Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation (ASC)

Registered Charity Number: 1193197

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation
Registered Number	1193197
Legal Form	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Principal Address	St Clair, Petrockstowe, Okehampton, Devon EX20 3QJ
Reporting Period	1 January – 31 December 2025
Independent Examiner	**Mr Kieran Lappin**

Trustees' Annual Report (1 January – 31 December 2025)

Objectives and Activities

Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation (ASC) was established in 2021 to improve health, education, and wellbeing in deprived communities. The charity promotes sustainable development for the benefit of the public in particular, but not exclusively for communities in the Europe, Africa and Asia by:

- (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
- (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; and
- (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

All activities during the year were directed toward achieving these charitable objectives and providing demonstrable public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and carrying out the charity's activities.

Main Activities and Public Benefit

The charity's primary focus remains the Thitimila Community Secondary School Project in Malawi, which aims to deliver access to quality secondary education for up to 200 students in a rural region that previously had no secondary school. In 2025, ASC also responded to the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar by raising emergency relief funds for those affected.

The Thitimila School project is being delivered in partnership with:

- The Malawi Ministry of Education
- Local community leaders

Achievements and Performance (2025)

The following were achieved in 2025, continuing Phase 2 of the Thitimila School Project:

- Completion of the new girls' toilet and shower block, following the girls' engagement evening held in 2024 to discuss the need for this facility.
- Upgrade of the water supply system to ensure continued provision to teachers' houses.
- Purchase of new mattresses for the girls' hostel.
- Planting of fruit trees at the school, funded in part by the 2025 Christmas e-card campaign.
- Continued sponsorship of students from low-income families, funded through individual sponsors and ASC fundraising.
- Transport of donated school uniforms from a school in Oxfordshire to Thitimila School in Malawi.

In addition:

- Emergency relief fundraising for communities affected by the crisis in Myanmar.
- Fundraising events, including a concert at Dinton and the Cookham concert 2025 featuring the band 'Echoes of Swing', together with a Christmas e-card campaign run through DontSendMeACard.com.

Looking Forward (2026)

In 2026, ASC intends to complete the remaining elements of Phase 2 and begin fundraising for Phase 3 of the Thitimila School Project:

- Complete Phase 2: construction of new boys' toilets, and the purchase of books and science equipment.
- Secure funding for Phase 3: a Science lab / IT classroom / staff room / library block with desks and equipment, two further teachers' houses, a vegetable garden, and sports equipment.

Financial Review for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

ASC's financial statements were prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The charity reported the following summary for the year:

Total Income	£32,623.36
Total Expenditure	£20,626.21
Net Receipts / (Payments)	£11,997.15
Opening Cash Balance (1 Jan 2025)	£19,884.46
Closing Cash Balance (31 Dec 2025)	**£31,881.61**

Income

Income was derived from a mix of company and charitable donations, individual fundraising, sponsorship, and event income:

Source	**£**
Company Donations	2,006.60
Charity Foundations	2,500.00
Individual Donations	21,253.56
Student Sponsorship	1,906.06
Myanmar Relief Appeal	1,400.97
School Uniform Transport & Malawi General	1,468.38
Christmas E-Cards (fruit trees)	806.79
Dinton Fundraising Event	801.00
Malawi Mattresses Appeal (including £420 raised at Cookham event)	480.00
Total Income	**32,623.36**

Individual Donations include a gift of £20,000 from Dr Catherine Brogan (Chair) received in October 2025, of which £4,181 was subsequently confirmed by the donor as restricted to the Malawi Project (see Restricted and Unrestricted Funds, and Related Party Transactions, below).

Expenditure

Expenditure was directed primarily to the Thitimila Community Secondary School Project in Malawi and the Myanmar relief effort, with remaining costs covering administrative expenses, website development, and banking fees:

Category	**£**
Malawi Project Phase 2	10,000.00
Student Sponsorship	3,000.00

Mattresses	1,729.81
Fruit Trees	583.81
Myanmar Relief	1,350.00
School Uniform Transport	1,050.00
Admin Support	1,180.00
Malawi Project – unspent balance carried to 2026	1,286.38
Trustee Expenses (Thitimila pens)	216.00
Website Development	150.00
Bank Charges	57.00
PayPal Charges	23.21
Total Expenditure	**20,626.21**

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

The charity's income and expenditure are analysed between restricted funds (donations and grants given for specific projects) and unrestricted funds (general and administrative purposes):

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2025	17,473	2,411	19,884
Income for the year	15,819	16,805	32,624
Expenditure for the year	(1,410)	(19,216)	(20,626)
Balance at 31 December 2025	**31,882**	**0**	**31,882**

Restricted project expenditure covered the Malawi Project Phase 2, student sponsorship, mattresses, fruit trees, school uniform transport, the Malawi Project unspent balance carried to 2026, and the Myanmar relief effort. Unrestricted expenditure covered bank and PayPal charges, admin support, and website development.

Restricted project expenditure on the Malawi Project during the year exceeded restricted income received for that project. Rather than transferring funds from the unrestricted fund to cover this, Dr Catherine Brogan (Chair) confirmed that £4,181 of her £20,000 donation received in October 2025 had been intended for the Malawi Project; this portion has accordingly been treated as restricted income rather than unrestricted, removing the shortfall. This is reflected in the Individual Donations note above and in the Related Party Transactions section below.

Reserves Policy

ASC aims to maintain reserves sufficient to cover at least six months of core administrative and project support costs to ensure continuity of operations. At year-end, unrestricted reserves were approximately £31,882 against annual unrestricted running costs of around £1,410, well in excess of the six-month target; the trustees consider this appropriate given the charity's reliance on a small number of large donations and the multi-year commitments of the Thitimila School project.

Risk Management

The trustees monitor financial, operational, and safeguarding risks quarterly and have controls in place to ensure that funds are used appropriately and effectively. This includes independent examination of accounts, dual authorisation for payments, and regular project reporting.

Structure, Governance and Management

ASC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution adopted on 17 January 2021. Trustees serve three-year terms and meet quarterly to oversee progress, finances, and risk management. The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Trustees (2025)

- Dr Catherine Brogan – Chair

- Mr Iain Corbyn – Treasurer
- Dr Newton Matupi
- Ms Felicity Corbyn

Independent Examiner

Mr Kieran Lappin acted as ASC's Independent Examiner for the financial year ending 31 December 2025.

Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Related Party Transactions

No trustee received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year. Mr Iain Corbyn (Treasurer) was reimbursed £216.00 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred purchasing pens to give to the students of Thitimila School when visiting in December 2025; no other trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year.

During the year, the charity received a donation of £20,000 from Dr Catherine Brogan (Chair), of which £4,181 was subsequently confirmed by the donor as restricted to the Malawi Project (see Restricted and Unrestricted Funds, above); the remaining £15,819 was unrestricted and represented the great majority of unrestricted income for the year. The charity also received recurring and one-off donations totalling approximately £447 from Mr Iain Corbyn (Treasurer). These donations were given on the same terms as those from any other donor and conferred no special benefit on the donor. The trustees note that unrestricted income is currently concentrated in a single donation from a trustee and will keep this dependency under review as part of the reserves and risk management policies above.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and the accompanying financial statements.

Name	Dr Catherine Brogan
Position	Chair
Signature	
Date	30 September 2026

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Receipts and payments acc

For the period from	Period start date	To	3
	1st January 2025		

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Company Donations	-	2,007	-
Charity Foundations	-	2,500	-
Individual Donations	15,819	5,435	-
Fundraising Events (Dinton/Cookham)	-	1,221	-
Student Sponsorship	-	1,906	-
Malawi Mattresses Appeal	-	60	-
Myanmar Relief Appeal	-	1,401	-
Christmas E-Cards & Uniforms	-	2,275	-
AR)	15,819	16,805	-
(see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,819	16,805	-
A3 Payments			
Malawi Project Phase 2	-	10,000	-
Bank & PayPal Charges	80	0	-
Admin Support & Website Devel	1,330	0	-
Student Sponsorship	-	3,000	-
Mattresses & Fruit Trees	-	2,314.00	-
School Uniform Transport	-	1,050.00	-
Malawi Project - unspent bal. c/f 2026	-	1,286.00	-
Trustee Expenses (Thitimila pens)	-	216.00	-
Myanmar Relief	-	1,350.00	-
Sub total	1,410	19,216	-
A4 Asset and investment			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	1,410	19,216	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,409	- 2,411	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,473	2,411	-
Cash funds this year end	31,882	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	29,412
	Paypal	2,470
		-
	Total cash funds	31,882
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		

	Details	Fund to which
B5 Liabilities		

	Signature	Print N
Signed by one or two trustees on		Dr Catherin

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Period end date

1st December 2025

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
2,007	20,000
2,500	12,500
21,254	872
1,221	2,956
1,906	2,925
60	-
1,401	-
2,275	-
32,624	39,253
-	
-	-
-	-
32,624	39,253
10,000	37,000
80	109
1,330	855
3,000	-
2,314	-
1,050	-
1,286	-
216	-
1,350	-
20,626	37,964
-	
-	
-	-
20,626	37,964
11,998	1,289
-	-
19,884	19,884
31,882	21,173

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Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
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-	-
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-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due	When due
-	
-	
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lame	Date of approval
e Brogan	30-Sep-26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1193197
Set out on pages	1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

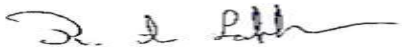
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	29/09/2026
Name:	Kieran Lappin		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCMA		
Address:	Graphic House, Ridgehill Hereford HR2 8AG		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	