

## Thank you!

to our members, volunteers, partner organisations and funders for your tremendous support over the last year, and in particular to:

- Architectural Heritage Fund
- Auchernack Trust
- Beatrice Partnership Community Fund
- Co-op Community Fund
- DTAS - Development Trust Association Scotland
- European Social Fund
- Findhorn Bay Arts
- Forres Area Forum
- Forres in Bloom
- Forres Communities Activities Association
- Forres Gazette
- Forres Heritage Trust
- Forres Town Hall Users Group
- Foundation Scotland – Baillie Gifford Fund
- Heritage Trust Network
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Impact Funding Partners
- Moray Pathways
- Moray Employer Recruitment Incentive
- Moray Waste Busters
- Moray ReBoot
- Moray Council
- Moray Wellbeing Hub
- People's Postcode Trust
- Scottish Government
- SCVO Adapt and Thrive and Covid Recovery
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- tsiMORAY Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Volunteer Support Fund

## A Volunteer's Story:

*"I first learned about Forres Online through Euan, Forres Online Support Assistant, whom I was friends with from College and was already working with FACT. I signed up to gain some experience while job-hunting, and found that I really enjoyed helping folk with understanding their technology.*

*Being able to come in every week and chat with everyone that comes in while helping them has been hugely rewarding, and excellent for my own mental health as well. The skills and experience were also perfectly suited for the tutoring job I found after volunteering for a while, since there's a lot of overlap with teaching students how to code or generally use their devices!*

*The staff and other volunteers have been wonderful to work with, and the generosity of Janice and Euan providing transport has made sure I can keep coming in to help despite physical challenges. The people who come in for support are fantastic as well, and I've got a few regulars that come by most weeks who are lovely to catch up with.*

*I'm so glad I learned about Forres Online from Euan and look forward to continuing with it for a long time!"*

- Joseph Kelly, Forres Online Volunteer



### FACT Directors as at September 2022

- Joanna Taylor, Chair
- Bea Jefferson, Treasurer
- Tina Coffey, Company Secretary
- Sandra MacLennan
- Peter Airey
- Lorna Creswell
- Jim Farquharson
- Susan Longmuir
- Kevin Skivington

### FACT Staff Team

- Chris Thomas, General Assistant
- David Hammond, Operations & Finance Manager
- Debbie Herron, Development Manager
- Esther Banks, Activities Fitness Tutor
- Euan Kershaw, Forres Online Assistant
- Frances Anderson, Cameron Project Coordinator
- Graham Watson, Cleaner
- Ilona Wood, Activities & Events Assistant
- Janice Cooper, Forres Online Coordinator
- Lindsey, Volunteer & Community Engagement Coordinator
- Lorretta Oliphant, Finance & Data Officer
- Michelle Gillibrand, Employability Development Officer
- Stacey Harrison, Administration & Marketing Officer



## ANNUAL REPORT SEP 2021 - SEP 2022

## Key achievements and highlights for this period:

- We celebrated our ten year anniversary in November 2021
- FACT is now a Living Wage Employer
- We secured funding of nearly £250,000 from HIE and the Community Lottery Fund for core staff and project work until 2024 /25
- We worked with local partners - the Moray Council, the Forres Area Forum, Community Councils, Forres Rotary, tsiMoray and others to prepare and deliver the Spirit of Community 2 Event in April 2022 to help develop a community plan for the area
- The Forres Pop Up Pantry Project in collaboration with Moray Food Plus began in April 2022 and already has over 215 members and is growing
- We have expanded our range of activities and outreach sessions, engaging over 300 people so far, improving wellbeing and reducing isolation in our local area
- We have gone international, with links to the Mount Dora Sister Cities Association who generously supported our plans for delivering Festive Treats & Food Shopping Vouchers for those experiencing food insecurity during December 2021
- We began our European Social Fund Employability Project as part of the Moray Pathways Partnership in April 2022 and have already helped get 17 people into work





### FACT Development

Our 11th year has been a busy and exciting time as we have moved the plans forward for the redevelopment of the Town Hall capital project and secured funding from HIE and the Community Lottery Fund for our core work and project development. We have said goodbye to Charlotte Grigg after 6 years of service and wish her well for the future. Coming out of the pandemic has given us the opportunity to look closely at what we do and consolidate our plans for the future. This has included creating a new staff structure that gives us more flexibility and allows us to be more responsive to the needs of our community and be more efficient in the delivery of our work.

### Forres Online

Forres Online continues to support those people who are digitally excluded, older people new to technology and long term unemployed. Through our popular dropin sessions, digital classes for long term unemployed, outreach visits and basic IT courses, our project and our digital champions combat loneliness and isolation, as well as improving digital skills for many in the local area and beyond.

### The Cameron Project

We receive support from the Auchernack Trust for this work, aiming to reduce social isolation and loneliness in the local community. The project offers a befriending service, events and a wide variety of activities aimed at all walks of society and is named after local postman William Cameron who left the majority of his wealth to a local old people's home where he spent his final years. We currently have about 20 matches and 14 on the waiting list, hence the requirement to expand the service.

### Moray Wellbeing Activities

Over the last year, thanks to a £10,000 Grant from the tsiMoray Wellbeing Fund we have been able to employ 10 local Craft, Digital and Fitness Tutors. They will be delivering over 100 Courses & Workshops, providing over 225 hours of activities, and so improving the wellbeing of over 900 participants.

### Pop Up Pantry

This started in April 2022 and now has over 215 Members and is growing steadily each week. Membership is free to anyone who lives in the Forres Academy Catchment Area and is limited to 1 member per household each week. Customers pay £2.50 & get about £10 worth of food each time they shop. The majority of the food is from Food Recovery & has been donated by large companies as well as Fareshare & CFine which is delivered via Moray Food Plus.

### Employability Development

Our Employability Project, funded from the European Social Fund, Scottish Government and Moray Council is going from strength to strength. To date, we have overachieved the target of supporting clients into employment and expect all other targets to be achieved by the end of the project. We have developed good working relationships with the Moray Pathways Partnership and others, ensuring the best possible service for the people we support.

## FORRES AREA COMMUNITY TRUST

Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities

(including income and expenditure account)

#### Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	54,936	327,063	<b>381,999</b>	384,465
<b>Total income</b>	<u>54,936</u>	<u>327,063</u>	<u><b>381,999</b></u>	<u>384,465</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	60,987	181,742	<b>242,729</b>	241,982
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>60,987</u>	<u>181,742</u>	<u><b>242,729</b></u>	<u>241,982</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>	<u>(6,051)</u>	<u>145,321</u>	<u><b>139,270</b></u>	<u>142,483</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	154,921	142,700	<b>297,621</b>	155,138
Transfer between funds	3,382	(3,382)	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>152,252</u>	<u>284,639</u>	<u><b>436,891</b></u>	<u>297,621</u>

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

This is an extract from the annual Unaudited Financial Statements. The full set of accounts is available at [Forres Town Hall](https://forresarea.org/the-trust/about/agm-2022/), and online at <https://forresarea.org/the-trust/about/agm-2022/>