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VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)" (second edition - October 2019) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Aims and objectives

The aims of Valley Renewable Group (VRG) are the advancement of community development; environmental protection improvement and education; the provision of community or recreational facilities, or the organisation of community or recreational activities, or any other purpose that may be reasonably regarded as analogous to any of the preceding, all with the objective of improving the quality of rural living for the community we serve.

Activities

The Charity is the Development Trust for the Carron Valley and District Community and applies its funds specifically to households and community groups within the community council area. It negotiates community benefit with prospective wind farm operators and receives community benefit funds from those operators. It makes a wide range of grants to individuals and organisations and carries out activities and services itself within its community. The Community Benefit funds we receive from wind farm operators are paid over 25 years from the generation start date and are index linked each year to the energy price.

Achievements and performance

Restricted funds

During the accounting year, the charity, on behalf of the Community Council, accepted the transfer of community benefit payments from Earlsburn and Kingsburn wind farms operated by Renantis and distributed on their behalf by Foundation Scotland. The funds transferred to VRG during the 2024/25 financial year were £29,828 for Earlsburn, and £33,581 for Kingsburn. These funds are restricted to community wide projects, community group projects and events where the expenditure must have approval from the Community Council and be within the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with Foundation Scotland.

This year these funds have been applied to the ongoing development of the Community Woodland in accordance with a second three year development plan and budget (2021-2024). We also transferred expenditure to this fund to pay for the summer and autumn community events and grants to community groups, both seen as offering community wide benefits. They had been previously funded from the Unrestricted Funds. The Restricted Fund has also funded the Community Hall design team fees and expenses, pending the transfer of monies from the Investment Fund. A single transfer of £6,000 was made from the Restricted Fund as 50% of the costs of administering the charity.

We received a one-off grant of £6,000 as the successful bidder for Renantis's '2024 Call for Projects' to meet part of the cost of solar PV and battery storage for the Community Hall.

Unrestricted funds

The charity received payments of £73,786 in community benefit from Craigengelt wind farm operated by Engie UK Ltd. and £4,871 from Clean Earth Energy from their single turbine at Craiggannet. These funds are both unrestricted and are applied to finance the various grant schemes for individuals and households, and charity administration costs.

Other income

There was one new membership subscription at £3.00 each.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Our grants, projects and activities

Strategy delivery

The focus of our 2023/28 strategy has two main themes - home energy efficiency and support for local residents' groups and is now the basis for our delivery activities and the distribution of funds. The strategy consolidates the work we have done to date on income distribution within our community and continues to shift the emphasis from projects led by VRG Board members to projects led by groups from within the community supported by Board members and reporting to the VRG Board. This has been successful in bringing many more community members into our work. We now have nine subgroups running, ranging from grants, investments, and communications to the community woodland, community hall and community events. We have a subgroup dedicated to developing and delivering our home energy efficiency retrofit strategy. More work and organisation is required for the second of the two themes - developing local residents' groups.

Grant schemes

During the 2024/25 financial year the charity has expanded Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme offering households enhanced grants and more technical support for home insulation and heating. It continues to promote a Young Person's Grant Scheme to assist those aged up to 25 with training, equipment, travel, education and environmental projects, and child support. A Student Bursary Scheme provides grants for those in full time education, training, or apprenticeships. In the 2024/25 year there were 23 Energy Efficiency Grants (maximum £2,000 per household), 24 Young Person's Grants (maximum £250) and 9 Student Bursaries (£500 per year).

Get the Valley Growing aims to encourage increased self sufficiency and food security offering up to £500 of funding towards polytunnels, compost bins, greenhouses, raised beds, plants, compost and gardening sundries. 17 grants were awarded in the year.

In response to the ongoing Cost of Energy Crisis, the Board continues a support scheme offering grants of up to £200 to help with managing energy costs and keeping warm. This has proved very popular and the Warm Up/ Costs Down grant scheme continues to provide funding for air fryers, slow cookers, microwave ovens, clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, thermal blankets and much more. 21 grants were awarded. The Electric Bike Scheme offering grants of £500 per household is being continued with 3 grants paid in 2024/25.

Two newer grant schemes offering up to £5,000 and over £5,000 for larger projects, are aimed at Community Groups and Residents' Groups. The first five projects have been delivered. Also, the Tom Robb Memorial run, in memory of one of our residents, continues to be financially supported this year, and one of the five community defibrillators has had a replacement battery fitted. A local community orchard at Old Sauchie has been funded.

Falck/Renantis - Call for Projects

We were successful in winning £6,000 of additional funding from Nadara in the 2024 Call for Projects', a response to the energy crisis. We have been able to provide 11kw solar PV and 15kwh battery storage for the new community hall.

Our Energy Efficiency Campaign

EPC+ surveys have been completed for 63 of our 145 households. This has confirmed our initial assessment that the majority of homes in our community are older, 'harder to heat' and, to meet current building standards, will require structural energy efficiency measures to be retrofitted.

We have embarked on a long term project to provide a Technical Advice Service to support households in their choices for improving the energy efficiency of their homes. Retrofitting insulation and improving home heating systems requires technical knowledge of building construction and services which is beyond the expertise of most home owners. To meet this challenge, we have employed Shirley Paterson of NextGenery together with a building architect, Ronan McGirr who has retrofit experience, to provide technical, cost and grant advice to homeowners, which is available on request, and which we fund. Restricted Funds have been allocated for the next three financial years to provide the service for up to 21 households a year. This year 18 of the homes with the worst performing EPC ratings (E, F and G) were supported.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Grant Scheme Expenditure

Current expenditure on all the grant schemes for the 2024/25 financial year was £65,038. There were 23 Energy Efficiency grants (£41,145), 24 Young Person's grants (£6,036), 9 Student Bursaries (£4,500), 17 Get the Valley Growing grants (£5,933), 21 Warm Up/Costs Down grants (£3,695), 3 eBikes (£1,499) and 5 Community Group grants (£2,230). The total number of grants was 102. There were a large number of applications for most of our grants - to such an extent that the funds were fully expended and the grant schemes had to be closed half way through the financial year. Over 80% of households in the community have now received at least one grant since our inception in 2008.

Carron Valley Community Hall

It has been 10 years in the making and on 12th December 2024 we let the building contract to Candid Construction Scotland Ltd. for construction of the Community Hall, which is prominently located at our Community Woodland in the Carron Valley. The 75m² building was completed and handed over on 25th August 2025. We now have a 'state of the art', highly energy efficient building (EPC rated A): a space for everyone in our community to use and enjoy.

The project has not been an easy one to deliver with a late planning requirement for a flood risk assessment, an amendment to the planning approval for relocation of the car parking after the discovery of poor ground conditions, and plate testing to prove the bearing capacity of the access road. This has all served to extend the construction programme, to add to the construction costs, and consultants' fees and expenses.

The project has been funded from savings and the Investment Fund. We have been supported by grants from Nadara for the solar PV and battery storage and towards the cost of the kitchen's white goods. A grant from CSET (Clackmannan and Stirling Environment Trust) in the financial year 2025/26 has also helped to fund the solar PV and battery storage.

The ongoing operation and management of the Community Hall is in the hands of a Management Team of 10 community volunteers. The website (www.carronvalleyhall.org.uk), booking system, housekeeping, letting policy and running costs are overseen by the team, reporting to the VRG Board.

Community Open Day

The event for 2024 was held at the end of August on a warm and sunny day and with over 150 folk attending. For the first time we held a Flower and Produce Show with a BBQ lunch. This proved to be a great success with multiple entries in over fifty classes. Rosettes and small cash prizes were offered for the first three winners in each class awarded after judging. The event was held under canvass with music, activities for children, and with the local ranger and police in attendance.

The autumn 'Pomona Day' with lots of apple crushing, juice production and preserves tasting was again held under canvas at the Community Woodland and was well supported.

Community Woodland

The Community Woodland is now in its seventh year, and the current three year programme and budget (2024/27) was approved by the Community Council and VRG Board in April. For budgeting going forward, we have separated woodland management and the community wood fuel enterprise.

This year, in response to the continuing high price of energy, we have continued our community wood fuel offer to residents. Last year we invested in a large hard standing for the firewood processor, wood fuel deliveries and collections. A concrete base has now been constructed for the processor and a lock fast container purchased for its onsite storage. We continue to buy in locally harvested bulk firewood grade timber and organised 6 firewood days through the winter - one was cancelled by bad weather. 56 households have taken firewood, 65 loads were collected by households, 110 home deliveries made, 96 volunteers (about 550 hours of volunteering) helping and delivering, with 120 tonnes distributed in total this year. We are training more volunteers at each event in the operation of the firewood processor, good chainsaw practice, and site management. The work will continue in future years to support our community where there is no mains gas and most households are dependent on oil, LPG or wood for heating, and with many homes classed as 'harder to heat'.

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With much of the development work to create an accessible native woodland complete, we are now concentrating on gapping up the restocked areas, removing stakes and tubes, and removing seedling Sitka spruce everywhere. On 25th January, we suffered considerable damage to the mature standing woodland from Storm Eowyn; further, lesser damage occurred on 4th August with Storm Floris. A Felling Licence application is being made to clear the wind blow, and to clear fell and restock the remaining vulnerable trees at the east end of our woodland. Access improvements in the remaining mature woodland, and additional green paths through the young areas of native woodland are included in the three year plan (2024-27).

A local Bioblitz group is now monitoring the woodland on a regular basis for plant and animal species as a check on its increasing biodiversity.

Communications - the Newsletter, VRG Website and Social Media

VRG and the Community Council jointly produce four newsletters a year, which are circulated to all homes in the community and to our funders. These provide households with regular updates on the work of the Development Trust and the Community Council, topical issues, and details of events and activities within our community.

Our website (valleyrenewables.co.uk) carries details of all our activities, the various grant schemes, updates on the Community Woodland project, the investment fund, annual accounts, newsletters, and the bulk buying schemes for fuel. The website has a link to the Community Hall website (www.carronvalleyhall.org.uk.) There is also a Facebook page and a social media site - Carron Valley Connections. We employ a part time administrative assistant to help support and service our activities. A mobile phone has been provided to allow community members to speak directly to the administrative assistant.

VRG Subgroups

The 2023-28 Strategy sees a continuing movement for the work of the Board to be delivered through subgroups supported by community members as a means of extending our reach and inclusiveness. This process is continuing, and we now have nine subgroups each led by a VRG director supported by community members for the Grant Schemes, Investment Fund, Community Woodland, Governance & Compliance, Communications, Community Hall, Open Day, Wind Farm Development, and an important group on Energy Efficiency working for delivery of the retrofit strategy.

Community Group Projects

We now have four ongoing community group projects. Carron Collective Growing Club, Community Defibrillators, Old Sauchie community woodland and the annual Tom Robb Memorial Run. An accredited chainsaw training course has been successfully completed by four community members who volunteer in the community woodland. These community wide small scale projects have the benefit of bringing together groups of friends, neighbors, and residents to support new activities and interests, building social engagement and community cohesion. We have made available grant funding in our budget for community and neighborhood group projects, which we hope to see coming forward. The possibilities might include: forming a walking or cycling group, arranging a social or activity group; or organising local transport.

Windfarms

The wind farm negotiating team has worked to define future community benefit distributions with four prospective operators who are at various stages of the approvals process. Pergoda/Renantis for the Earlsburn Extension; Wind2/EDPR at Drummarnock; Eurowind Energy Ltd for the Carron Valley wind farm, and the new owners of the Shelloch consent, VantageRE. In our negotiations we seek an equitable settlement which reflects the impact each respective wind farm would have on our community and our landscape heritage. We aim to secure written agreements on community share from the prospective operators before each project is submitted for planning approval.

The prospect of substantial future community benefit income from 2028/29 will also require innovative thinking from us on income distribution and full engagement with residents on the mechanisms for an equitable distribution within our community. We shall be considering the increasing range of innovative options available to communities for this distribution.

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Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which would permit its continued operations for at least three months. The trustees consider that in the event of a significant drop in funding, this will enable them to respond promptly to grant applications, community activity payments and for funding its own administration, while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The general reserves at the year end were £165,567 (2024: £57,262).

The Budget Plan for the next financial year - 2025/26 - has been accepted by the Board. This provides the basis for monitoring expenditure, particularly the grant schemes and our capital expenditure on the community hall to completion during the coming year. Both Unrestricted and Restricted fund income is fully committed for next two financial years.

We take most seriously our trustee responsibility for managing our funds for the benefit of existing and future generations of our community. Saving and investment for the future is as important a part of trusteeship as is current spending.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity 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 are given in the accounting policy 1.2.

Investment fund

Our Investment Fund with RBC Brewin Dolphin increased in value during the year before drawings for the Community Hall build. At 30/12/24 its value peaked at £518,584, up 15.16% over 12 months on the original investment of £435,000. Since then we have drawn down £289,300 from the Investment Fund to meet the costs of construction, professional fees and expenses for the Community Hall up to 30th June 2025. Some further expenditure prior to completion and drawdown from the fund is anticipated into the 2025/26 financial year.

The estimated balance of funds remaining in the Investment Fund on completion of the Hall is estimated to be £51,336. The Board is considering how this is best managed. Three options are being considered: to retain with funds with RBC Brewin Dolphin, to set up a new CAIF (Charity Authorised Investment Fund), or to opt for a fixed term deposit account. A decision, shared with the Community Council, as custodian of the Investment Fund, will be taken in the new financial year.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

Future plans

Our focus for the year ahead will be to continue developing our Energy Efficiency Strategy and its delivery. The aim is to bring all homes in our community to current thermal and energy efficiency standards. Once we have established the scope of work required and the costs, we shall be talking to government agencies, the wind farm operators, energy suppliers and local trades' people about funding and delivery logistics. Continuing consultation with our community on the direction of travel will be essential to a successful outcome. We hope our experience might serve as a pilot for other small rural communities.

The second strand of our Development Strategy is the promotion of local community groups with funding, advice and support from the Board. The aim is for local groups of residents to come together in small neighbourhood projects. With a small and widely dispersed community this is a challenge; the new Community Hall can provide a locus for new groups to meet and develop, and may help overcome some of the disadvantages of a thinly spread community. The Management Team for the Hall will be working hard to ensure the facility is used to its full potential.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

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

The Trust was recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 20th March 2008. The Trust is administered in accordance with the Trust Deed set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13th February 2008, now superseded by adoption of the new Articles of Association at the General Meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2019.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

R J Ferguson (Treasurer)

C Logan

D Petch

J N Holdsworth

(Resigned 2 July 2024)

Dr J H Speake (Vice Chair)

M Porter (Chair)

D Mcalpine

B E Young

P J Shand

A R Findlay

(Appointed 3 December 2024 and resigned 13 March 2025)

Retiring trustees

During the year one Trustee/Director, Alan Findlay, has had to resign for personal reasons. We are most grateful to him for his contribution to the Board and work for the community. The role of Secretary has been accepted by Helen Bang, our administrative assistant. At the year end eight of the nine Director posts were filled, with one vacancy.

Youth board member

Following Jenny Holdsworth's example, we shall endeavour to recruit another Youth Board Member to encourage age diversity within the Board.

Induction and training of new Trustees

The Board has issued a handbook of Directors' Guidelines setting out the roles of the Trustees and Office Bearers, and the remit for the various subgroups. This will assist in the briefing and assimilation of new Trustees.

In the view of the Board, all new Trustees are given sufficient training and have enough knowledge of their specific field to understand the role, operation and management of the charity. They are made fully aware of their legal and professional responsibilities under charity and company law. Before each board meeting Trustees are reminded that they are required to declare any conflict of interest with an agenda item and for this to be minuted. The Secretary holds details of those trustees who have benefitted from successful applications to the grant schemes in the current financial year.

Indemnity provisions for trustees

The company has effected a charity trustees indemnity insurance policy at a premium of £444 (2024: £393).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the governance document, must have at least four Trustees and no more than nine serving at any one time. From this number, the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed each year at the AGM. From this number, the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed each year at the AGM. The Secretary can be a non Board appointment. For the 2024/25 financial year, the Chair is Margaret Porter; the Secretary is Helen Deborah Bang; and the Treasurer is Robert James Ferguson.

The full board meets monthly, its deliberations are minuted and this record is retained by the Secretary and available to all Directors on Dropbox. There is a written report of financial transactions for each monthly meeting provided by the treasurer and appended to the minutes. The bank statements are tabled for inspection at each monthly board meeting. Restricted fund expenditure and transfers are reported quarterly and annually to Foundation Scotland and Renantis. Subgroups are appointed as and when required to carry out external meetings and to undertake research work, reporting back to the main board. The board and subgroup meeting minutes are all available on our website.

The Development Strategy for the 2023-28 period forms the basis for the board's policies and programme.

Professional advice

We have reappointed AAB, to carry out preparation and examination of our accounts. They are experienced in the charity sector, and this has been of continuing benefit in our activities.

We take legal advice from Burness Paull Solicitors, Glasgow who are recognised specialists in both the charities sector and in dealing with communities and wind farms operators.

Our community woodland, the defibrillators, wood fuel processor, chainsaw insurances and Trustee Indemnity insurance are all provided in a single policy by Keegan and Pennykid, Edinburgh, who are experienced community insurance providers. We are liaising with them for insurance of the proposed community hall.

Our investment managers are Brewin Dolphin, Edinburgh. David Hourston, their Charities Director, has worked closely with us in developing our investment policy and managing the investment of our funds. RBC Brewin Dolphin has provided a 'Money Market' facility to allow us to manage the drawdown of funds for the Community Hall's construction.

VRG is a full member of the Development Trusts Association Scotland, the community led regeneration network, and we receive useful information from them with the opportunity to attend their events and workshops. They are available to answer queries that we may have as a community development trust. We are members of the Community Woodland Association, who provide advice on operating and managing our Community Woodland through regular newsletters and events.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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R J Ferguson (Treasurer)

Trustee

Dated:

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M Porter (Chair)

Trustee

Dated:.....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Valley Renewables Group for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a)-(c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

have not been met, or

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

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Date:

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	77,251	68,863	146,114	75,535	70,841	146,376
Investments	3	15,186	447	15,633	12,258	780	13,038
Total income		<u>92,437</u>	<u>69,310</u>	<u>161,747</u>	<u>87,793</u>	<u>71,621</u>	<u>159,414</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	4,184	-	4,184	3,904	-	3,904
Charitable activities	5	72,511	55,413	127,924	80,285	42,084	122,369
Total expenditure		<u>76,695</u>	<u>55,413</u>	<u>132,108</u>	<u>84,189</u>	<u>42,084</u>	<u>126,273</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	<u>14,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,267</u>	<u>42,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,389</u>
Net income		30,009	13,897	43,906	45,993	29,537	75,530
Transfers between funds		<u>201,608</u>	<u>(201,608)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,380</u>	<u>(20,380)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	8	231,617	(187,711)	43,906	66,373	9,157	75,530
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		<u>590,214</u>	<u>247,246</u>	<u>837,460</u>	<u>523,841</u>	<u>238,089</u>	<u>761,930</u>
Fund balances at 30 June 2025		<u>821,831</u>	<u>59,535</u>	<u>881,366</u>	<u>590,214</u>	<u>247,246</u>	<u>837,460</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		516,747		225,082
Investments	13		235,202		499,234
			<u>751,949</u>		<u>724,316</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	20,140		19,523	
Cash at bank and in hand		112,697		98,739	
		<u>132,837</u>		<u>118,262</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,420)		(5,118)	
Net current assets			<u>129,417</u>		<u>113,144</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>881,366</u>		<u>837,460</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	17		59,535		247,246
Unrestricted funds	16		821,831		590,214
			<u>881,366</u>		<u>837,460</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

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R J Ferguson (Treasurer)
Trustee

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M Porter (Chair)
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Valley Renewables Group is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is 61 Larbert Road, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, FK4 1EN, Scotland.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's deed of trust, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)" (second edition - October 2019) (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have reviewed the future funding and activities of the charity. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and similar income

Donations and similar income are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource and receipt is probable.

Grants receivable

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year in which they accrue and are treated as restricted funds.

Membership income

Membership subscriptions are included in the year in which the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities includes income from activities or where entitlement is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related service is provided).

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1 Accounting policies

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Investment income

Income from investments and from rental income and similar sources is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Capital Grants

Grants received to fund the purchase or construction of a fixed asset are retained in a restricted fund until the asset is purchased or completed. Thereafter the grant is transferred to designated funds and released in line with the depreciation of the relevant asset.

1.5 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.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities, the charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross.

Costs of raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in activities that raise funds. Costs of raising funds are costs incurred for the management of the investment portfolio.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

The land and buildings cost comprises of the purchase price, professional fees and the costs incurred to prepare the land for its charitable purposes.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Community Woodland	Straight line over 50 years
Plant and equipment	20% Reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	20% Reducing balance

The land element of the Community Woodland is not being depreciated over 50 years as the land has an unlimited useful life.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	77,251	-	77,251	74,856	-	74,856
Grants	-	68,863	68,863	667	70,841	71,508
Membership fees	-	-	-	12	-	12
	<u>77,251</u>	<u>68,863</u>	<u>146,114</u>	<u>75,535</u>	<u>70,841</u>	<u>146,376</u>
Grants						
Foundation Scotland (Renantis Earlsburn)	-	29,282	29,282	-	28,304	28,304
Foundation Scotland (Kingsburn Wind Energy Ltd)	-	33,581	33,581	-	32,537	32,537
Nadara (Call for Projects)	-	6,000	6,000	-	10,000	10,000
Other	-	-	-	667	-	667
	<u>-</u>	<u>68,863</u>	<u>68,863</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>70,841</u>	<u>71,508</u>

Windfarm payments are received half yearly in arrears at the end of March and September. It should be noted that residents in the Carron Valley Community now only pay a one off £3 when resident, this enables them to receive VRG communications and to be able to vote at the AGM and become a director.

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****3 Income from investments**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Dividends receivable	4,034	-	4,034	9,594	-	9,594
Other income	119	-	119	-	-	-
Interest receivable	11,033	447	11,480	2,664	780	3,444
	<u>15,186</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>15,633</u>	<u>12,258</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>13,038</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Investment management	4,184	3,904
	<u>4,184</u>	<u>3,904</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Grants payable	65,038	55,572
Community events	10,157	11,554
Community woodland	26,509	23,352
Energy efficiency project	10,750	14,950
	<u>112,454</u>	<u>105,428</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	11,901	13,595
Governance	3,569	3,346
	<u>127,924</u>	<u>122,369</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	72,511	80,285
Restricted funds	55,413	42,084
	<u>127,924</u>	<u>122,369</u>

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****6 Support costs allocated to activities**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	5,630	6,175
Postage and stationery	1,983	2,092
Sundries	125	393
Administrative support	3,298	3,320
Website costs	72	192
Premises costs	259	460
Professional fees	-	963
Governance costs	4,103	3,346
	<u>15,470</u>	<u>16,941</u>

Analysed between:

Charitable activities	<u>15,470</u>	<u>16,941</u>
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	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs comprise:		
Accountancy fees	3,420	2,280
Legal and professional fees	534	755
Board meeting and AGM expenses	149	311
	<u>4,103</u>	<u>3,346</u>

7 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	(23,605)	48,682
Sale of investments	37,872	(6,293)
	<u>14,267</u>	<u>42,389</u>

8 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>5,630</u>	<u>6,175</u>

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None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025	2024
Number	Number
1	1
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Community Woodland	Assets under construction	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 July 2024	224,540	-	19,108	8,270	251,918
Additions	10,243	284,952	-	2,100	297,295
	<u>234,783</u>	<u>284,952</u>	<u>19,108</u>	<u>10,370</u>	<u>549,213</u>
At 30 June 2025	234,783	284,952	19,108	10,370	549,213
	<u>234,783</u>	<u>284,952</u>	<u>19,108</u>	<u>10,370</u>	<u>549,213</u>
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 July 2024	14,457	-	6,652	5,727	26,836
Depreciation charged in the year	2,630	-	2,491	509	5,630
	<u>17,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,143</u>	<u>6,236</u>	<u>32,466</u>
At 30 June 2025	17,087	-	9,143	6,236	32,466
	<u>17,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,143</u>	<u>6,236</u>	<u>32,466</u>
Carrying amount					
At 30 June 2025	217,696	284,952	9,965	4,134	516,747
	<u>217,696</u>	<u>284,952</u>	<u>9,965</u>	<u>4,134</u>	<u>516,747</u>
At 30 June 2024	210,083	-	12,456	2,543	225,082
	<u>210,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,456</u>	<u>2,543</u>	<u>225,082</u>

Assets under construction represents the cost of constructing a community hub in the woodland. The property was completed at the end of 2025.

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****13 Fixed asset investments**

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2024	492,984	6,250	499,234
Additions	410,499	-	410,499
Valuation changes	(23,605)	-	(23,605)
Cash movement	-	3,680	3,680
Equalisation	(64)	-	(64)
Disposals	(654,542)	-	(654,542)
	<u>225,272</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<u>235,202</u>
Carrying amount			
At 30 June 2025	<u>225,272</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<u>235,202</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>492,984</u>	<u>6,250</u>	<u>499,234</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

The investments are held at revalued amounts, this valuation is provided by Brewin Dolphin Limited annually. Valuations are prepared, generally, on the basis of the middle market price at the close of business on the valuation date, and as supplied by external information providers. For certain securities, the price may be on a different basis, e.g. last trade or bid price. The cost of the investments at the year end is £226,592 (2024: £467,018).

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	18,042	17,447
Other debtors	-	207
Prepayments and accrued income	2,098	1,869
	<u>20,140</u>	<u>19,523</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,420</u>	<u>5,118</u>

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****16 Unrestricted funds**

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legacy fund	307,868	15,186	(4,184)	(97,935)	14,267	235,202
Capital fund	225,084	-	(5,630)	201,608	-	421,062
General funds	57,262	77,251	(66,881)	97,935	-	165,567
	<u>590,214</u>	<u>92,437</u>	<u>(76,695)</u>	<u>201,608</u>	<u>14,267</u>	<u>821,831</u>
Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legacy fund	257,124	12,259	(3,904)	-	42,389	307,868
Capital fund	210,879	-	(6,175)	20,380	-	225,084
General funds	55,838	75,534	(74,110)	-	-	57,262
	<u>523,841</u>	<u>87,793</u>	<u>(84,189)</u>	<u>20,380</u>	<u>42,389</u>	<u>590,214</u>

Legacy fund

The aim is to build a legacy fund which will support the charitable activities when the wind farm benefits end. All income from this fund will be reinvested, together with any funds the trustees consider to exceed budgetary requirements. The board agreed to withdraw funding of £97,935 from the investment fund to cover the cost of the community hall during the year.

Capital fund

This fund represents the NBV of assets purchased with capital grants. Transfers to this funds represent the purchase of capital assets.

17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Foundation Scotland Earlsburn	144,391	29,282	(27,705)	(100,805)	45,163
Foundation Scotland Kingsburn	102,855	34,028	(27,708)	(100,803)	8,372
Nadara Call for Projects	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
	<u>247,246</u>	<u>69,310</u>	<u>(55,413)</u>	<u>(201,608)</u>	<u>59,535</u>

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****17 Restricted funds (Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Foundation Scotland Earlsburn	142,319	28,304	(16,042)	(10,190)	144,391
Foundation Scotland Kingsburn	95,770	33,317	(16,042)	(10,190)	102,855
Renantis Call for Projects	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
	<u>238,089</u>	<u>71,621</u>	<u>(42,084)</u>	<u>(20,380)</u>	<u>247,246</u>

Foundation Scotland Kingsburn and Earlsburn Funds

Grants are received from Falck Earlsburn (now called Renantis) and Kingsburn Community Benefit Funds administered by Foundation Scotland. They are to support a range of charitable community projects that will benefit those living or visiting the Carron Valley area in consultation with VRG members and the wider Carron Valley. They therefore, cannot be spent on the VRG small grant scheme but can be spent on community wide projects.

Nadara (formerly Renantis) Call for Projects

Funding was received this year towards the cost of solar PV and battery storage for the community hall and last year towards the cost of energy performance certificates.

Transfers from restricted funds

Funds are transferred from the restricted fund when tangible assets are purchased and the funding conditions have therefore been satisfied.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
At 30 June 2025:			
Tangible assets	516,747	-	516,747
Investments	235,202	-	235,202
Current assets/(liabilities)	69,882	59,535	129,417
	<u>821,831</u>	<u>59,535</u>	<u>881,366</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
At 30 June 2024:			
Tangible assets	225,082	-	225,082
Investments	307,869	191,365	499,234
Current assets/(liabilities)	57,263	55,881	113,144
	<u>590,214</u>	<u>247,246</u>	<u>837,460</u>

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19 Related party transactions

For the year ending 30th June 2025, one director household applied and received £2,000 in grants (2024: 9 households received £6,149).