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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC29608

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES	William John Kirkwood Louise McLaughlan Alan Hill Derek McCrindle (resigned 20/12/2024) Craig Hatton Justin Jones David William Hammond (appointed 1/4/2024) Karen Craib (appointed 12/2/2025)
COMPANY SECRETARY	Aileen Craig
REGISTERED OFFICE	Cunninghame House Friars Croft Irvine KA12 8EE
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	SC200851 (Scotland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	SC29608
AUDITORS	Galbraith Pritchards Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor 20 Barns Street Ayr Ayrshire KA7 1XA
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

a. Policies and objectives

The principal activity of the Trust is the promotion, for public benefit, of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social or economic deprivation in North Ayrshire.

Its main objectives are to support the following purposes:

- 1) To relieve poverty among the residents of the local government area of North Ayrshire.
- 2) To advance education among residents of North Ayrshire, particularly among the unemployed.
- 3) To promote other schemes of a charitable nature for benefit of the residents of North Ayrshire.
- 4) To promote the advancement of citizenship or community development, including rural or urban regeneration and the promotion of civil responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities.
- 5) To promote training in skills of all kinds, particularly such skills as will assist residents of North Ayrshire in obtaining paid employment.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

North Ayrshire Ventures Trust operates a grant programme to enable voluntary, community and social enterprises in North Ayrshire to explore new opportunities to help them grow in size, improve long term sustainability and increase their impact, through grants of up to £30,000.

The Trust focuses on projects and ideas which have the potential to make a difference to the lives of North Ayrshire residents. The Trust complements other grant funds already in existence and invites ambitious applications, which promote changing the way things are currently done or which are far reaching in their outcomes.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Success is measured through the outcomes delivered by the projects supported by the Trust. This will be assessed through post project evaluations which will be used to demonstrate the tangible benefits derived from each of the projects and will be subject to Board reports throughout the year.

d. Grant-making policies

The emphasis of the fund is on transformation and on developing ways of working which provide long term sustainable solutions for the residents of North Ayrshire.

The fund is intended to enable projects or services to either become more self-sustaining or to deliver a lasting legacy for the local community. Applications are considered for projects lasting for multiple years but the fund is not available as a long-term source of funding for projects or services.

The beneficiaries of the grant making programme are charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, community based organisations, volunteering bodies, co-operatives, housing associations, and credit unions whose annual income is £300,000 or less.

Details of how to apply to this Trust, together with the relevant forms, are available on the Trust's website:

<https://navt.org.uk/how-to-apply>

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities and key financial indicators

During the year to 31 March 2025 the Trust has continued to utilise the income from investment properties to provide grant support to a variety of Community Groups and Social enterprises in furtherance of its main objectives with 12 awards totalling £307,437 being approved across the year.

In addition, the trust continued to commit funds transferred from the former Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company in support of a range of regeneration projects within the geographical area covered by the former Company. A total of £8,957,466 of grants and match funding has been approved to date.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The total income for the year was £610,462 (2024 - £621,137).

The total expenditure for the year was £431,644 (2024 - £768,604).

During the current year the charity reports net income of £138,818 (2024 net income - £137,533), after a loss on revaluation of investment properties of £40,000 (2024 - gain £285,000).

Reserves policy

Funds are classed as unrestricted and restricted and are used for the furtherance of the charity's activities to meet objectives noted above.

At 31 March 2025, the total unrestricted funds were £3,624,304 (2024 - £3,455,149) and total restricted funds were £4,805,639 (2024 - £4,835,976).

For management purposes the trust operates a reserves calculation policy within their overall reserves in order to maintain a balance equivalent to one year's operating costs of the core NAVT activities, with all remaining funds available for utilisation in line with the Trust's objectives.

In relation to the level of unrestricted balances held the Trust is seeking to utilise the majority of these to support suitable capital investment. Unfortunately, the progress of many of the nominated projects has been adversely impacted by the volatility in the construction industry following Covid and external pressures restricting supply chains and resulting in significant inflation. This has meant that fewer projects than anticipated are being brought forward seeking board support. Discussions across a number of Council departments are ongoing with a view to identifying suitable investment projects which the NAVT Board can consider.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Charity constitution

The company, which is a recognised charity in Scotland, is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 11 October 1999.

The principal object of the charitable company is to provide grant funding to allow organisations to focus on transformation and on developing ways of working which provide long term sustainable solutions for the residents of North Ayrshire.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trust can have a maximum of 9 directors at any given time, 4 appointed directors and 5 co-opted directors. Appointed directors are nominated by North Ayrshire Council in accordance with the provisions contained in the Articles of Association. Co-opted directors are nominated by the existing directors but their appointment must be ratified by North Ayrshire Council. In considering potential Trustees consideration is given to the skills of existing board members.

Organisational structure and decision-making

The Trust is managed entirely by its Trustees.

The work of the Trust Board is underpinned by the officers of North Ayrshire Council who provide information and support the administration of the grant application process for the board.

The Board of Trustees are the key management personnel of the Trust who direct and control the organisation. The Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was made during the year. No Trustees expenses were paid during the year.

The day to day operations of the Trust are performed by officers of North Ayrshire Council. These officers give their time freely and no officer remuneration was made during the year.

The following provide services to the Trust:

Connected Communities: provide the administrative support to process all the applications and awards of the grant. They also monitor the expenditure by following up with the grant awardees.

Financial Services: provide the board with financial advice as well as recording and monitoring all income and expenditure.

Legal Services: acts as company secretary and advises on all legal matters.

Estate Services: manage the properties owned by the Trust.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are given an extensive briefing on the objectives and activities of the Trust by the Chairperson.

Asset and risk management

The principal risks faced by the Trust lie in the capacity of the fund to support projects and the risk that projects fail to deliver their key objectives and meet the objectives of the Trust. Mitigations have been put in place to ensure that these risks are managed and controlled and include:-

- Ensuring projects are only funded which can be supported by the resources of the Trust.
- Having robust application, vetting and post project review processes in place including the reporting of key milestones and outcomes.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trust continues to build on the significant investment in Community Groups and Social Enterprises, already undertaken and looks forward to supporting future grant applications which further the main objectives of the Trust.

The Trust will also continue to work closely with North Ayrshire Council to identify investment opportunities in suitable regeneration projects within the geographical area covered by the former Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 those 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

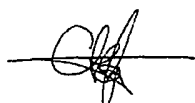
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees 07 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Craig Hatton - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and 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 (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 2025 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 Auditors' 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 17 to the financial statements, 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the 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 Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires 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 trustees' 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees 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.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the industry in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Companies Act 2006 and UK tax legislation. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and, enquiries with management. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF
NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST**

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, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and the trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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.

Marguerite Roos BAcc CA

Marguerite Roos BAcc CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Galbraith Pritchards
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
20 Barns Street
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Date: *11 November 2025*

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Investment income	3	610,462	-	610,462	621,137
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	32,247	-	32,247	8,159
Grants payable		369,060	30,337	399,397	760,445
Total		401,307	30,337	431,644	768,604
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		209,155	(30,337)	178,818	(147,467)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		(40,000)	-	(40,000)	285,000
Net movement in funds		169,155	(30,337)	138,818	137,533
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		3,455,149	4,835,976	8,291,125	8,153,592
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		3,624,304	4,805,639	8,429,943	8,291,125

The notes form part of these financial statements


NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investment property	11	2,144,000	-	2,144,000	2,184,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	1,496,704	4,805,639	6,302,343	6,121,942
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,400)	-	(16,400)	(14,817)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,480,304</u>	<u>4,805,639</u>	<u>6,285,943</u>	<u>6,107,125</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,624,304</u>	<u>4,805,639</u>	<u>8,429,943</u>	<u>8,291,125</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>3,624,304</u></u>	<u><u>4,805,639</u></u>	<u><u>8,429,943</u></u>	<u><u>8,291,125</u></u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				3,624,304	3,455,149
Restricted funds				4,805,639	4,835,976
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>8,429,943</u></u>	<u><u>8,291,125</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 07 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Craig Hatton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(301,239)	(305,084)
Net cash used in operating activities		(301,239)	(305,084)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		301,239	305,084
Net cash provided by investing activities		301,239	305,084
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		-	-

The notes form part of these financial statements

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	178,818	(147,467)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(301,239)	(305,084)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(180,401)	147,300
Increase in creditors	1,583	167
Net cash used in operations	<u>(301,239)</u>	<u>(305,084)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and registered in Scotland, under company number SC200851 and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up the charitable company is limited to £1.

The charity's registered number is SC029608.

The registered is Cunninghame House, Friars Croft, Irvine, North Ayrshire, KA12 8EE.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's abilities to continue as a going concern.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Interest from funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General Funds are unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Rents received	300,262	306,999
Other income	8,961	9,054
Deposit account interest	301,239	305,084
	<u>610,462</u>	<u>621,137</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 5) £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	26,313	-	5,934	32,247
Grants payable	-	399,397	-	399,397
	<u>26,313</u>	<u>399,397</u>	<u>5,934</u>	<u>431,644</u>

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Property insurance	7,646	6,449
Light and heat	-	(4,203)
Administration support	18,646	-
Sundries	21	-
	<u>26,313</u>	<u>2,246</u>

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Grants payable	<u>399,397</u>	<u>760,445</u>

During the year, a grant of £130,967 was made to the Green Jobs Fund. This fund provides grant funding to organisations and is operated by North Ayrshire Council.

During the 2024 year a £500,000 grant contribution was paid to the Annickbank Project managed by North Ayrshire Council.

These were the only significant grants made to institutions or projects in either year.

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Auditors remuneration	4,000	4,000
Auditors remuneration for non audit work	1,900	1,900
Legal fees	34	13
	<u>5,934</u>	<u>5,913</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	4,000
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>

NORTH AYRSHIRE VENTURES TRUST

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED 31.03.24

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Investment income	621,137	-	621,137
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	8,159	-	8,159
Charitable activities	249,226	511,219	760,445
Grants payable			
Total	257,385	511,219	768,604
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Other recognised gains/(losses)	363,752	(511,219)	(147,467)
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	285,000	-	285,000
Net movement in funds	648,752	(511,219)	137,533
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,806,397	5,347,195	8,153,592
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,455,149	4,835,976	8,291,125

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 April 2024	2,184,000
Revaluation	(40,000)
At 31 March 2025	2,144,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	2,144,000
At 31 March 2024	2,184,000

Investment properties are included at fair value. The historic cost of investment properties as at 31st March 2025 was £3,110,000 (2024 - £3,110,000).

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11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY - continued

Investment properties were valued on an existing use value basis on 31st March 2025 by North Ayrshire Council's Estates Team.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
North Ayrshire Council	6,255,067	6,061,107
Other debtors	46,096	60,835
VAT	1,180	-
	<u>6,302,343</u>	<u>6,121,942</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Other creditors	-	167
Accruals and deferred income	16,400	14,650
	<u>16,400</u>	<u>14,817</u>

Deferred income is rental income received in advance. All income deferred in the year ended 31st March 2024 was released in the year ended 31st March 2025. Any deferred income in the year ended 31st March 2025 will be released in the first quarter of the year ended 31st March 2026.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,455,149	169,155	3,624,304
Restricted funds			
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	4,835,976	(30,337)	4,805,639
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,291,125</u>	<u>138,818</u>	<u>8,429,943</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	610,462	(401,307)	(40,000)	169,155
Restricted funds				
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	-	(30,337)	-	(30,337)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>610,462</u>	<u>(431,644)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>138,818</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,806,397	648,752	3,455,149
Restricted funds			
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	5,347,195	(511,219)	4,835,976
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,153,592</u>	<u>137,533</u>	<u>8,291,125</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	621,137	(257,385)	285,000	648,752
Restricted funds				
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	-	(511,219)	-	(511,219)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>621,137</u>	<u>(768,604)</u>	<u>285,000</u>	<u>137,533</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,806,397	817,907	3,624,304
Restricted funds			
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	5,347,195	(541,556)	4,805,639
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,153,592</u>	<u>276,351</u>	<u>8,429,943</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,231,599	(658,692)	245,000	817,907
Restricted funds				
Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration	-	(541,556)	-	(541,556)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,231,599</u>	<u>(1,200,248)</u>	<u>245,000</u>	<u>276,351</u>

Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration is a restricted fund to provide grants to projects previously committed by Irvine Bay Regeneration Company. As per the transfer agreement, North Ayrshire Ventures Trust have acknowledged that grants are committed to ongoing projects.

15. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

In prior years the Trust received £10,762,478 in cash as part of a transfer of trade and assets from the Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company. As per the transfer agreement North Ayrshire Ventures Trust have acknowledged that grants are committed to ongoing projects. The maximum aggregate grant still to be advanced to ongoing projects is £2,205,696 (2024 - £3,202,953). Since the year end NAVT have committed to a further £3,638,000 of legacy grant funding on new projects, subject to ministerial approval. Therefore, total commitments from legacy funding as at 31.03.25 amount to £5,843,696.

As at 31st March 2025, North Ayrshire Ventures Trust had community grants committed to be paid after the year end totalling £396,221 (2024 - £461,844). The conditions for these grants have not been met as at 31st March 2025 and therefore these have not been provided for in these accounts.

Therefore, total capital commitments at 31.03.25 amount to £6,239,917 (2024 - £3,664,797).

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There was an outstanding debtor balance owed by North Ayrshire Council to North Ayrshire Ventures Trust of £6,255,067 (2024 - £6,061,107). Amounts owed by North Ayrshire Council are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

During the year North Ayrshire Ventures Trust received administration support from North Ayrshire Council totalling £18,646 in the year (2024 - none).

Also, during the year, North Ayrshire Council paid VAT liabilities to HMRC on behalf of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust. The amount of these payments were £467 (2024 - £533). During the year North Ayrshire Council also received VAT refunds totalling £1,180 (2024 - £947) which were due to North Ayrshire Ventures Trust.

During the 2024 year a £500,000 grant contribution was paid to the Annickbank Project managed by North Ayrshire Council.

17. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

18. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

In the opinion of the trustees, there is no ultimate controlling party.