



**Trustees Annual Report: 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

## **1.0 Legal and Administrative Arrangements**

Carrick Rugby Football Club SCIO (the Club) was first registered as a charity in Scotland on the 28 January 2021, registration number SC050725. The governing document is the 'Constitution of Carrick Rugby Football Club (SCIO).'

The Club's registered address for correspondence is the current Club Secretary's residence at 1a, Glenginnet Road, Barr, Girvan. The Club's main operating address is the Somerville Pavilion and Playing Fields, Glebe Crescent, Maybole.

Prior to registering as a SCIO, Carrick Rugby Football Club had operated as an unincorporated association since 1978. The SCIO was first registered on 28th January 2021, although the Constitution was not formally adopted until an AGM held on 28th June 2021.

## **2.0 Objectives and Organisational Structure of Carrick Rugby Club SCIO**

The SCIO's adopted purposes are "the advancement of public participation in sport," and "the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended."

The Club seeks to fulfil its charitable purposes primarily through the following activities:

- Promoting participation in rugby through our affiliation with the Scottish Rugby Union
- Collaborating with local stakeholders and community groups to encourage and support participation in sport.
- Offering opportunities to all taking part, to develop confidence and skills on and off the pitch.
- Offering all people, without exclusion, fully inclusive and welcoming facilities to support and improve mental and physical health and well-being.

The Club's structure consists of full members who have the right to attend members meetings. The members appoint trustees who must be full members and changes to the constitution must be approved by members. All trustees are unpaid.

The Trustee Board is responsible for all club management and administration. The Board comprises a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9 trustees (up to 7 elected and 2 co-opted).

Routine tasks are delegated to a General Committee, comprising club officers (President/ Vice President, Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Match Secretary), other trustees, and representatives of each youth and senior playing section. The General Committee also includes volunteers with roles associated with club-related activities such as safeguarding, transport, fundraising, facilities maintenance, and public relations (social media).

Trustee and General Committee meetings are normally held on the first Monday of every month with a short summer break.

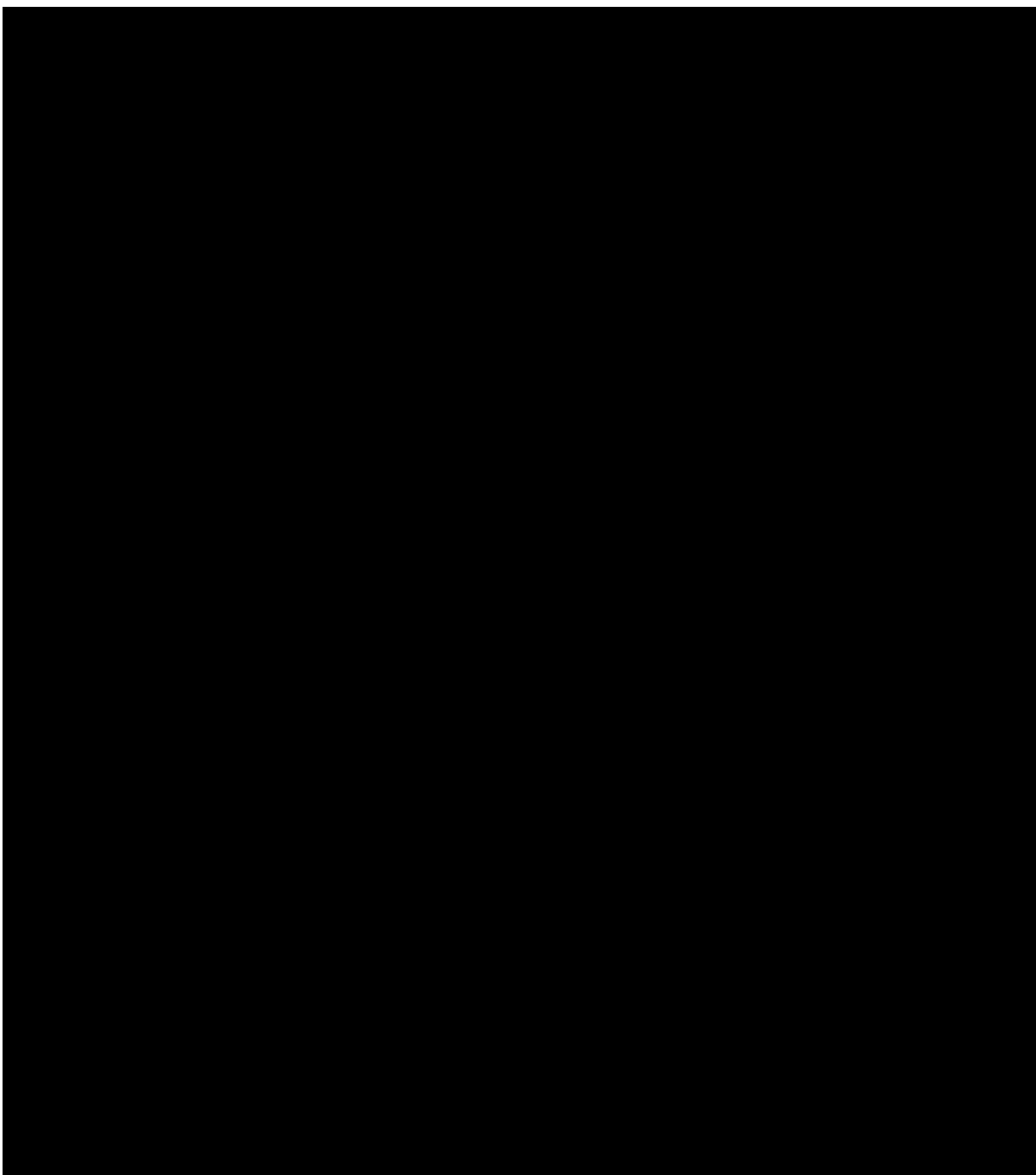


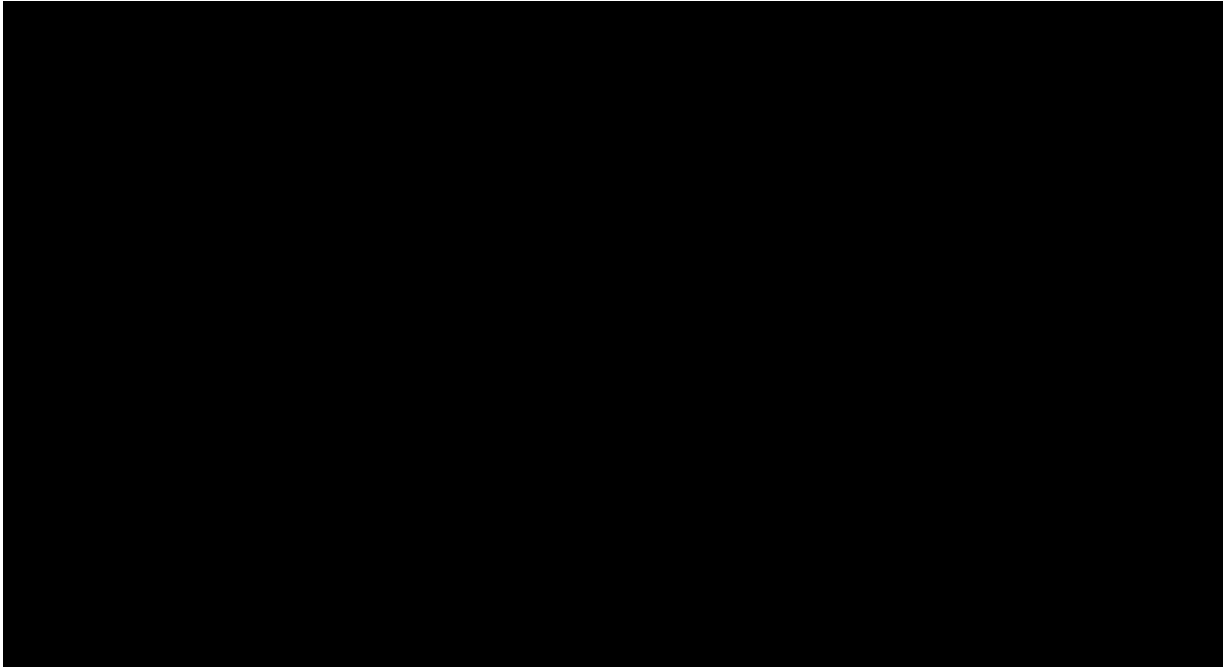
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### **3.0 Trustees and Office Bearers**

The Trustees and office bearers of the Club at the end date of the annual report (31/03/25) and for the period covered by this report.

#### **3.1 Elected Trustees**





#### **4.0 Financial Review**

##### **4.1 Accounts**

The Club generated a surplus of £32,952 (£163,671 - £130,719) for the period of the report of resulting in a closing balance at the end of the report period (31st March 2024) of £166,234 (£65,421 in current account and operating reserves of £100,813 held in a separate savings account). This total includes £65,803 in unrestricted funds.

Details are provided in the attached summary accounts and balances (see Appendix 1). No payments were made to trustees for remuneration or expenses during the period.

##### **4.2 Policy on Reserves**

The trustees believe it is sensible to hold sufficient reserves to cover salary commitments, emergencies, and unforeseen circumstances. The currently agreed amount in 'reserves' is £100,000. The reserves policy and commitments are reviewed at the Club AGM and by the Trustees at Board meetings.

#### **5.0 Achievements - Activities During Period (2024/25)**

The season has seen progress, resilience, and growth across all areas. Player numbers have grown through school delivery, community engagement, and club programmes. Highlights include flourishing Micros and Minis, near-equal gender balance at youth level, the Women's 1st XV winning the West Aspiring League in their debut season, and the Men's Senior teams achieving promotion with a majority of home-grown players. Looking forward, priorities include launching the School of Rugby in Carrick and Girvan Academies, hosting the U18



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Girls' hub, expanding inclusive rugby initiatives, and strengthening the volunteer network. The Club has delivered a landmark year of sporting achievement, community impact, and volunteer recognition. With strong foundations and ambitious plans, the Club continues to thrive as a model of inclusive, community-focused rugby in South Ayrshire.

**5.1 Senior Rugby**

The Men's 1st XV secured promotion to West Region Division 1, scoring over 1,000 tries and reaching the National Shield Quarter Finals. The 2nd XV welcomed returning players, showing depth and sustainability. Carrick Ladies debuted with immediate success, winning the West Aspiring League and reaching the National Bowl Semi-Finals. The club now supports over 80 female players, ranking fourth in the West for girls' participation.

**5.2 Youth & Junior Rugby**

The U14 boys enjoyed an unbeaten run early in the season, while the U16 boys debuted strongly. The U14 girls showed resilience, culminating in a festival win at Ardrossan 7s, and the U16 girls competed in the National League final. Ten players were selected for SRU Player Development, with 3 advancing to regional squads. Friday Night Diversionary Rugby attracted 70–80 young people weekly, tackling antisocial behaviour and rural isolation, supported by free transport, food, and life skills activities. Micros and Minis grew to over 50 children across five age groups.

**5.3 Community Engagement**

Carrick RFC delivered school rugby sessions, work placements, free holiday camps, and wellbeing initiatives such as Chatty Space, Dip & Chips, and the Wee White Bag Project providing free sanitary products. These programmes strengthened community connections and promoted inclusion. The club hosted a Touch Rugby Festival, Youth and Senior Awards ceremonies, a Christmas Party, and Volunteer Celebration Day.

**5.4 Awards & Recognition**

At the South Ayrshire Sports Awards, club members were named Volunteer Coach of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year. Carrick RFC was named Provost Club of the Year. At the Saltire Awards, youth volunteers were honoured for 50–500 hours of service. Carrick RFC was also named SRU Glasgow South Community Club of the Season.

**5.5 Finance & Funders**

Outgoings exceeded £130,000, covering community work, staffing, transport, pitch hire, kits, equipment, and food. Funding was secured from major partners including the Scottish Rugby Foundation, Robertson Trust, William Grant Foundation, Kilgallioch Community Fund, and others. Local sponsors also provided significant support, ensuring sustainability and growth.

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**Appendix 1:   Receipts and Payments and Balances Summary  
for Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**



### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from				to			
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

#### Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	7,967	35,500			43,467	30,625
Legacies	-	-			-	-
Grants	-	91,191			91,191	93,817
Receipts from fundraising activities	28,210	-			28,210	13,984
Gross trading receipts	-	-			-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	803	-			803	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-			-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-			-	-
	-	-			-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>126,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,671</b>	<b>138,426</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>126,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,671</b>	<b>138,426</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	22,395	-			22,395	2,754
Gross trading payments	-	-			-	-
Investment management costs	-	-			-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	32,518	75,300			107,818	76,633
Grants and donations	306	-			306	500
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination		-			-	-
Preparation of annual accounts		-			-	-
Legal costs		-			-	-
Other	200	-			200	-
	-	-			-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>55,419</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,719</b>	<b>79,887</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>55,419</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,719</b>	<b>79,887</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(18,439)</b>	<b>51,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,952</b>	<b>58,539</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(18,439)</b>	<b>51,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,952</b>	<b>58,539</b>

**Section B Statement of balances**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year	84,242	49,040	-	-	133,282	74,743
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(18,439)	51,391	-	-	32,952	58,539
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	65,803	100,431	-	-	166,234	133,282

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Investments</b>				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B3 Other assets</b>					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B4 Liabilities</b>				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B5 Contingent liabilities</b>				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval

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**Appendix 2: Independent Examiner Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Carrick RFC**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement.**

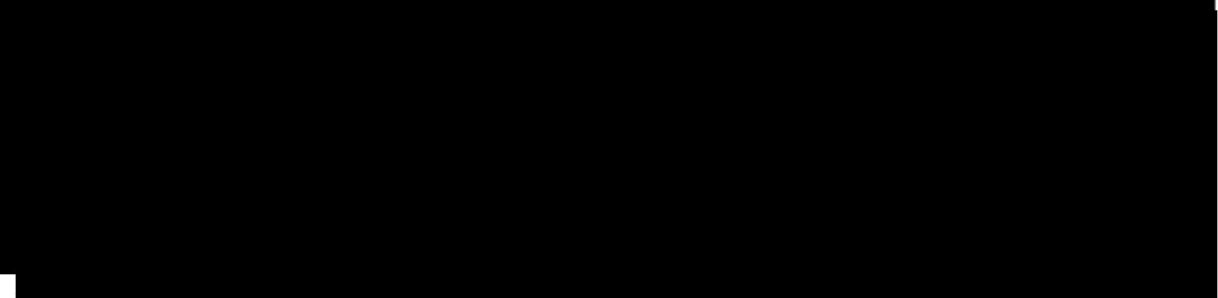
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### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

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  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.
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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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