



Tarland Development Group Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29th October 2025 at 7.30pm

The MacRobert Hall

Minutes

1. Attendees

Trustees (9): C Redmond, D Hirst, D Muirhead, J Nicholl, S Langan, S Williams, S van Heusden, F Paterson, K Webb.

Employee (1): D Rennie (Food and Music Festival Administrator).

Members and non-Members (14).

Minutes: K Dale.

2. Welcome and apologies

C Redmond (TDG Chair) welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the Trustees.

Apologies (5): D Stuart (Trustee), C Bond (Member), D Hansford (Member), P Craig (Member), M Cuthbert-Wood (Member).

3. Chairperson's report

C Redmond presented the Chair's Report. The full report is included in Appendix 1.

4. Report of accounts

D Hirst (TDG Treasurer) gave a summary of the financial situation of the Group. The full report is included in Appendix 2.

5. Election of Trustees

Ten Trustees were proposed for election by G Needham and seconded by L Cunningham. They were approved and duly elected. The full list of current Trustees now stands as follows:



C Redmond
S van Heusden
K Webb
S van Heusden

D Hirst
F Paterson
D Muirhead

S Williams
J Nicholl
D Stuart

Two Trustee vacancies remain. The Trustees could co-opt additional Trustees over the year to fill these vacancies. At the next TDG meeting office bearer roles will be decided.

6. Questions

There was a question about the valuation of the bike trails. This is based on how much they cost to build, however, they are on rented land so cannot be sold. The accountant agreed with the valuation. Thanks were expressed for the communication about what's going on in Drummy Wood at the bike trails.

There was a question about the reason for the update on the OSCR website. This is for adding new Trustees to be accountable. C Redmond explained what else has to be added for accountability.

There was a question about why the operational plan for the trails is only being circulated amongst Trustees and not more widely. C Redmond said that the next steps are the rearrangement of the meeting with The MacRobert Trust (MRT) and the Cromar Community Council (CCC) to talk about the trails. The updated document would form the basis of that meeting.

7. AOB

J Nicholl spoke about Cycling Without Age. There are 91 Chapters in Scotland and there is a Chapter in Stonehaven. She has aspirations for trishaws in Tarland. She is working towards this and there will be a community consultation in due course.

There was a question about whether this is the same as a council scheme in Aboyne. There may be scope to work together. The organisation covers a lot of the costs but the trishaws cost £11k, for which funds must be raised.

There is a Repair Shop on Saturday at the pavilion with coffee and cake. Help is required in the paths group.

Appendix 1

Chair's Report 2024 - 2025

Introduction

Tarland Development Group met approximately every six weeks within the last year, not to mention many more individual meetings, Steering Group meetings, events, chats, discussions and emails.

Kathy Dale remains in a paid Minute Secretary role, which has been a great support at getting our minutes out in a more timely fashion.

Since our last AGM we co-opted Daniel Stuart to develop a replacement zipline and maybe some other items. We said goodbye to Hayley as a Trustee but she will continue to run Lego Club. We thank her for her time supporting TDG projects.

TDG employs seven individuals on a very part time basis. The Bee Group employ Rebecca van Heusden as a gardener. The trails have two maintenance staff - Mike and Mark. Jamie Price helps with social media for TDG and the Trails. Carol Anderson keeps the toilets in order. We said goodbye to Shona Donaldson who was employed to organise the festival, laying the foundations for another great year. We said hello to Debbie Rennie who picked up the reins, running a successful festival. We will be saying goodbye to Carol at the end of November and we thank her for her work at the trails.

Throughout the past year we have secured funds from a range of sources. We are very grateful to all Trustees and Steering Group members for their work on completing these applications to support the wide range of TDG projects. Also we are very grateful to all the volunteers who support our projects. We can always use more!

Chris Redmond, Chair, 29th October 2025

Project Updates: Thanks to all the Trustees for their reports to summarise the year for TDG. A full copy will be sent with minutes/added to the Tarland website.

• Tarland Bee Group (Lead Trustee: Dave Muirhead)

The Beginners Course 2025 - a two full day intensive course run in May and June. The sessions were a mix of classroom and practical learning to give beginners the basics to start keeping their own bees. The course was fully subscribed with 12 attendees from the local area. The attendees were then encouraged to attend the teaching sessions over the summer to continue their learning.



A talk on queenlessness with practical advice on what to do if you think you have lost your queen.

A talk given in Buckie - September 2024.

Winter workshops were popular, showing practical skills in disease detection and recognition, hive manipulation manoeuvres and preparing equipment for the spring.

Continued involvement in gardening/local employment and other groups such as apple pressing, with the Tarland Food & Music Festival.

Invited to visit Souters Bothy, Ballogie, gave them lots of info about bee equipment, article in SBA magazine.

TBG stall at Tarland Show in the education tent, run by Taylor family, hard work and very successful.

More entries in the Horticultural Show this year.

Yvonne Davidson was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to beekeeping with a warm and dry ceremony at the Apiary with the local Lord Lieutenant.

Members passing SBA Practical and Modular Exams. ApiScotia, a weekend in Dumfries House for practical intermediate delegates attended by members. Article in SBA.

Bee inspectors came this summer due to an outbreak of European Foul Brood nearby. A number of our members' hives were inspected but were found to be free of the disease. We are very appreciative of this free service and welcome the bee inspectors who so generously share their knowledge and time.

Provost and local councillors' visit.

We had the library label printing workshop with Dave Woods.

Tarland Rainbows came to visit Tarland Bee Group in August. Their leader Tufty Owl - Gillian Masson arranged the visit and was assisted by Crafty Owl - Myra, Sweetie Owl, and Abigail a DOE volunteer. We had a lovely afternoon with a delightful group of very well behaved and interested youngsters. The Rainbows are working towards a new badge all about pollinators. They enjoyed trying on bee suits, tasting honey, tasting apple juice, inspecting a virtual bee hive and viewing various pollinators collected and viewed through mini magnifiers.



The Rainbows then had a couple of weeks to complete all the tasks needed to gain their badges, which Yvonne was delighted to present at their weekly meeting.

• **Tarland Paths Group (Lead Trustee: Ken Webb)**

This year, the board approved the purchasing of waymarker posts from Earth Anchors Ltd. Being made of recycled plastic, they are cheaper and longer lasting than ones made from the traditional larch. After corresponding with the company by email they agreed to match the design of the existing posts. Payment was made on 22nd May. However, the waymarker posts only arrived on 30th September. So the actual work of replacing the fallen posts has yet to begin. Post hole digging equipment has been purchased.

Storm Floris blew down the paths map situated in the Tomnaverie car park and one of the posts was felled. This has been replaced with a recycled plastic post previously ordered from Earth Anchors Ltd with help from Jonquil and Ken's son, Julian.

Storm Floris also brought down a tree that blocked the footbridge on Bridge Street and damaged the balustrades. This was reported to the Factor at The MacRobert Trust who arranged for it to be removed and repaired.

TDG contracted the work of cutting the grass on the upper section of the Corrachree path to Jim Prince again this year. Ken contacted the farmer who owns the land prior to the cutting to ask his permission. The farmer asks that dog walkers on that part of the path keep dogs on a lead.

The gate on a path that is a right of way linking the Tarland Way to Lumphanan over the Craiglich ridge has been locked by the person who has the shooting rights on the land. Efforts by both Ken and the person in the Lumphanan Paths group at contacting this person have so far been unsuccessful.

Ken discovered that a Paths Group that occasionally organises walks via a WhatsApp group, originally doubled up as the Paths Volunteer Group. So, hopefully, he will be able to arrange for work to be done with more help in future.

Ken represents Tarland Paths on the Marr Area Paths Forum that meets quarterly and helped man their tent at the Aboyne Games.

Tarland Way: Chris continued to oversee the project to create a diversion on the Tarland Way around the property where there are dogs. A route has been agreed with landowners and funding has been secured to design and create the diversion. Replacement waymarkers have been ordered with this funding too.

• **Tarland Wetlands Group (Chair: Kathy Dale. Lead Trustee: David Hirst)**

The Wetlands Group is currently in abeyance. The only project undertaken in 2024/25 was the pond in the Community Garden.

• **Community Composting (Lead Trustee: Dave Hirst. Organiser: Denise Hansford)**

The Composting Group continues to go from strength to strength. We now have 71 household members, which is an increase of eight from last year. Membership fees have not increased so far, however, it should be noted that the income does not now fully cover the costs and so it may be necessary to raise them next year. Our usual heap turner was unavailable this year so we hired The MacRobert Trust to do it. Connor has done an excellent job. We also pay a hire charge for the tractor and trailer and refreshments costs.

The pool of volunteers is similarly healthy at 20, with some younger members who are very welcome, although we can always do with more. We continue to offer volunteers free membership and free refreshments at Tarland Tearooms on collection duty days. . Once again we are grateful to The MacRobert Trust for moving the pile of finished compost to the community garden in the spring. There is still a lot of compost available and members are encouraged to help themselves.

• **Cromar Food Waste Project (Lead Trustee: Frank Paterson)**

Aims:

In recognition of the environmental impact of food provision and that a reported 900 million tonnes, or 30%, of produced food becomes waste, which in itself is environmentally destructive, the primary aim of our project is to reduce food waste in Cromar. Currently there are three measures we employ:

1. Rescuing and redistributing food intended for waste.
2. Providing an outlet for businesses and organisations wishing not to waste surplus or dated food items.
3. Providing education and training in the preparation of nutritious food with the minimum of waste.

Resources:

The project now has 12 dedicated volunteers providing over four hours of their time weekly to the project.

The Tarland Pavilion as food store and community hub for food pop-ups and food centred events. (Aberdeenshire Council have given us permission to make use of it at no charge.)

Two chest freezers for storing perishable foods between food distribution pop-ups. (One freezer is sited in The MacRobert Hall basement; again without charge for electricity consumed. The other 300 litre freezer is located in the pavilion.)

Various items for food preparation including ceramic hobs, utensils, soup pot, pressure cooker and two dehydrators obtained via various funding applications and donations.

Activities:

1. Rescuing and distributing food intended for waste:

Volunteers twice monthly pick up food due to exceed sell by date from Aboyne Co-op. Food. Items that can be frozen are stored in the chest freezer. A fortnightly visit is made to the Aboyne Food Depot to collect any out of date foods.

2. Serving as an outlet for surplus food:

Monthly we hold afternoon food distribution pop-ups at the Tarland pavilion on Mondays where people are invited to the free uplift of food items. We have been gratefully receiving donated food items from individuals, businesses and organisations e.g. Aboyne Co-op, Food Waste Country Food Trust, donating boxes, The MacRobert Trust, The Commercial Hotel.

3. Providing Education and Training

We have provided packs of ingredients with the cooking recipes enclosed and give nutritional advice but have lapsed this year in organised cooking sessions.

Achievements:

From January to September we have dispensed approximately food items valued at £3,000 to an estimated 485 recipients.

Using research data of the Oxford University affiliated 'Our World in Data', we estimate the CO₂ equivalent gas emissions saved by the project since January to be 41.3 tonnes.

The regular 'Food Kitchen' event at the Tarland Food and Music Festival was well attended, attracting around 100 visitors. Jazz funk music by Morgan Taylor and story telling by Pauline Cordiner contributed to a warm community atmosphere despite the chilly weather.

It is possible to prevent much more Co-op food from going to waste. However, we are limited by the number of volunteers and our freezer storage capacity.

These are two areas we intend to tackle. Also it has been raised by the Office of National Statistics that households contribute up to 70 percent of food waste in the UK. This is another aspect of waste that we will consider addressing through education.

Beyond the measurable success in reducing food waste, the Food Waste Project has gifted our community something invaluable: a friendly, relaxed, and welcoming place to simply be together. What started as an environmental effort has blossomed into an opportunity for genuine community bonding. People are enjoying meeting, sharing, and connecting in an atmosphere that is truly inviting, proving that shared purpose can lead directly to stronger relationships among neighbours.

Acknowledgements:

The success of this project is dependent on all supporting bodies. Our thanks in this respect go to Aboyne Co-operative, Aboyne Food Depot, The MacRobert Trust, The Paper Shop, The Country Food Trust, Tarland Welfare Trust, Tillypronie Estate, The Commercial Hotel, Aberdeenshire Council and all



individual donors. Also a big thank you must go to the project volunteers who have donated much valuable time and effort in making the project such a success that strengthens the fabric of our community.

• **Food and Music Festival (Lead Trustee: Dave Hirst)**

We started this year's festival on Thursday with the wonderful film "Oh Brother Where Art Thou". Folk might remember that last year's film was cancelled due to the now traditional Tarland Festival Power Cut. Nothing like that could happen again....could it??

On Friday we had a basket making workshop at Deeside Willow, a music session at the Aberdeen Arms and then the opening concert - the Paul McKenna Band supported by Rachel Hair and Ron Jappy. On Saturday we had 16 events, with the market, Pauline Cordiner's Scottish Stories, Peter Craig's History Walk, the Bee Group tour, music and food at the pavilion, Towie Pipe Band, the Banchory Morris Dancers, a farming talk with Nikki Yoxall and Hannah Budge, a minibeast hunt and another music session at the Arms (all of these were free), and a music workshop with Ron Jappy, straw hairst knot making at the Community Garden, a clarsach recital with Rachel Hair at Migvie Kirk, a cookery workshop with The Spice Route, canapes and a cocktail at Douneside House and the toddlers duck race (all almost or completely sold out). Food was provided by the Cromar Seniors, Caroldson's Coffee, Lily's Dough Pizzas, Tarland Tearooms, "Scottish Tapas" at the golf club and a 20% discount on meals at The Commercial. Then in the evening we had Dallahan in concert with Ryan Young in support. And just as the audience started coming through the doors, all the lights in Tarland went out. Geese with no regard for culture, tradition or their own mortality had flown into the power lines.

After a short period of wondering what on earth we do now, Julian Davies brought down his generator and Jimi Troup (usually on the sound desk) wired it up to the lights and sound and we started only 20 minutes late. Everyone agreed the gig had a special atmosphere and terrific performances from both Dallahan and Ryan. A big thanks is due to everyone (volunteers, Jimi, the bands and the audience) for not panicking and getting on with putting on a great show.

Sunday was quieter as usual, but we still had the Lego Club building Lego Tarland in the morning, yoga with Brenda Twigger, a mushroom walk with Liz Holden, a scything course at the apiary, a foraging walk with Natasha Lloyd, a stepdance workshop with Mairi Campbell, lunch with CC's Kitchen and then last but not least, Mairi Campbell again, first in conversation with Frieda Morrison and then in concert. A fitting end to a great weekend.

Thanks to everyone who helped out, the committee (myself, Jonquil Nicholl, Carrie Jarvis and Annie McKee) and the many volunteers without whom the festival could not happen. Particular thanks to our paid administrators Shona Donaldson who did the initial work, then Debbie Rennie who did a fantastic job despite having no experience whatsoever of the festival before she took over in



July. All the feedback we have had has been positive, and there were lots of smiling faces around the village over the weekend, which makes all the hard work worthwhile. As usual we struggle financially and will have lost (hopefully a small amount of) money, and also as usual we will be looking for grants, sponsorship and donations next year to keep the festival going. We will also be looking for volunteers both for the committee and for the weekend itself. The Tarland Food and Music Festival will return!

• **Pavilion Project (Lead Trustee: Frank Paterson) :**

Context and Community Initiative

Following the decision by Aberdeenshire Council to 'mothball' the Tarland Pavilion (a 1991 building previously used for sports changing rooms and toilet facilities), the Cromar Food Waste Project of the Tarland Development Group (TDG) is actively pursuing a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). This is a summary of the vision, progress, and financial plan for securing and transforming the facility into a vital community resource.

Progress and Community Consultation

The Pavilion start-up committee undertook extensive community engagement and practical piloting throughout 2025 to inform the business plan. Key activities included a "Have Your Say" consultation event, which attracted over 50 visitors and generated 113 suggestions for future use.

The group also successfully piloted a variety of community events centred on the use of pavilion:

- **Social & Sport:** Providing changing and toilet facilities for the Tarland Show Football Tournament and Tarland School Sports Day, and acting as shelter for the Tarland Tennis Club.
- **Sustainability & Repair:** Hosting successful bike repair workshops, general repair workshops for the community, and Home Energy advice sessions.
- **Food & Storage:** Utilizing the space for the Cromar Food Waste Project's monthly pop-up pantry and dry/cold storage.

Vision and Proposed Use Zones

The Pavilion Transformation Group's vision is to establish the Pavilion as a community asset hub dedicated to enhancing sustainability, resilience, and well-being for the residents of Tarland and the Howe of Cromar. The proposal centres on establishing four distinct 'use zones' within the existing building and grounds:

1. **Enhanced Food Waste Project:** Establishing a purpose-fitted area with a dry store and freezer facility to support the regular pop-up pantry.
2. **Sports and Changing Facility:** Providing secure and accessible toilets and changing facilities for local clubs, sports events, and Tarland Primary School.
3. **Workshop Facility:** Continuing and expanding the successful pilot programs with a dedicated space for "mend and repair" sessions, bicycle maintenance, and home energy advice.



4. Informal Meeting and Exhibition Place: A small area dedicated to community meetings and exhibitions, particularly those focusing on local sustainability and climate change resilience.

Financial Projections (Phase 1: 2026-2028)

The Transformation Group is drafting an initial financial forecast for the three-year establishment phase. The overall approach is to cover capital and revenue costs through grants and operational costs through a mix of funding streams.

This encompasses 3 financial categories:

Start up Costs for initial maintenance, securing integrity (plumbing/electric), condition survey, safety equipment, furniture, and legal costs. These will be met through grant applications and volunteer labour.

Operational Costs covering electricity, water, and cleaning expenses.

Projected Revenue Income generated from rental charges (for events), donations (from the food pop-up), and subscriptions from "Friends of the Pavilion.

The group projects that the first phase will run at a small surplus, demonstrating the project's financial viability.

Next Steps and Timeline

TDG plans to move forward with the following steps to achieve a launch in 2026:

1. Internal Approval: Finalising the plan with the Pavilion committee and TDG (the registered organization) to secure governance oversight (September/October 2025).
2. External Consultation: Consulting with the wider Tarland Community, Community Council, and key partners (October/November 2025).
3. Funding Submission: Submitting grant applications (December 2025/January 2026).

Launch: Aiming for Pavilion launch events in Q2 2026.

• **Tarland Trails (Drummy Woods and Pittenderich) (Lead Trustee: Chris Redmond)**

Tarland Trails remains a popular venue to ride bikes and was recognised this year by the Aberdeen City and Shire Awards as 'Best Outdoor Adventure Tourism' venue. Following a full year of trail counter data there were 45,000 visits in the 2024 calendar year (40,000 Pittenderich, 5,000 Drummy Woods), which is forecast to drop to a little to around 40,000 in 2025.

Developments this year have included the opening of the first natural trail 'Project Mushroom', and reshaping/reprofiling of the Blue/Red/Pump Track at Drummy Woods has just begun. The bike wash will be beginning shortly at Tarland Trails Pittenderich. The plans for a composting toilet at Drummy Woods are on hold but the parking meter was installed, generating revenue to go towards maintenance and future development of Tarland Trails and contribute to our local community.



Throughout the year, Tarland Trails used social media to keep riders and locals updated on events, developments, and opportunities to engage with the trails (volunteer maintenance).

From the proceeds of the trails and some additional funding we have been able to support a range of bike education and repair aspects. Revenue from the trails has been used to support TDG/other projects more widely.

• **Apple Group (Lead Trustees: Dave Hirst, Sandra Van Heusen)**

The total number of bottles produced last year was 532. Apple sales totalled £1,052 and we spent £1,626 on equipment (bottles, a storage box and another two pasteurisers) and repairs to the outside socket. We also spent £499 on a new press but it was faulty and will be returned. At the end of the year we had a balance of £1,052 with (probably) enough bottles in store for 2025.

The unsettled weather at apple harvest time resulted in a large loss of apples through windfall and wasp infestation. Despite these losses, the number of apples donated was on a par with last year. We produced 115 bottles from our first pressing and 167 from our second.

Our first production sold out with pre-sales and sales during the Tarland Food and Music Festival. We have already pre-sold 58 bottles from the second production. The number of volunteers turning up to help pasteurize has helped quicken the process and we are now able to run four pasteurizers simultaneously. Given the number of apples remaining, we are looking to run another session during the October holidays. This will have the benefit of providing an activity for families including children.

• **Gone to Seed (Lead Trustee: Jonquil Nicoll: Organiser: Lizzie Shepherd)**

This year we held the Seed Saving Workshop in January - many of the same volunteers came and helped and we had some new faces too - thanks to all for their support. The Seed Swap and Potato Day followed on the 22nd February. This was popular and well attended, as always, and the Cromar Seniors provided the teas. Any remaining seed potatoes were donated to the local schools. We held another Seed Saving Workshop in May run by Megan Woods and Lizzy that took place in the Community Garden. The aim of this workshop was to inform gardeners which plants they should let go to seed and which will not produce viable seed. We will be holding the next Seed Saving Workshop in January 2026 in preparation for the Seed Swap and Potato Day on 28th February in The MacRobert Hall. The income reserves stand at a healthy balance.

• **Tarland Community Garden (Lead Trustee: Sheila Williams)**

We welcomed the Scottish Open Gardens again this year. Also we were open for



the Food and Music Festival. Dr. Carroll, Aboyne and Tarland doctor, brought along 1st year medical students on two occasions to show how outdoor space can help with mental health and wellbeing. We have applied for funding to replace some of the outside raised beds as they are falling apart. We are also going to have to replace the polytunnel cover after it was damaged by hailstones. A pond was installed with the grant we received from the sale of Coull Hall, which is a good addition to the garden for wildlife. The MacRobert Trust kindly fixed the outer fence in the spring, which was very much appreciated. The Aboyne Mens Shed kindly repaired and painted a bench for us. The Monday Boys are still meeting to do odd jobs and have a cuppa and a chat.

• Tarland Calendar (Lead Trustee: Sandra Van Heusen, Organiser: Julian Davies)

Despite very positive feedback regarding improvements to the 2025 calendar, sales were sluggish. We made a profit of £196 on calendar sales last year. We printed 100 at a cost of £566 and paid £22 for the website. The total sales were £784 so that means we sold them at an average of about £8.50. The sales gave a small amount of revenue to the Post Office for selling them.

Customers liked the new larger sized Calendar and the quality of the photos. The Social Media posts featuring a monthly scene from the Calendar continue to be popular. However, customers highlighted the following reasons for slow sales:

- The price point was too expensive;
- The launch was too late (some potential customers had already purchased their Calendars). Ideally the Calendars would be on sale from September; and
- There was a sales competition with a Calendar from another local Charity, supporting a worthy cause.

We therefore made the decision not to launch a Calendar this year. We will review this position next Spring.

• Tarland Lego Club (Lead Trustee: Jonquil Nicholl, Organiser: Hayley Lockerbie)

Tarland Lego Club will be three years old in December 2025. We continue to welcome people from in and around Tarland, as well as folks coming from Aboyne, Strathdon, Alford and beyond. The club still meets once a month on the 2nd Friday in The MacRobert Hall between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Between October 2024 and October 2025 the club met nine times – we missed April, July and August this session due to poor holiday planning by the organisers (we promise we'll try and not have this happen again!). Numbers attending Lego Club remain steady, with 50 – 90 people coming along each month, depending on the weather and whatever else is going on! Lego Club is multigenerational: we have babes in



arms, toddlers, primary and secondary age children, parents, grandparents and family friends of all ages coming along to play and build together.

Since the last Tarland Development Group AGM the Lego Club was delighted to be invited to participate in a Christmas Tree showcase at Douneside House, as part of their Winter Wonderland Festival. Folks who come along to the club created decorations for our tree from Lego, which hung for all to see as they visited Santa and saw the magical lights in the beautiful Douneside gardens. The club were delighted to receive a donation of £500 from The MacRobert Trust for their participation in the event. Equally as magical, Lego Club attendees created a Lego version of The Christmas Story to be displayed at St Moluag's Church during the Christmas service. Highlights included Angel Gabriel in his full spacesuit. At the recent Tarland Food and Music Festival the club held a "Build Tarland" session where folks from the village came along and built their favourite thing from our part of the Howe. We had the park, the tennis court, the school and The Paper Shop among many others.

Volunteers held their first "set sorting" day in the hall, where we set up tables and methodically checked as many sets as possible, noting missing pieces which were then ordered to make sure sets were complete. We understand how frustrating it is to have missing bits when you're trying to build! It's the volunteers who really make Lego Club what it is; nothing would happen without their help. A big thank you to Fiona, William, Jonquil, Simon, Dave, Denise and John who consistently show up and count whatever bricks Hayley tells them to! Duncan is still king of the snacks, and Douglas still comes and helps when he's in the village, and we love to see him. Fergus, Lewis and Catherine are our younger helpers, along with Ximena, Alec and Finn, always on hand to help others and set exciting build challenges each month.

We have been lucky to accept lots of donations of Lego this session too, with special thanks to Nigel Healy for countless large sets enjoyed by many, and to Callum for his generous donation too.

• Film Club: (Lead Trustee: Hayley Lockerbie / David Hirst, Organiser: Charlie Ritchie)

Tarland Film's second season consolidated audiences and continued to show a mix of contemporary and classic world cinema, including animation and documentary. We have a committed audience of regulars, some of whom have suggested screenings, and we have worked with the History Group and others to facilitate partnered events, as well as supporting Aboyne and Tarland festivals. We started our third season by opening the Food and Music Festival, and remain keen to refresh, expand, and enhance the comfort of our filmgoers.



Final Word:

We are a bunch of volunteers. We are always looking for others to get involved to make a difference in our projects and help out, to develop Tarland further for locals and visitors alike.

Since TDG began its income is at least 2.35million in grant funding and revenue making activities! Wow! This is estimated to have led to 12 million pounds worth of benefit to the local economy, its people and place! All this with just a population of 700 people! Here's to more funding to support our current and future projects.

Appendix 2

Treasurer's Report 2024 - 2025

The accounts for the financial year to end June 2025 were inspected by Susan Zappert and the report will be submitted to OSCR after the AGM. The summary is as follows:

Total income £81,971
Total expenditure £123,834
Net income -£41,863
Cash in bank £90,139
Total reserves £1,214,408

The reserves are largely made up of fixed assets, primarily the mountain bike trails and the buildings at the Apiary and Community Garden. There is also a significant amount of equipment at these three locations.

The total grant income was only £7,365, down considerably on £202,790 last year. This reflects the end of most of the development work at the trails and the apiary and the absence of any large new projects.

The total income from charitable activities was £69,367, down from £90,050 last year. Most of this was from the bike trails (£39,713) followed by the festival (£17,148). These also had the largest expenditure (£79,661 and £19,440). All groups apart from paths finished the year with a positive balance.