

CRANHILL
DEVELOPMENT
TRUST

2024 | 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Community Garden volunteers

Cranhill Development Trust (CDT) is an integral part of its community, responding successfully to the complex needs of Cranhill since 2002. The Trust started with one member of staff and has grown to be a vibrant hub in Cranhill. From 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025, CDT has supported 2054 people, with 963 of these people being new registrations.

Our Vision is to create a more vibrant urban village where people feel connected to their neighbours and where they feel safe and hopeful for the future.

Our Mission is to support and empower people to transform the community and the lives of those who live there through learning, employability and welfare support, and health and wellbeing opportunities.

"This year has shown, once again, the strength and resilience of the Cranhill community.

Through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and partners, Cranhill Development Trust continues to be a place where people feel supported, valued, and empowered to shape their own futures. As we look ahead to an exciting new chapter with the Lighthouse redevelopment, we remain firmly committed to tackling inequality, building opportunity, and ensuring that local people are at the heart of everything we do."

David Linden, Chairperson



After School clubs





EMPLOYABILITY, WELFARE AND DIGITAL SUPPORT

At Cranhill Development Trust we offer a range of employability and welfare services, guidance and support to individuals and families, that they may otherwise not be able to access. We also offer access to digital equipment and learning opportunities, helping people to get online and access essential services.



- This year 873 people have received support through our Employability, Welfare and Digital project.
- 399 people received welfare benefits advice, supporting people to live well and remain healthy.
- Benefit support and money advice resulted in financial gains for local people totaling £615,141.

“I have learned new ideas and discovered useful resources that have been very helpful for me. The service is reliable, supportive and makes a positive difference. Thank you for all the help and support.”

Youth Intervention Programme

Delivery of an intensive youth intervention programme working with young offenders and those at risk of offending. This targeted work included a structured group programme co-designed with partners including Police Scotland and Access to Industry. After Phase 1, participants requested to continue, demonstrating impact and trust. Outcomes include one young person entering full-time employment and another being accepted into the Royal Navy.

GEMS Employability project

The GEMS project brings together a consortium of partners to address the systemic barriers minority ethnic communities face in accessing employment, such as institutional racism, limited opportunities, and a lack of representation. Through tailored coaching, learning, and practical support – including skills profiling, CV building, workshops, and employer engagement – participants will gain confidence, knowledge, and clearer pathways into work or further training. Alongside direct support for individuals, GEMS will collaborate with employers to promote diversity in recruitment and retention, fostering long-term, inclusive employment opportunities across a range of sectors.



Kids photography sessions

Digital Inclusion

With support from the Virgin Money Foundation, we've expanded our digital services to help the community build skills, access devices, and reduce digital isolation. So far, **262 people** have received one-to-one support for 483 issues, with 20 smartphones and **160 SIM cards** distributed, and 491 people using our computer equipment. We've also introduced new digital opportunities for children, including 3D printing and VR headsets, encouraging learning, creativity, and future career exploration.



Cranhill Primary School students learning 3D modelling skills



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our Health and Wellbeing programme is driven by the belief that everyone has the right to live well and remain healthy. Our aim is for everyone who engages with our activities feel positive benefits in terms of their physical, mental and social wellbeing.



Baking club



- 1081 People engaged in the Health and Wellbeing project.
- 428 people benefited from family support and nutritional food during the school holidays. The programme is delivered with funding from Glasgow City Council children holiday food programme.
- 54 people have increased cooking skills and nutritional knowledge, 28 people attended weekly cooking club where they come together to cook, eat and socialise, and 44 people attended baking sessions designed for parents and children to learn and bake together.
- 104 people have engaged in Young at Heart activities including carpet bowls, arts and crafts, yoga, share a meal and play bingo together.
- 53 people have engaged in gardening activities this year, including adopting raised beds, attending sessions and supporting the development of a new market garden .
- 81 people attended sustainability workshops, learning new practical skills and being introduced to environmental issues and their impact.
- This year we hosted 11 Connecting activities and events, including International Women's Day, the Refugee Festival and BBQ, a Halloween party, an older adults Christmas party with entertainment from John Ritchie and the Swing Sensation band, and our Christmas Fayre.

Ministerial Visit - Baby and Toddler Group

Social Justice Secretary Shirley-Anne Somerville and Public Health Minister Jenni Minto visited Cranhill Development Trust's Baby and Toddler group in Glasgow to see the help on offer to families with infants who may be facing financial pressure.

They met with local families attending the group to hear about the impact of cross-Government support for families in the cost of living crisis.



Holiday programme at Cranhill Beacon

Cranhill Beacon

CDT are working on the PMGC process with Glasgow City Council to take over the Beacon and expand our programme of activities and support for children and young people.



LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

We offer a range of learning and development opportunities, supporting people to increase their skills and confidence. We offer a range of opportunities that help people into employment, improved health and wellbeing, and personal development.



- 432 people engaged in the Learning and Development project.
- We hosted one day training courses in partnership with Glasgow Kelvin College, supporting 66 people to achieve 73 certificates.
- 37 people attended the course, where they benefited from information and demonstrations on various Life Skills subjects including Home Safety, Health & Wellbeing, Dealing with Addictions, and Cooking.

English for speakers of other languages [ESOL]

The Trust offers a range of ESOL opportunities to suit the diverse needs and abilities of newcomers to the city, who want to improve their English, with 235 people participating in classes. We work with partners such as Glasgow Kelvin College and Glasgow Life to provide ESOL classes across all levels, accessible to residents across the east of Glasgow.

One of our dedicated CDT volunteers has been delivering ESOL lessons in families' homes, ensuring that those unable to attend in-person classes still have the opportunity to learn English in a comfortable, accessible setting. Their commitment has helped families build confidence, improve communication skills, and feel more connected to the wider community.



Glasgow Kelvin College ESOL class



Sandyhills outreach ESOL class

Best Of You programme

10 pupils from St Andrews High School and 7 pupils from Smithycroft High School attended the best of you programme. Through participation, the young people have developed the ability to remain focused and steady when faced with challenge and adversity, and have tools to manage mental health issues whilst supporting others to do the same.



Tom Arthur MSP

Following our recognition at the SURF Awards, Scottish Government's Minister for Employment and Investment, Tom Arthur, visited CDT to see our work first-hand and discuss how our community initiatives support local people, and how the Scottish Government can continue to strengthen and invest in the third sector.



INTEGRATION

Newcomers to the UK often struggle to navigate the many rights, entitlements, challenges, and restrictions they face upon arrival in Glasgow. The Trust offer dedicated case work services, opportunities to connect with others, and an extensive range of English classes.



New Scots women's group



- 150 New Scots have been supported with Case Work.
- We introduced a New Scot's cycle club which 8 New Scot's have engaged in.
- 51 people were referred to Govan Community Project, who host a weekly Advice and Advocacy Service at CDT. Services include applications for Home Office support, support with MEARS accommodation or ASPEN card.
- 277 people attended 12 Community meals, which are funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. We create a friendly and welcoming environment for members of the community to enjoy a free evening meal together each month.
- We host the East Glasgow Integration Network this is a platform for services to share information to support New Scots.
- We hosted a series of cultural events, designed to strengthen community and increase awareness of different cultures. Events included New Scots concert with Musicians in Exile, Burns night meal, Harvest festival meal, and Refugee Festival BBQ.

'Since recently moving to a new country, attending the sewing classes has helped me improve my English, build confidence, and meet new people in what is now a new home for me. I really enjoy sewing with Hellen.'

We were delighted to welcome **MP Maureen Burke** to CDT. Maureen spent time meeting staff and learning more about the vital work we're doing to support Cranhill from employability and wellbeing, to food security and community development.

Thank you, Maureen, for your continued support. We look forward to working together as we continue building a stronger, more sustainable future for our community.



Maureen Burke MP and CEO Marie Ward at CDT



CABIN SHOP AND POST OFFICE

The Cabin Shop is a cornerstone of the Cranhill community. The Cabin is an effective mechanism for safeguarding essential retail outlets in an area with few other retail shops and poor public transport. We actively engage with the community, stimulating social activity and community cohesion.



Cabin community shop



The core services offered are:

- Everyday banking
- Mail services
- Collect and return parcels
- Travel money
- Bill payments

“Easy way for me to pay bills, withdraw money without having to travel into town.”



Christmas hamper winner - Tony Watson

This year we served people 11,321 times in the community shop. We have worked hard to sell the products that local people want and at the best price.

Meal in a bag: Ingredients and a recipe card in a bag to take away and cook a meal at home. These are a great alternative to ready meals and an easy way to learn some new recipes.

Promotions: This year we sold Mothers day and Fathers day gifts, alongside Halloween and Christmas stock. We ran a popular Christmas hamper raffle, with all donations going back into the community.

Community Fridge: Any surplus or left over food is put in our community fridge for people to help themselves this reduces food waste and carbon footprint.

Are there products you want stocked in your community shop? Tell our staff today or email linda@cranhilldt.org.uk

“I enjoy going to the cabin each day for my groceries, friendly staff who welcome you with a smile, the stock is great, and the prizes are great as I won a hamper full of groceries that I enjoyed very much.”

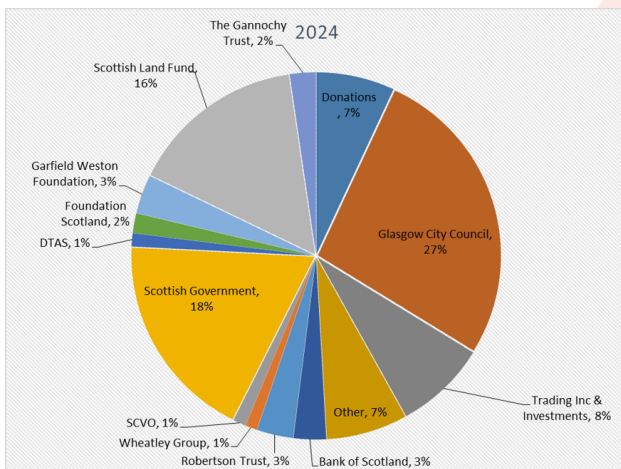
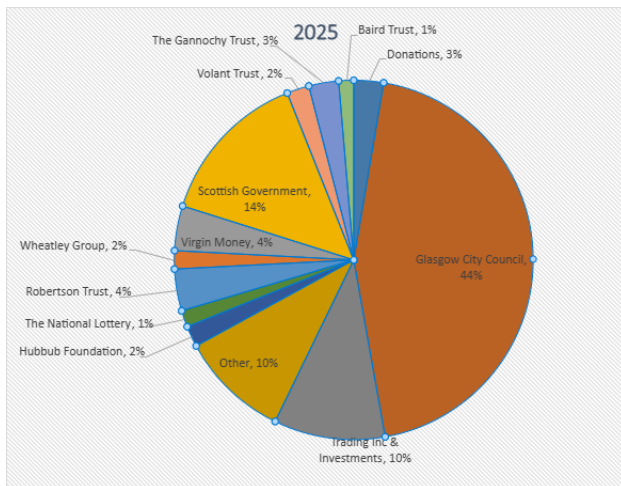


OUR FINANCES

Cranhill Development Trust

(A company Limited by guarantee SC033396)

Income Split



BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 2025

	31- Mar 2025	31- Mar 2024	31- Mar 2023
Fixed Assets	£	£	£
Tangible Asset	<u>200,804</u>	<u>171,104</u>	<u>57,169</u>
Current Assets			
Stock	3,333	2,376	1,058
Debtors & GCVS	18,685	11,336	7,765
Cash at bank & in hand	<u>48,304</u>	<u>81,342</u>	<u>104,464</u>
	<u>70,322</u>	<u>95,054</u>	<u>113,287</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	9,359	2,438	5,980
Accruals & deferred income	29,660	24,981	9113
Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>38,762</u>
	<u>39,019</u>	<u>27,480</u>	<u>53,855</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>31,303</u>	<u>67,574</u>	<u>59,432</u>
Net Assets	<u>232,107</u>	<u>238,678</u>	<u>116,601</u>
Represented by:			
Restricted income funds	5,934	23,625	36,930
Unrestricted funds	<u>226,173</u>	<u>215,053</u>	<u>79,671</u>
	<u>232,107</u>	<u>238,678</u>	<u>116,601</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for year ended 31 MARCH 2025

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Income	£	£	£
Donations	19,863	60,102	9,252
Charitable activities	646,443	733,153	598,774
Other trading income	74,601	70,764	61,670
Other income	6,493	4,799	4,583
	<u>747,400</u>	<u>868,818</u>	<u>674,279</u>
Expenditure			
Raising Funds -			
other trading activities	43,364	40,170	33,417
Charitable activities	710,607	706,571	662,535
	<u>753,971</u>	<u>746,741</u>	<u>695,952</u>
Surplus/ Deficit	<u>-6,571</u>	<u>122,077</u>	<u>-21,673</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th August 2025, and were signed on their behalf by David Linden.



VOLUNTEERING AT CDT

Volunteers are our lifeline, and they are at the heart of everything we do. Put simply, we just could not keep going as a charity without them. They are a massive part of our community. Volunteers help support the running of our programmes delivered throughout Cranhill and the greater east end of Glasgow.



Community Meal volunteers

Our volunteering roles during this period have included:

- 92 volunteers supported the running of activities and services at CDT.
- People volunteered at CDT for 3051 hours, sharing their skills, knowledge and time to support the delivery of activities.
- During Volunteer week in June 2024, we hosted a celebration in recognition of our volunteers hard work throughout the year so far. Volunteers attended, had dinner and entertainment from a DJ, and received certificates from CDT management.
- Community Meal cooking and facilitating
- Holiday programme group coordinators and cooking
- ESOL class teacher
- Board member
- Young at Heart (older adults) group activity facilitators and cooking
- Reception and administration
- Driver
- Photographer
- Gardening

GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING AT CDT

If you are interested in volunteering with us ask any member of staff for more information or email reception@cranhilldt.org.uk



Surf Awards ceremony 2024

Surf awards 2024

Runner up of the Community Regeneration category of the Surf Awards December 2024 where we were commended for best practice in a regeneration project which features representatives of a community of place in a leading role.



FUTURE PLANS

The trust has an overarching place-based objective to meet the needs of people in Cranhill. CDT purchased our building from the Church of Scotland, taking the building into community ownership. This has opened new opportunities to develop the building to better meet the needs of the community and ensure resilience for the future.



Building renovation model



The Lighthouse: Detailed plans have been developed by a technical team led by McGinlay Bell Ltd, and through consultation with local people. If funding is successful works could start as early as 2026.

Cranhill Park: We are helping the community to set up Friends of Cranhill Park to bring local people together to care for, improve, and celebrate our park as a welcoming, safe, and vibrant space for everyone in the community. To get this started, we are looking for around six local people to join a steering group that will help shape activities, improvements, and ideas for the park's future. If you care about Cranhill Park and want to make a difference, we would love for you to get involved.

Community Garden

The Scottish Land Fund have approved our application to purchase the blaes pitch adjacent to the demolished St Modan's site to extend the community garden. This will increase safe, outdoor play spaces, community growing opportunities, and increase biodiversity throughout the north-east.



Garden expansion designs

Trailblazers

CDT is proud to be one of only 15 organisations in Scotland chosen for the Trailblazer Pilot – an innovative programme testing new ways to support community-led regeneration. The pilot gives local trusts greater flexibility and influence over funding to meet local priorities, helping shape future approaches to community empowerment and place-based investment.



Trailblazers study visit



OUR PEOPLE

STAFF

Management team

Marie Ward - *CEO*
Fiona Duncan - *Health and Wellbeing Lead*
Gosia Traczykowska - *Accountant*
Linda Cairns - *Shop and Post Office Manager*
Lorna Kyle - *Facilities Manager*
Nikki Ferguson - *Business Development Manager*

Employability and Welfare Team

Margaret Cairns - *Welfare Officer*
Matthew Biggins - *Digital Inclusion Officer*
Shereen Hopkirk - *Employability Adviser*
Angela McKay - *Employability Adviser*

Health and Wellbeing Team

Carmen Domene - *Community Gardener*
Emma Young - *Events Co-Ordinator*
Kayla Connolly - *Family Support Worker*
Oleksandra Wierzbicka - *New Scots Support Worker*
Zhanna Bondarieva - *Community Food Worker*

Shop and Post Office Team

Diane Smillie - *Shop and Post Office Assistant*
Tracey Walsh - *Shop and Post Office Assistant*

Learning and Admin Team

Anna Connan - *Reception and Admin Worker*
David Waugh - *Facilities Team Member*
Mehmoona Jalil - *Reception Placement*
Scott Pannell - *Admin and Learning Assistant*

TRUSTEES

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David Linden MP Vice Chair
Alan Young
Annemarie Fleming
Ken Nisbet
Linda Doyle
Mary Hastie
Michael Dillon
Tahrima Hossain

FUNDERS

Age Scotland
Amnesty International
ASDA Foundation
Baird Trust
Cash For Kids
COOP Local Community Fund
Cranhill Area Association
Cycling UK
Endrick Trust
Faith in Community Scotland
Finnis Scott Foundation
Glasgow City Council – Children’s Holiday Food Programme | Glasgow Communities Fund | Glasgow Ethnic Minority Fund | Glasgow Food System Development Fund | Glasgow Guarantee | Let’s Grow Together
Glasgow Community Food Network
GCVS – Paid Work Placement
Glasgow Wellbeing Fund
Good Things Foundation
Hubbub Foundation Scotland
Mushroom Trust
NHS Scotland– ‘Time to Talk’
Scottish Children’s Lottery Trust
Scottish Community Alliance
Scottish Government – Investing in Communities
Scottish Land Fund
Scottish Refugee Council
St. Nicholas Care Fund
The Gannochy Trust
The National Lottery Community Fund
The Robertson Trust
Virgin Money Foundation
Volant Trust
Volunteer Matters
The Wheatley Group

Help Build a Stronger Community for Future Generations – **Leave a Gift in Your Will**

Leaving a gift in your Will to CDT is a meaningful way to support our community. Whatever the size, your gift helps us create a stronger, more inclusive Cranhill for generations to come.

For more information, visit
www.cranhilldt.org.uk or scan the QR code

