Letham Climate Challenge

Trustees Report

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Objectives and Aims

The charities objectives as set out in the constitution are:

To advance and provide a greener lifestyle, through the advancement of carbon reduction in Letham

To advance and provide community development through links with individuals and groups particularly those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable providing a place to become more socially adept

In furtherance of these objectives the charity carried out the following projects:

A waste minimisation project where we continue to run a Swap Shop in Garth Avenue, Letham, Perth where unwanted household items can be swapped with someone else's' unwanted items.

Work continues on our allotments

Achievements and Performance

Letham Climate Challenge Core Staff Team: Catriona Smith has continued in her post as General Manager. There was change in Swap Shop manager, with Julie Allan leaving on 14th February 2025. Kerry Greig joined us on 19th May 2025. Agnieszka Trendel has continued on as our cleaner for our properties on Garth Avenue. For a short period we had Jenna McDonald joined us as Climate Connect Coordinator.

Our General Manager and Shops Manager are funded by the The Gannochy Trust, Climate Connect Coordinator was through Climate Connect and our Cleaner is funded by the Forteviot Trust.

Letham Climate Challenge main assets are the 3 properties at Garth Avenue (consisting of a Furniture Store, Swap Shop and sorting/meeting store) and the Kinloch and Kingswell allotments.

Letham Climate Challenge continue to rely on volunteers to deliver its core functions. In this reporting period we have been supported by 40 volunteers (29 volunteers supporting with the day to day running of the Swap Shop, 5 volunteers supporting with the allotments and 6 ad-hoc volunteers who support with additional community

events. Over 5,000 volunteer hours have been served over the last 12 months.3 of our volunteers have gone on to secured employment opportunities.

Staff and Volunteer Training

LCC Staff have completed; first aid, fire safety, manual handling, Climate resilience, Climate confidence, Climate Change Communication, Climate Emergency Training, Safeguarding, Management training and Having Good conversations Training.

LCC Volunteers have completed; Reporting incidents/ accidents training, First Aid, Fire Safety, Health and Safety, Manual Handling, Safeguarding and Having Good conversations training.

Swap Shop Statistics for 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025.

45,887 reusable household items received, sorted and displayed, equating to almost *41 Tonnes*.

6 Tonnes of non-reusable donations recycled

14 Tonnes of furniture rehomed for free to people in living in poverty, or sold at low cost

704 items of furniture delivered for free to be rehomed

10,041 visitors to our premises

1,680 swap shop vouchers exchanged

402 Electrical items PAT tested

Emergency Home Basic Packs.

188 individuals have been provided with our home basic packs. We have worked in partnership with 31 referral agencies who have identified these individuals.

Allotments

Currently there are 24 allotment holders supported and 18 school children partaking in gardening activities.

Kingswell allotment received path refurbishment ensuring better accessibility for all plot holders, and an easier terrain for wheelbarrows and walking aids.

Kinloch allotment has increased the plot holders growing space and variation of plants by introducing a communal plot with a shared large polytunnel for indoor growing, water tanks and hot bin composters. The protection of the polytunnel, allows for growing vegetables which cannot survive outside in the Scottish climate. We have also introduced raised beds for more accessible gardening for many who may find a whole plot overwhelming. This allows less experienced gardeners and complete beginners to get involved, and as they learn there is the opportunity to them to then rent a half or full plot. This means that the same amenities are available

to our Kinloch plot holders to provide access to equal growing opportunities as our Kingswell plot holders.

Primary School children from 3 local schools, continue to attend with guidance and support from our allotment volunteers. The delight at the end produce is shared by our volunteers.

Letham Climate Challenge Community Initiatives and Involvement

Climate Connect

LCC were the Zero Waste lead for the Climate Hub for Perth and Kinross namely 'Climate Connect' for Phase 1 of the process. This role involved connecting reuse and repair networks across Perth and Kinross and working together to tackle the Governments aims on Climate mitigation. We hosted various events surrounding re-use organisations, repair cafes, tool libraries, men's sheds and refilleries.

Partnership Events and Meetings

LCC continues to work with partners across Perth and Kinross to raise awareness of the work LCC does and how this can be continued and developed.

Events attended this year include Third Sector Interface Event, Careers Fairs, UHI Freshers week, Perth and Kinross Council Locality working group, NHS retirement group, Stronger Communities, Letham 4 All community events, Climate Action Summit, Circular Communities conferences and workshops, Scotland Sustainability Summit, Tayside Biodiversity market, Climate Change Fundamentals and Regenerative Solutions

Partnership working meetings include Love Letham, Perth Community Action Partnership, Anti-Poverty taskforce, Community Planning, Share and Repair networks, Circular Communities, Bloom group, Letham locality workshops, Perth City Local Action Partnership.

Seven Acres

We hosted an Easter themed community event with bulb planting, egg hunt, bonnet decorating and Easter themed games in partnership with the Anti-poverty Taskforce.

We have commissioned Westbank Community Payback team to build picnic benches to add to this greenspace to encourage community members to use this greenspace.

We have planted Spring and Summer bulbs and are seeking community volunteers to resurface the path.

Community Litter Picks

In the last 12 months Litter picking equipment has been provided to individuals. 54 bags of litter collected during monthly community litter picks organised by LCC.

Scotland Loves Local- Most Enterprising Community Award

Prestige Awards- Charity Shop of the Year- Perth and Kinross

Keep Scotland Beautiful Awards- 5/5 Outstanding

Future Plans

Our vision "caring for people and the planet".

LCC will continue to strive towards reducing waste and pollution through its Swap Shop, Furniture Store and allotments.

LCC will continue to assist those in greatest need by continuing to reach through our Swap Shop, Furniture Store and allotments.

LCC continues to engage with local groups who share the same values as ourselves for the exchange of ideas and potential actions as a result of.

LCC continue to seek volunteers to assist at the Swap Shop, Furniture Store, Sorting Store and the allotments.

Letham Climate Challenge currently sell second hand furniture and household electricals PAT tested by our volunteers. We wish to extend the scope of our organisation by opening a community Tool Library/ library of things. Just like a library for books, the community will have access to things you sometimes need or want to use without spending lots of money and without having to find space for it in their own home. Examples include tools for DIY projects or a sewing machine; a pressure washer or a carpet cleaner; camping equipment, specialist cookware or even an electric bike. By using our tool library, members would save money, save space, and save the planet.

We wish to continue to improve our local greenspaces and increase biodiversity by sponsoring 3 local roundabouts. We plan to plant and maintain them with volunteer assistance. We want to help our community become more resilient and self-sustaining, so for those who will find renting an allotment too overwhelming, we are building raised beds at our shop fronts as a stepping stone for beginner gardeners and children, who can then graduate onto one of our allotment starter raised beds, then a half-plot and then a full sized plot. We are also asking our community to give back, by taking cuttings of garden plants and donating them to LCC to nurture until ready to plant in one of our greenspaces

Letham Climate Trustees, August 2025.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.
The law applicable to charities 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 charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Trust Deed, The trustees are also responsible for safegaurding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2025 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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