blocks of judo at Milngavie Community Centre
- » Torrance Tennis Club, after being mainly closed for the past couple of years, have been working hard to get ready for tennis sessions for Torrance pupils. Sessions were offered to P5s during the school day and they hope to expand this to other year groups.



West of Scotland Rugby Club sessions were held in Bearsden and Milngavie

Bishopbriggs Golf Club Junior Open Days 2024

Following the success of previous junior open days at Bishopbriggs Golf Club, the Active Schools Team worked in partnership with club members and volunteers to offer further free taster sessions in March 2024.

These were again offered primarily to young people aged nine to 17, with equipment provided free of charge. Families were encouraged to stay for a short presentation then chat to Active Schools Co-ordinators and golf club members and coaches over a complimentary soft drink. They were also encouraged to observe their children taking part in the sessions. In addition to tuition on putting and driving, participants also had the chance to try the indoor golf simulator this year, led by the assistant PGA Pro.

Forty pupils attended the sessions, compared to 33 the previous year. A total of 26 went on to take part in the 'Learn to Golf' programme – 10 more than the previous year. This is a 12-week course introducing young people to golf, as part of the pathway to becoming a junior member.



Bishopbriggs Golf Club – driving and putting

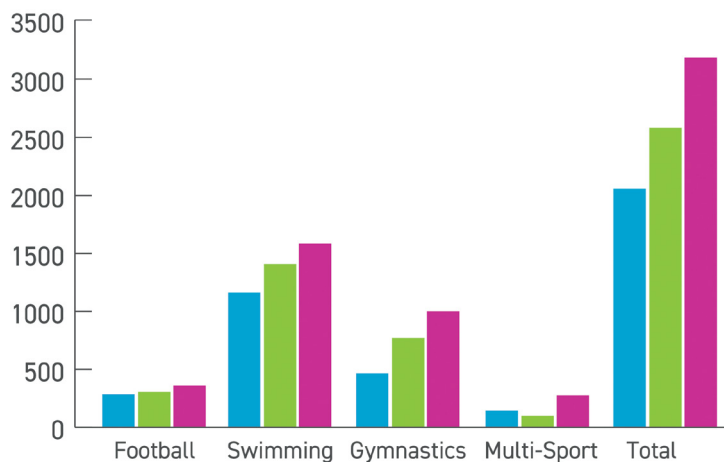


Sports Development

Sports Development programmes rose steadily throughout the year, resulting in over 3,200 children attending weekly classes. With term-time classes now running for up to 40 weeks under the OnCourse Direct Debit membership system and a further nine weeks of holiday programmes, there is only a three-week period over Christmas and New Year where Sports Development activities are not on offer.

Membership of term-time classes increased by over 25% from 2,582 in March 2023 throughout the year to a high of 3,253 members in March 2024. This included Direct Debit scheme members only and not activities such as individual and adult swimming lessons, come and play sessions, and school and holiday programmes. The figures below compare Sports Development membership from March 2022, 2023 and 2024 – showing a consistent rise, except for a small dip in multi-sport sessions in 2023 due to a shortage of coaches:

	Football	Swimming	Gymnastics	Multi-sport	Total
2022	286	1,163	464	145	2,058
2023	305	1,408	770	99	2,582
2024	362	1,683	1,005	203	3,253



Athlete Performance Programme

The Athlete Performance Programme (APP) returned to full capacity at both Allander and Kirkintilloch Leisure Centres, with a fresh intake of athletes getting started on their strength and conditioning journeys! The programme provides local athletes across a wide range of sports with specialist coaching to improve their sporting performance and reduce the risk of injury two mornings per week before school, for 40 weeks throughout the year. During the year, many achieved success in their own sports – ranging from personal bests to Scottish and British Championships.

Gymnastics Development

The number of gymnastics members have increased to the highest level since pre-COVID, although work is still ongoing to add several more classes. Children from 18 months attend our adult and child classes before progressing through to pre-school and recreational classes – building a range of skills including confidence, balance and co-ordination.

The Secondary Schools Gymnastics Competition took place in May 2023, with 58 pupils from six schools taking part and pupils from all schools winning medals on either floor or vault.

Football Development

Participation in grassroots football at the leisure centres has grown slowly over the last few years. The reintroduction of classes in early 2024 at the Allander, along with the opening of the Sports Dome assisted growth, in 2023/24.

The schools football programme was in high demand with the headcount increasing by over 50% from 2022/23. Sessions include curriculum and after-school activities, with some schools participating for one or two terms and others for over 31 weeks throughout the year.

Festivals are arranged for those participating in primary schools football. More than 260 children from 15 local schools took part in the festival at Huntershill on a rather rainy day in March 2024.

All 12 East Dunbartonshire grassroots football clubs attended the last Football Forum of the year, where Campsie FC were re-accredited Silver Level – Scottish FA Quality Mark – for the next three-year cycle. These forums provide the opportunity for the clubs to raise concerns and learn from each other, and enables the trust, Scottish FA and the Council to update the clubs on local priorities and current issues.

Minimum Operating Requirements (MOR)

MOR was launched in 2023/24. Staff supported a number of sports clubs to gain accreditation at MOR or MOR+ level. This process aims to support community groups and clubs to achieve a safer environment and long-term sustainability, as well as providing some consistency and quality assurance. It also highlights good practice as a list of accredited clubs is available on the EDLC website for anyone to see (e.g. parents, partner organisations, etc) along with the criteria for accreditation.

Coach Education

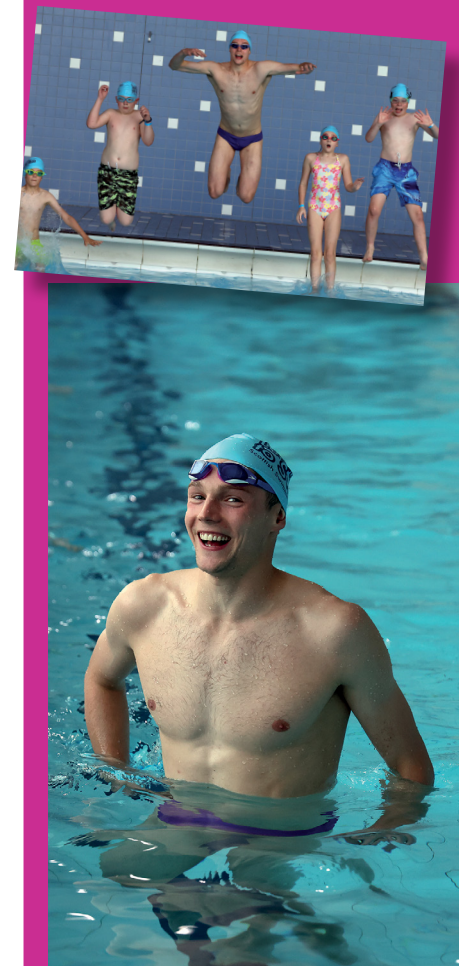
The 2024 Coach Education brochure was launched in December, offering a range of courses for club leaders, coaches and volunteers – including first aid, and child wellbeing and protection, along with some new courses such as health and safety, anti-bullying and volunteer management.

Swimming Development

The number of Learn to Swim classes increased following the opening of the new Allander. Children were placed in appropriate classes following completion of a week-long intensive course during Easter and the waiting list was cleared for the first time since COVID-19 restrictions. Throughout the year, we were able to increase the number of places available through natural progression and additional classes in order to open and clear the waiting list periodically. The school holiday programmes provided an ideal opportunity for children to complete a week-long intensive beginner or improver course and many were then offered places in term-time lessons.

Our adult learn to swim classes have been going well, with the Leisuredrome class developing a social aspect, where participants all meet for a 'cuppa and a chat' to share experiences and even meet up to practice swimming outwith lessons. They all find this a valuable addition to the lessons, with one commenting: "I don't feel so alone seeing others in the same position – we can all support each other."

Success stories are all relative to those taking part. One such story from the disability swimming classes centred around a child who required intensive support during school lessons. Following some true collaborative teamwork involving school teachers, classroom assistants, the child's physio, parent and swimming teachers, the child was able to participate alongside his classmates and even took part in the water polo session (with assistance). It was a positive experience for all involved with fantastic feedback from the school, physio and parent, and by the end of the





lessons the child was able to float unsupported – an achievement that neither the parent or school expected.

To celebrate the partnership with Scottish Swimming, Olympic swimming sensation Duncan Scott MBE attended swimming lessons at the Leisuredrome on 6 September, where he inspired the children taking part. Duncan spent several hours with our teachers and swimmers, promoting the national Learn to Swim Framework, demonstrating technique, answering questions and finishing off with a 'selfie session' for all those involved.

Scottish Schools Swimming East Dunbartonshire heats were held in November 2023 at the Leisuredrome with almost 100 swimmers taking part from local schools. The annual event was organised by Swimming Development, and supported by Active Schools and our valued volunteers from local swimming clubs.

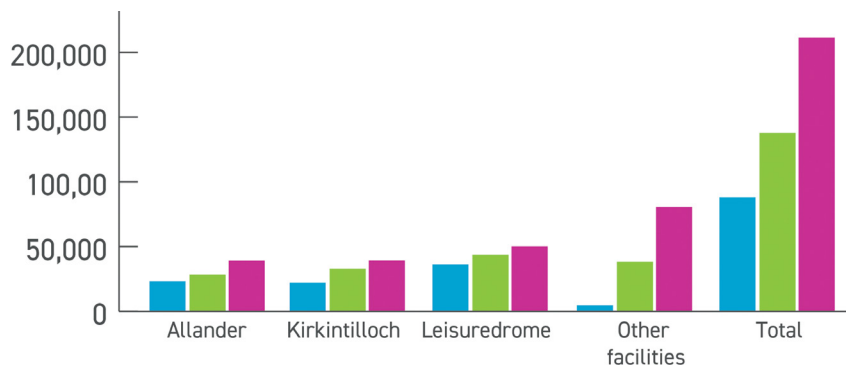
Rugby

Early in the year, the primary schools' rugby programme ran across all areas of East Dunbartonshire linked to the local club in each area. From January the programme was reduced in the Lenzie area due to the resignation of the School of Rugby Programme Co-ordinator and the primary schools coach moved to cover this post temporarily, up to the year end.

This year's funding agreement for Lenzie School of Rugby was extended to May 2024, providing vital links between Lenzie Rugby Club, Lenzie Academy and the primary schools in the Lenzie/Kirkintilloch area – enabling a clear pathway from school to club rugby.

Overall attendance at Sports Development activities this year reached a total of 213,780. This figure includes Direct Debit members, holiday activities, primary school programmes and other non-Direct Debit activities, and is broken down by centre in the chart below:

	Allander	Kirkintilloch	Leisuredrome	Other	Total
2021-22	24,331	20,982	30,158	10,109	85,580
2022-23	26,460	34,302	42,458	43,655	146,875
2023-34	47,355	38,293	49,071	79,061	213,780



The Way Forward 2024/25

Remembering Together

The Cultural Services team continued to work in partnership with the Council and Greenspace Scotland to deliver Phase 2 of Remembering Together, the national COVID remembrance project, which is funded by the Scottish Government.

Artist Elena Mary Harris, who was contracted to carry out first phase, community engagement element of the project last year, continued her work in communities across East Dunbartonshire, gathering written and recorded testimonies for inclusion in the final memorial pieces. Twelve memorial benches are now installed in towns and villages across East Dunbartonshire, with each one having a unique QR code which links to the Remembering Together East Dunbartonshire website, where visitors can hear how COVID impacted on individuals and communities. An accessible walk is also mapped out for each of the sites.

EDLCT will receive funding, managed by Greenspace Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, to deliver Remembering Together Phase 2.

Kirkintilloch Town Hall

After serving as a vaccination centre, to support the NHS in East Dunbartonshire, Kirkintilloch Town Hall re-opened to the general public at the end of August 2023. Managed by the Cultural Services team, the venue has once again opened its doors to the community and has already hosted a wide range of events and activities including dance classes, a rock choir, an LGBT Youth Group, Creative Spark Theatre Arts and kickboxing tournaments.

Outdoor Facilities

A new East Dunbartonshire Sports Pitches Strategy, the development of which was led by EDLCT, is due to be approved by East Dunbartonshire Council during 2024/25. Strategic recommendations will be taken forward via a steering group. The work of this group will consider the related processes of both the Council Strategic Property Review and the site-specific commitments of the Capital Programme, in respect of Colquhoun Park, Thorn Park and Merkland Outdoor Recreation Centre.

Work will be undertaken to develop usage levels at the Lennoxton High Park Community Sports Complex 3G synthetic pitch and redeveloped pavilion building.

New grass pitches at Luggie and Waterside will see new usage by local clubs and teams.

Sports Development

Work is ongoing with the Information Technology Team and XN Leisure to move the OnCourse management system to a cloud-based model to improve functionality.

Investigation will be undertaken into the feasibility of a Modern Apprenticeship for Sports Coaching in order to help address coach shortages.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charitable company generated an operating surplus of £70,249. Total unrestricted funds are now £1,293,829, which includes designated monies.

At 31 March 2024, the FRS102 pension valuation of the pension scheme resulted in a net pension asset of £11,973,000, this is not recognised in the Balance Sheet. The balance on the pension fund will change annually according to economic conditions and the trustees will keep the position under review.

Measuring Performance

Financial performance is monitored regularly with senior management using financial and activity data. Other key performance indicators that are used centre around key usage data including absence data. Key performance information is presented quarterly at Board meetings and is also used for Local Government Benchmarking Framework.

Funding Streams for Projects

Funding continued to be sourced from a range of bodies including East Dunbartonshire Council, National Health Service, Lenzie Rugby Club, Scottish Rugby, Greenspace Scotland and **sportscotland**.

A wide range of measures are used to assess the performance of the charitable company against its goals. These are reported to the Board on a regular basis. Key performance indicators relate to customer visits and are monitored for library visits, museum visits, sports development participation levels, live active participation levels, swimming pools, other indoor and outdoor leisure facilities and concessionary visits. Total customer visits for the period to 31 March 2024 were 2,154,118.

Investment Policy

The charitable company has a high-interest account with automatic transfer of funds into its investment account. This account and interest from the Lillie bequest and William Patrick Memorial Fund has generated interest of just under £5,000 during the period.

Risk Management

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust has a risk register which focuses on key areas that could impact on the company's ability to operate including financial, reputational and operational risks. East Dunbartonshire Council's Internal Audit Team also carries out reviews of EDLCT processes and procedures.

Risks and Uncertainties

EDLCT has a risk register detailing the principal risks and uncertainties facing the company. The risk register also details causes, effects, likelihood and control measures. Listed below are the risks and uncertainties identified in the risk register:

- Failure of technology leading to service disruption
- Failure to obtain adequate financial agreement with East Dunbartonshire Council
- Failure to comply with health and safety policies
- Failure to effectively maintain and operate property assets
- Failure to comply with information and records management
- Ineffective partnership management
- Failure of governance and compliance mechanisms
- Failure to achieve participation levels and income targets in line with service level agreements
- Inability to recruit and retain appropriately skilled staff
- Failure to effectively adapt to change
- Failure to manage COVID-19 impact on services and income.

Principal Funding Sources

EDLCT received a management fee of £5,332,700 from East Dunbartonshire Council in the year ended 31 March 2024. Funds were also received from a number of funding partners including **sportscotland**, East Dunbartonshire Council, Scottish Rugby, Lenzie Rugby Club, NHS, Museums Gallery Scotland and the Scottish Libraries and Information Council.

These resources are used to deliver the key activities identified in the services agreement with East Dunbartonshire Council and also additional projects that reflect the key objectives of the charitable company.

External Funding

An amount of additional funding was secured from external sources to support the delivery of activities across the Trust service areas. Key funding included:

Creative Scotland	£21,839
East Dunbartonshire Council – Lennoxton Arts	£5,000
Remembering Together	£90,000
School of Rugby/East Dunbartonshire Council	£29,500
sportscotland	£326,144

Reserves Policy

The Board has approved an unrestricted reserve of £500,000 of operational income to be set aside to provide some protection and mitigate against future economic conditions.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company which have not been designated for any other purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside for a specific purpose, which will be utilised during the next and future accounting periods against specific expenditure for asset improvement.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statement, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Trust's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

To the knowledge and belief of each of the persons who are trustees at the time the report is approved:

- So far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- He/she has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of the information.

Auditor

The auditor, Wbg (Audit) Limited, is deemed to be appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In approving the Trustees' Report, the trustees are also approving the Strategic Report in their capacity as company directors.

Approved by the Board on 9th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Chair
Jim Gibbons

Date **9 October 2024**.....

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees and Members of East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flow and related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and trustees report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report and Financial Statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees, which includes the directors report prepared for the purpose of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors Report included within the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirements to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we have considered the following:

- *The nature of the charitable company and the sector it operates in; and*
- *Our enquiries of management about their identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.*

Based on our understanding of the charity and the industry we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to, but were not limited to;

- *Regulations and legislation pertinent to the charitable company's sector; and*
- *UK tax and Employment legislation;*

We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material impact on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. We evaluated management and trustees' incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of management override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to;

- *Posting inappropriate journal entries; and*
- *Management bias in accounting estimates.*

Audit response to the risks identified;

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiring of management, the audit committee, the internal auditors and legal advisors concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal audit reports and reviewing correspondence with HMRC;
- In addressing the risk of fraud as a result of management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and, evaluating rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

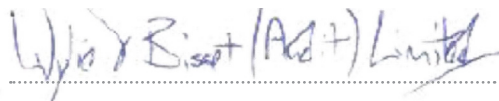
Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



9th October 2024

Scott Gillon, BA (Hons) FCCA CA

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Wbg (Audit) Limited, Statutory Auditor

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Wbg (Audit) Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 31st March 2024)

	Notes	Operating Fund 2024	Restricted Fund 2024	Total Fund 2024	Total Fund 2023
Incoming from					
Charitable activities	3	12,755,942	247,236	13,003,178	10,332,717
Investment Income	3	40,415	6	40,421	16,095
Total		12,796,357	247,242	13,043,599	10,348,812

Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	12,315,161	238,336	12,553,497	12,653,152
Total		12,315,161	238,336	12,553,497	12,563,152
Net gains/(losses) on Investments	20	-	29,147	29,147	(19,946)
Net income (expenditure)		481,196	38,053	519,249	(2,324,286)

Other recognised gains or (losses)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	9	449,000	-	449,000	6,927,000

Net movement in funds	-	32,196	38,053	70,249	4,602,713
Reconciliation of funds					
Total fund balances brought forward	-	1,261,633	379,678	1,641,311	(2,961,403)

Total fund balances carried forward	17	1,293,829	417,731	1,711,560	1,641,311
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The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. The notes on pages 51 to 67 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	3,094	-	4,853
Investment	20		341,411		213,429
Current assets					
Stock	11	1,908	-	4,144	-
Debtors	12	680,547	-	765,580	-
Cash at bank and in hand		2,466,660	-	2,336,420	-
			3,149,115		3,106,144
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,782,060)	-	(1,683,115)	
Net current assets	-	-	1,367,056	-	1,423,029
Net assets excluding pension liability	-	-	1,711,560	-	1,641,311
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	-	-	1,711,560	-	1,641,311

The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds (excluding pension reserve)	17	-	1,293,828	-	1,231,633
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds	17	-	417,731	-	379,678
Funds	-	-	1,711,560	-	1,641,311

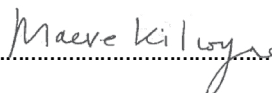
The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 9th October 2024

Chair


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Jim Gibbons

Secretary


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Maeve Kilcoyne

Company number SC389516

The notes on pages 51 to 67 form part of these financial statements.

Cash flows from operating activities	Notes	2024	2023
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	18	189,286	(409,067)
Cash flows from investment activities			
Dividends and interest from investments		40,421	16,095
Proceeds from the sales of investments		85,247	38,867
Purchase of investments		(184,714)	(36,970)
Net cash used in investing activities		(59,046)	17,992
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		130,240	(391,075)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		2,336,420	2,727,495
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		2,466,660	2,336,420

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)", the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102 and has taken advantage of paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 4 of the Companies Act and adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the special nature of the charitable company's activities.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (GBP) as that is the currency in which the charitable company's transactions are denominated.

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires trustees to exercise judgements in the process of applying accounting policies. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates.

Actual outcomes in the future could differ from such estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.

Income and expenditure

Owing to the special nature of the business of the charitable company and in the interests of presenting the results clearly to the members, it is considered inappropriate to adhere to the income and expenditure format described under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. A statement of financial activities has been prepared in a form which is considered to give the members a true and fair view of the results for the period and which also complies with the requirement of Section 400 of the Act and Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Going concern

In the Trustee's opinion, the charitable company will be able to continue for the foreseeable future. EDLCT participates in a defined benefit retirement scheme, excluding this scheme, the charity reported unrestricted funds of £1,293,829.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Surplus revenue funds held within unrestricted funds are carried forward to meet the cost of future activities mainly of a revenue nature.

Commitments for specific activities and needs in the future are dealt with by making allocations to designated funds.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the appropriate fund, together with a fair allocation of management support costs where this is considered appropriate.

Incoming resources

Membership subscriptions and income from sport and physical activity is recognised in the period in which the charitable company is entitled to receipt, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Income is deferred only when the charitable company has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

Grant income is recognised in the Statement of Financial activities in the period in which the charitable company is entitled to receipt, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Such income is deferred when the charitable company has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

Management fees and other incoming resources are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Investment income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Where possible, expenditure has been charged direct to charitable expenditure or governance cost. Where this is not possible the expenditure has been allocated on the basis of time spent by staff on each activity.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charitable company in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charitable company and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management and set-up of the charitable company.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charitable company but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts. Support costs have been allocated centrally to Leisure and Management or where clearly chargeable have been allocated directly to Culture and Libraries.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value in the ordinary course of activities.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed. Trade debtors are recognised at the undiscounted amount of cash receivable, which is normally invoice price, less any allowances for doubtful debts.

Cash and liquid resources

Cash, for the purpose of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

Creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired. They are recognised at the undiscounted amount owed to the supplier, which is normally the invoice price.

Financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial instruments are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charitable company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are initially measured at transaction prices unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction which includes transaction costs for financial instruments not subsequently measured at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are accounted for as set out below. A financing transaction is measured at the present value of the future payment discounted at the market rate of interest for similar debt instrument.

Financial instruments are classified as either "basic" or "other" in accordance with Chapter 11 of FRS 102.

At the end of each reporting period, basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective rate method. All financial instruments not classified as basic are measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period with the resulting changes recognised in income or expenditure. Where the fair value cannot be reliably measured, they are recognised at cost less impairment.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from assets expire, or when the charitable company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised only once that liability has been extinguished through discharge, cancellation or expiry.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

It is the policy of the charitable company to capitalise expenditure of a capital nature in excess of £5,000.

Assets donated to the charitable company are included in the Balance Sheet and Statement of Financial Activities at cost.

Depreciation is charged to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of fixed assets by equal instalments over their useful lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment: 5 – 10 years

Gym equipment: 1 – 5 years

Investments

Investments are held with Brewin Dolphin who manage the Lillie Bequest Fund and William Patrick Memorial Fund.

VAT

The charitable company is partially exempt from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as an expense.

Taxation

The company has charitable status and is therefore exempt from taxation under Sections 466 to 493 Corporation Act 2010 (CTA 2010).

Pensions

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust is a member of the Strathclyde Pension Fund, a Local Government Pension Scheme, which is a defined pension scheme. The fund is administered by Glasgow City Council in accordance with the Local Government Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998 as amended. All existing and new employees have the option of joining the Fund. The assets and liabilities of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund.

The pension costs charged in the period are based on actuarial methods and assumptions designed to spread the anticipated pension costs over the service life of employees in the scheme, so as to ensure that the regular pension costs represent a substantially level percentage of the current and expected pensionable payroll. Variation from regular costs is spread over the remaining service lives of current employees in the scheme.

The cost of providing benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method, with actuarial valuations being carried out at each reporting date. Actuarial gains and losses arising from expenditure adjustments and changes in assumptions are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities. All costs related to the defined benefit scheme are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The retirement benefit obligation recognised in the balance sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as reduced by the fair value of plan assets. Any asset resulting from the calculation is limited to the present value of available refunds and reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. Termination benefits are recognised in the statement of financial activities when it is demonstrably committed to either (i) terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal, or (ii) providing termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy.

2 Critical judgements and estimates

In preparing the financial statements, trustees make estimates and assumptions which affect reported results, financial position and disclosure of contingencies. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of the estimates, together with past experience and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates.

Critical judgments are made in the application of income recognition accounting policies, and the timing of the recognition of income in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Depreciation is an estimate of the charge to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets by equal instalments over the useful life.

Defined benefit pension and other post-employment benefits

The present value of the defined benefit pension and other post-employment benefit obligations depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumption used in determining the net cost (income) for pension and other post-employment benefits include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will have an effect on the carrying amount of pension and other post-employment benefits.

After taking appropriate professional advice, management determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each reporting period. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the pension obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, consideration is given to the interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits are to be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability.

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) – McCloud judgement. Legislation requires the LGPS to undertake periodic valuations to monitor the cost of the LGPS to ensure it remains sustainable and affordable. The cost management process has been paused following the Court of Appeal ruling that the transitional arrangements in both the Judges' Pension Scheme (McCloud) and Firefighter's Pension Scheme (Sargeant) were age discriminatory. These cases could have knock on implications for the LGPS (potentially increasing the liabilities). The Trust's actuary has included an estimate within the pension liability as a past service cost which will be subject to future revision as the outcome of the judgement becomes clearer in line with the upcoming valuation.

3. Income

Investment Income

Investment income comprises bank interest and dividends. In 2024 bank interest received was £40,421. (2023: £16,095).

Government Grants

National Health Service	10,000	10,000
East Dunbartonshire Council	5,332,700	5,767,041
greenspace scotland	90,000	-
	5,432,700	5,777,041

There are no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants or any indications of other forms of government assistance.

Income from Charitable Activities

Income is attributable to sporting activity fees and other sales throughout EDLCT. In addition, a management service fee of £5,332,700 (2023: £5,332,700) was received from East Dunbartonshire Council for the period. Membership fees is income collected by Direct Debit membership of EDLCT's leisure facilities.

2024	Leisure and management	Sports Development, Community Fitness and Active Schools	Cultural and libraries	2024 Total	2023 Total
Grants, donations partnership	8,113	474,708	116,839	599,660	505,610
Rental income/lets	14,470	-	31,019	45,489	42,377
Sales, fees and charges	3,421,231	733,859	86,877	4,241,967	2,856,272
Membership income	2,362,362	-	-	2,362,362	1,595,759
Management service fee	5,332,700	-	-	5,332,700	5,332,700
Finance	421,000	-	-	421,000	-
Total	11,559,876	1,208,567	234,735	13,003,178	10,332,717

2023	Leisure and management	Sports Development, Community Fitness and Active Schools	Cultural and libraries	2023 Total	2022 Total
Grants, donations partnership	-	454,087	51,253	505,610	523,801
Rental income/lets	14,500	-	27,877	42,377	(7,856)
Sales, fees and charges	2,229,808	553,384	73,079	2,856,272	2,560,040
Membership income	1,595,759	-	-	1,595,759	1,165,042
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-	175,000
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	360,612
Management service fee	5,332,700	-	-	5,332,700	5,332,700
Total	9,172,767	1,007,471	152,479	10,332,717	10,332,717

Income on charitable activities was £13,003,178 (2023: £10,332,717) of which £12,755,942 was unrestricted (2023: £10,244,922) and £247,236 (2023: £149,949) was restricted.

4. Charitable Expenditure

2024	Leisure and management	Sports Development, Community Fitness and Active Schools	Cultural and libraries	2024 Total	2023 Total
Employee costs	4,630,621	1,738,988	1,805,609	8,175,218	8,610,208
Property costs	2,144,713	883	111,079	2,256,675	1,918,828
Supplies and services	854,389	40,360	386,353	1,281,102	1,120,299
Finance expenditure	-	-	-	-	168,000
Investment expenditure	-	-	2,069	2,069	1,558
Support services	606,100	-	188,165	794,265	804,892
Bank charges	44,168	-	-	44,168	29,367
Total	8,279,991	1,780,231	2,493,275	12,553,497	12,653,152

2023	Leisure and management	Sports Development, Community Fitness and Active Schools	Cultural and libraries	2023 Total	2022 Total
Employee costs	5,393,025	1,533,869	1,683,314	8,610,208	8,479,682
Property costs	1,807,762	-	111,066	1,918,828	1,217,239
Supplies and services	711,134	37,459	371,706	1,120,299	1,013,785
Finance expenditure	168,000	-	-	168,000	207,000
Investment expenditure	-	-	1,558	1,558	1,908
Support services	615,795	-	189,097	804,892	812,111
Bank charges	29,367	-	-	29,367	20,220
Total	8,725,083	1,571,328	2,356,741	12,653,152	11,751,945

Expenditure on charitable activities was £12,553,497 (2023: £12,653,152) of which £12,315,161 was unrestricted (2023: £12,581,777) and £238,336 (2023: £71,376) was restricted.

5. Analysis of Governance and Support Costs

	General support	Governance	2024	2023
Grounds maintenance	290,000	-	290,000	290,000
Corporate services	168,488	27,265	195,753	189,899
Facilities management - cultural	125,064	-	125,064	125,000
Refuse	24,000	-	24,000	24,000
Transport	19,960	-	19,960	19,960
Cash uplift	18,469	-	18,469	33,642
Printing	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Telephone	9,000	-	9,000	9,000
Pest control	2,250	-	2,250	2,250
Repairs-culture	63,101	-	63,101	64,097
Repairs-leisure	31,292	-	31,292	31,056
Licences	376	-	376	988
Total	767,000	27,265	794,265	804,892

General support costs in 2024 were £767,000 and governance costs were £27,265.

6. Governance costs

	2024	2023
Audit fees	17,200	17,200
Trustee indemnity insurance	7,150	6,500
Trustee expenses	2,915	1,818
Total	27,265	25,818

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	6,448,707	5,660,609
Social security costs	500,289	459,037
Other pension costs	1,090,976	2,265,046
Other staff costs	135,246	225,516
Total	8,175,218	8,610,208

Employees receiving salaries, including benefits in kind, of more than £60,000 were in the following band (excluding employer pension costs):

	2024	2023
£100,000 - £109,999	1	-
£90,000 - £99,999	-	1

This employee is a member of the pension scheme.

Key management personnel comprises only the General Manager. The total employee benefits were £127,045. (2023 - £120,044)

The average weekly number of employees during the period was made up as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Head Office - full-time	5	5
Facilities - full-time	106	113
Facilities - part-time	271	230

During the period no trustee received any remuneration. Trustee expenses are disclosed in note 6.

8. Operating (Deficit)/Surplus

The operating (deficit)/surplus is stated after charging:	2024	2023
Auditor's remuneration for audit (including expenses)	17,200	17,200
Depreciation	1,759	7,501

9. Pension Costs

EDLCT is an admitted body of the Strathclyde Pension Fund. The superannuation fund is a defined benefit scheme into which employees and employers contribute, and interest and dividends from investments are paid and from which pensions, lump sums and superannuation benefits are paid out. Employees contributions are tiered and employer's basic contributions are assessed every three years by an actuary and are fixed to ensure the fund remains solvent and in a position to meet its future liabilities. The actuarial method used is known as Projected Unit Credit Method. The last actuarial valuation was at 31 March 2020 and following this valuation employer's contributions remained at 19.3%.

The pension net asset was valued at £11,973,000 at 31 March 2024. This pension asset was limited to nil and the rationale for limiting this position is as follows

- The calculation of a surplus at 31 March 2024 as part of an annual actuarial valuation does not in itself give rise to a reduction in contributions;
- If the entity's right to a refund of a surplus depends on the occurrence or non occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within its control, the entity does not have an unconditional right and should not recognise an asset;
- Creation of an asset for accounting purposes by undertaking an actuarial valuation does not give rise to a legal right to the asset created.

The movement in the defined obligation over the year is as follows:	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Opening defined benefit obligation	26,545	40,634
Current service cost	1,006	2,302
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	1,278	1,145
Contribution by members	301	291
Benefits paid	(682)	(501)
Unfunded benefits paid	(23)	(21)
Changes in financial assumptions	(1,985)	(18,901)
Changes in demographic assumptions	(551)	(251)
Other experience	1,868	1,847
Closing defined benefit obligation	27,757	26,545

	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Opening fair value of plan assets	35,388	35,188
Interest income on plan assets	1,699	977
Contribution by members	301	291
Contribution by the employer	1,011	968
Contributions in respect of unfunded benefits	23	21
Benefits paid	(682)	(501)
Unfunded benefits paid	(23)	(21)
Other experience	188	
Return on assets excluding amounts included in net interest	1,825	(1,784)
Closing fair value of plan assets	39,730	35,139

	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023
Current service cost	(1,006)	(2,302)
Past service cost	-	-
Total service cost	(1,006)	(2,302)

Net Interest	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Interest income on plan assets	1,699	977
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	(1,278)	(1,145)
Total service cost	421	(168)

Total defined benefit cost recognised in net income/expenditure per the SOFA	(2,284)	(2,470)
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The major categories of plan assets as a % of the total plan assets are as follows:

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Equities	58	60
Bonds	27	28
Property	10	10
Cash	5	2

The estimated employer contributions for the year to 31 March 2024 are £1,034,200

The principal actuarial assumptions used in the calculations are:

	31 March 2024 %	31 March 2023 %
Pension Increase Rate (CPI)	2.75	2.95
Salary Increase Rate	3.45	3.65
Discount Rate	4.85	4.75

Mortality

Life expectancy is based on the Fund's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI 2020 model, with a 0% weighting of 2020 data, standard smoothing (Sk7), initial assessment of 0.5% and a long-term rate of improvement of 1.5% p.a. Based on these assumptions, the average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

	Males	Females
Current Pensioners	18.6 years	23.7 years
Future Pensioners	20.9 years	25.0 years

Under the Transfer Agreement entered into between EDLCT and East Dunbartonshire Council, the Council has undertaken to guarantee the pension scheme should the liability crystallise and insufficient funds be held by EDLCT to settle their obligation.

The pension scheme was transferred to the charitable company with effect from 1 April 2011, at which date the actuarial valuation showed a liability of £414,000.

10. Tangible fixed assets

Cost	Furniture and Equipment	Total
As at 1 April 2023	358,949	358,949
Additions	-	
Write off of Equipment	(25,942)	(25,942)
As at 31 March 2024	333,007	333,007

Depreciation	Furniture and Equipment	Total
As at 1 April 2023	354,096	354,096
Charge	1,759	1,759
Write off of Equipment	(25,942)	(25,942)
As at 31 March 2024	329,913	329,913

Net book value	Furniture and Equipment	Total
As at 31 March 2024	3,094	3,094
As at 31 March 2023	4,853	4,853

11. Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Goods for re-sale	1,908	4,144

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts owed from East Dunbartonshire Council	297,060	453,274
Trade debtors	279,927	179,404
Other debtors and prepayments	103,560	132,902
Total	680,547	765,580

13. Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts owed to East Dunbartonshire Council	1,112,150	952,919
Trade creditors	41,653	39,434
Other creditors	262,615	310,977
Accruals and deferred income	160,703	213,923
Superannuation	108,876	78,481
P.A.Y.E.	42,622	35,565
National Insurance	53,441	51,814
Total	1,782,060	1,683,113

14. Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance as at 1 April	10,891	5,287
Amounts released to income during the year	(10,891)	(5,287)
Amounts deferred in year	32,267	10,891
Balance as at 31 March	32,267	10,891

15. Financial assets and liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial Assets at amortised cost	680,547	765,580
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	(1,456,081)	(1,472,758)
Balance as at 31 March	(775,534)	(707,178)

16. Share capital

The charitable company is limited by guarantee of £1 per member and has no share capital.

17. Reserves

Balance at 31 March 2024 represented by

Funds 2024	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Fixed assets	3,094	341,410	344,504	218,281
Net current assets	1,290,735	76,321	1,367,056	1,423,029
Total	1,293,829	417,731	1,711,560	1,641,311

Funds 2023	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fixed assets	1,759	213,428	218,281	248,023
Net current assets	1,256,780	166,249	1,423,029	2,236,574
Retirement benefit scheme deficit	-	-	-	(5,446,000)
Total	1,261,633	379,678	1,641,311	(2,961,403)

Unrestricted, designated and pension reserves	Opening balance 1 April 2023	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Actuarial gain(loss)	Closing balance 31 March 2024
Unrestricted fund - general	910,844	12,796,357	(12,764,162)	(443,039)	-	500,039
Unrestricted fund - contingency	-	-	-	793,828	-	793,828
Designated fund Active Schools	350,789	-	-	(350,789)	-	350,789
Total	1,261,633	12,796,357	(12,764,162)	-	-	1,293,828

Unrestricted, designated and pension reserves	Opening balance 1 April 2022	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Actuarial gain(loss)	Closing balance 31 March 2023
Unrestricted fund	1,749,564	10,261,752	(11,100,777)	304	-	910,844
Designated fund Active Schools	350,789	-	-	-	-	350,789
Pension reserve	(5,446,000)	-	(1,481,000)	-	6,927,000	-
Total	(3,345,557)	10,261,752	(12,581,777)	304	6,927,000	1,261,633

The designated fund includes funds received via East Dunbartonshire Council from **sportscotland** for the employment of primary and secondary active school co-ordinators to increase awareness and levels of participation in sport and health activity amongst children. The fund represents a year's funding paid in advance. This fund is no longer required as Active Schools funding is now paid in arrears.

Restricted Funds 2024

Programme/Activity	Opening Balance 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfer to unrestricted	Closing balance 2024
Heritage Tales and Trails	(4,037)	21,839	3,661	-	-	14,141
Lennoxtown Arts	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
NHS-Physical Activity Programme	32,835	-	20,469	-	-	12,366
Robert Lillie and William Patrick Memorial Trust	213,427	100,904	2,069	29,147	-	341,408
Remembering Together	-	90,000	76,701	-	-	13,299
School of Rugby	2,862	29,500	29,538	-	-	2,823
Wee Green Van	33,694	-	-	-	-	33,694
William Patrick Memorial Trust	100,897	-	100,897	-	-	-
Total	379,678	247,243	238,335	29,147	-	417,731

Restricted Funds 2023

Programme/Activity	Opening Balance 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfer to unrestricted	Closing Balance 2023
Community Adult Mental Health	2,851	-	2,852	-	1	-
Heritage Tales and Trails	5,739	-	9,776	-	-	(4,037)
NHS-Physical Activity Programme	22,835	10,000	-	-	-	32,835
MGS Grant	(12,432)	38,042	25,305	-	(305)	-
Robert Lillie Trust	235,668	(736)	1,559	(19,946)	-	213,427
School of Rugby	4,762	29,500	31,400	-	-	2,862
Wee Green Van	23,925	10,253	484	-	-	33,694
William Patrick Memorial Trust	100,897	-	-	-	-	100,897
Total	384,244	87,059	71,376	(19,946)	(304)	379,678

Community Adult Mental Health is funding from East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action to reduce social isolation by offering themed activities, regular games nights, conversation clubs in the autumn/winter and health walks in the spring/summer to the community.

Heritage Tales and Trails is funding, mainly from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to create a network of East Dunbartonshire heritage trails.

The NHS contributes to various fitness projects, including a walking post. These initiatives encourage concerned and coordinated action to increase levels of physical activity among people in East Dunbartonshire.

Museums Gallery Scotland supported the documentation of our vast foundry collections and the relocation of this collection to a new storage facility. The new improved storage has enabled public access to the objects through guided tours and work with volunteers.

Lennoxtown Arts project enables commissioning of an artist in residence to deliver the artist brief prepared in conjunction with the Council's Regeneration and Town Centres and Community Planning Partnership.

The NHS contributes to various fitness projects, including a walking post. These initiatives encourage concerted and co-ordinated action to increase levels of physical activity among people in East Dunbartonshire.

The Cultural Services team continued to work in partnership with EDC and Greenspace Scotland to deliver Phase 2 of Remembering Together, the national COVID remembrance project, which is funded by the Scottish Government.

Robert Lillie Trust and William Patrick Memorial Trust are monies held with an external financial company invested to secure monies that have to be used for the Lillie Art Gallery and William Patrick Library.

Remembering Together funding is provided via East Dunbartonshire Council where via partnership working there will be collective acts of reflection, remembrance, hope and healing via memorials across this Council area.

School of Rugby is funding from Scottish Rugby Union, Lenzie Rugby Club and East Dunbartonshire Council, and helps children to improve their fitness and educational attainment.

The Scottish Library Information Council has funded a branded electric van for outreach work and it will be used to deliver resources and activities in local communities.

18. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities.

	2024	2023
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	70,249	(2,324,287)
(Losses)/Gains on Investments	(29,147)	19,946
Investment management costs	(2,069)	(1,558)
Decrease in investment cash balances	2,701	1,957
Dividends and interest from investments	(40,421)	(16,095)
Depreciation	1,759	7,501
Retirement benefit scheme	-	1,481,000
(increase)/decrease in stock	2,236	(813)
Decrease in debtors	85,033	293,117
Increase in creditors	98,945	130,165
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating facilities	(189,285)	(409,067)
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents	2024	2023
Cash in hand	2,466,660	2,336,420
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,466,660	2,336,420

19. Related Parties

EDLCT works in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Council with which transactions have been undertaken during the period. The relevant transactions and balances with East Dunbartonshire Council were:

2023/24			
Income	Expenditure	Due from	Due to
6,703,383	2,610,318	297,060	1,112,150

2022/23			
Income	Expenditure	Due from	Due to
6,318,324	2,745,850	453,274	952,919

All buildings operated by EDLCT are leased from East Dunbartonshire Council for a peppercorn rental.

20. Movement in Investments

	2024	2023
Net assets brought forward	213,429	235,669
Investment income	7	(736)
Investment management costs	(2,069)	(1,558)
Realised investment gains	99,433	13,106
Unrealised investment gains/(losses)	30,611	(33,052)
Net assets carried forward	341,411	213,429

Closing investment in 2023 was £213,429. A further £100,897 was moved from restricted funds for the William Patrick Memorial Trust to be held in the same investment. The investment is split as follows:

Robert Lillie Trust (68%)	£232,159
William Patrick Memorial Trust (32%)	£109,251

FURTHER INFORMATION

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