



St Roch's Charitable Trust

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Trustees' Annual Report: Year Ending 31 March 2026

Introduction

This has been a fast-moving and positive first year for St Roch's Charitable Trust as a newly established charity.

The Trust was formed to support community development, improve health and wellbeing, relieve poverty, and increase participation in sport and recreational activity within the Royston area of Glasgow. The charity builds on the long-standing presence of St Roch's Football Club and aims to create sustainable, community-led opportunities for local people.

As a start-up organisation, the focus during this period has been on establishing governance, securing funding, building partnerships, and supporting community activity.

Activities and Achievements

During the year, the Trust worked in partnership with established community organisations to support delivery aligned to its charitable purposes.

A key achievement was the Christmas Toy Appeal, funded through support from Keirs Foundation and delivered in partnership with St Roch's FC, who had historically led the initiative. This included vouchers, food parcels and gifts distributed to local individuals and families. It is estimated that approximately 200 people were supported through this initiative, representing a significant increase in overall reach and impact. The appeal also included the provision of toys, supporting local children at a time of year when support is particularly needed.

The Trust also facilitated funding from the Celtic Foundation to enhance the Elderly Community Christmas Meal. This included transport, a three-course meal and entertainment. The funding was provided on a restricted basis and passed to St Roch's FC to strengthen its existing annual provision, enabling a greater number of older community members to benefit. Approximately 90 individuals were supported through this initiative.

The Trust secured £18,091.79 of unrestricted funding from Keirs, supporting both community activity and the development of the charity. This has included early-stage marketing activity,

with pitchside banners installed at James McGrory Park to increase visibility and encourage community engagement.

Through National Lottery funding, the Trust has supported the development of youth football activity, including the purchase of training equipment. At present, the Trust is supporting a 2014 age group (15 players) and a 2016 age group (8 players), each with three registered coaches. Plans are in place to expand this provision further.

In addition, the Trust secured £2,000 from Cash 4 Clubs to support adult participation in sport. This has included the establishment of a walking football group, currently supporting approximately 24 individuals, promoting health, inclusion and community engagement.

Across all activity, the Trust estimates that it has supported approximately 250 individuals during the reporting period.

Financial Review

During the period, the Trust received total income of £26,856.79 from various funders.

Total expenditure was £5,131.00, with all expenditure supported by appropriate invoices and receipts.

The Trust carried forward a balance of £21,725.79 at year end. The charity received a combination of restricted and unrestricted funding during the period. Restricted funding was applied in line with the conditions of the respective grants. A significant proportion of restricted funds remains unspent at the year end and will be applied in accordance with those conditions.

The Trustees have taken a prudent, ethical and responsible approach to financial management throughout the period and are continuing to develop clearer referral pathways and methods for recording impact.

Governance and Structure

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees, all appointed on 12 March 2025. During this initial year, the Trustees have focused on establishing governance arrangements, financial controls, and compliance with OSCR requirements.

During the period, Hugh Dempster resigned from his position as a Trustee. The Board would like to formally record its thanks for his contribution during the charity's establishment phase. Hugh has indicated his willingness to continue supporting the charity in an informal advisory capacity, particularly drawing on his professional experience as an accountant.

The Trust currently operates primarily through partnership working. While it has supported and facilitated activities aligned to its purposes, it remains in the early stages of developing its own direct service delivery model. As part of this, the Trust will work closely with St Roch's FC to support improvements to facilities at its home address, with the aim of securing a suitable long-term base from which the charity can grow.

The Trustees are committed to recruiting experienced individuals as Trustees as and when the charity is on a solid footing.

Plans for the Coming Year

In the next reporting period, the Trust will focus on:

- Supporting the development of a permanent community facility linked to St Roch's FC to help us secure a more suitable permanent base to grow.
- Expanding youth and adult football provision both locally and via St Roch's FC SYFA-accredited registration.
- Increasing engagement with local partners, volunteers and community groups.
- Developing a structured programme of direct delivery alongside partnership work.
- Supporting local charities and community organisations to enhance their provision where it matches with our charity aims.
- Provide free food to all under 16s who attend St Roch's FC match days – where the club already pays for free access.

The Trust aims to grow into a sustainable, community-led organisation delivering long-term impact across its charitable purposes.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities provide public benefit in line with its charitable purposes. The Trust contributes to the prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of health, community development, and increased participation in sport and recreational activity within a defined local community.

Financial Information: Receipts and Payments Account

Source	Amount
Keirs	£18,091.79
Celtic Foundation	£2,000.00
National Lottery	£4,765.00
Cash 4 Clubs	£2,000.00
Total Received: £26,865.79	

Spend

Description	Amount
Christmas Toy Appeal (in partnership with St Roch's FC)	£2,000.00
Marketing	£665.00
Elderly Community Christmas Meal	£2,000.00
Youth Training Kit (VSN)	£250.00
Walking Football Equipment	£216.00
Total Payments: £5,131.00	

Summary

Net Surplus for the Year: £21,725.79	Balance Carried Forward: £21,725.79
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Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026

Balance Type	Amount
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Bank Balance	£21,725.79
Cash in Hand	£0.00
Total Funds Held: £21,725.79	

Notes to the Accounts

The charity received a combination of restricted and unrestricted funding during the period. A significant proportion of funds, particularly those received from the National Lottery, Cash 4 Clubs and Celtic Foundation, remains unspent at the year end.

These funds are being retained while the Trustees establish appropriate referral pathways and identify priority projects to ensure that future expenditure is targeted, effective, and aligned with the charity's purposes. This includes developing structured approaches to supporting individuals and delivering community-based initiatives.

All retained funds will be applied to the development of the charity and the delivery of planned future activities in line with its charitable objectives.

All expenditure incurred during the period is supported by appropriate invoices or receipts.

Approval

This report was prepared by the Trustee's:

Signed:

Name: Stephen Wishart

Position: Trustee

Date: 30/03/2026

Witnessed

This report was witnessed by and approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Signed:

Name: Neil McPherson

Position: Chairman

Date: 30/03/2026