

Jackpot Community Trust Impact Report 2024



A message from the Chair



"On behalf of the Jackpot Community Trust, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has played a role in our success. Your support enables us to continue our mission, helping charities thrive and transforming lives.

Together, we can achieve even greater impact in the years to come."

Steven Woods
Chair, The Jackpot Community Trust



It is with great pride that I introduce the first-ever Impact Report for The Jackpot Community Trust (JCT). This report marks a significant milestone in our journey, highlighting the remarkable impact we have made in 2024. As Chair of JCT, I am delighted to share our achievements, our partnerships, and our vision for the future.

At JCT, our mission is simple yet powerful: to provide vital funding to charities across the country, ensuring they can continue their invaluable work. Through The Scotto, our flagship lottery, we have been able to support a range of causes that align with our commitment to education, health, social development, community engagement, and much more. Our approach to funding is unique, operating through a closed application process that allows us to build meaningful, long-term partnerships with charities, giving them the financial stability needed to make a real difference.

2024 has been an incredible year. Thanks to the unwavering support of our lottery players, JCT has distributed over £220,000 to our charity partners. Since our inception in late 2023, we have raised close to £260,000, an achievement we are immensely proud of. This funding has directly supported four outstanding organisations: Calum's Cabin, SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health), House of Hope, and the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust. Each of these charities provides crucial services to those in need, from supporting families affected by childhood cancer to improving mental health services and providing opportunities for children and young people.



One of the most heartwarming moments of the year was our collaboration with Calum's Cabin, our very first charity partner. The funding from JCT has enabled them to expand their support in offering essential respite for families facing the unimaginable challenge of childhood cancer. Spending time with the team at Calum's Cabin, as well as meeting the families benefiting from their support, reinforced the importance of our mission and the real-life impact of our funding.

As we reflect on 2024, we recognise that our success would not be possible without the dedication of our charity partners, the tireless efforts of our board of trustees, and most importantly, the generosity of our lottery players. Every lottery play is a step towards creating positive change in communities across Great Britain.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be an even more exciting year. We will be welcoming our fifth charity partner to The Scotto, broadening our reach and extending our support to new causes. Additionally, we are thrilled to be launching our new lottery, Whatalotto, which will operate across Great Britain and bring even more charities into the JCT family. With two charity partners already confirmed, we are eager to see the new opportunities this expansion will bring.

Steven Woods
Chair, The Jackpot Community Trust

A message from the Head of Charity Operations



As Head of Charity Operations, I have the privilege of overseeing the relationship between The Jackpot Community Trust (JCT) and our incredible charity partners. My role is wide-ranging, from liaising with the Board of Trustees to working directly with our charity partners, visiting them, and helping raise awareness of the crucial work they do.

More than just distributing funding, JCT is committed to forming meaningful, lasting partnerships that genuinely make a difference.

Having spent over 15 years in the third sector, much of my career has been focused on managing charities, applying for funding, and raising awareness of charitable missions. Now, being on the funding side of the equation, I can bring that experience to the table and ensure that the organisations we support receive not only financial backing but also a genuine partnership that strengthens their work. It has been incredibly rewarding to see JCT grow in its first full year, and I am exceptionally proud of everything we have achieved together in 2024.

A Year of Milestones and Moments

Reflecting on the past year, it is difficult to pinpoint just one highlight. Every partnership and project we have supported has played a vital role in making a tangible impact. Our journey with Calum's Cabin, our very first charity partner, continued to flourish as we spent an unforgettable day on the Isle of Bute visiting their holiday homes, meeting the families they support, and witnessing firsthand the positive effect our funding has had.

Another standout moment was our visit to the headquarters of SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health), where we presented a cheque for £50,000 after spending a day on the streets of Glasgow, engaging the public and asking them, "What makes you happy?" The energy and responses we received reinforced just how important mental well-being is and why the work SAMH does is so essential. Similarly, we were proud to support House of Hope in securing their Wellbeing Centre

in Edinburgh, ensuring they have a stable base to continue their much-needed services. The creation of the Bright Futures Fund, in partnership with the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust, was another significant milestone, supporting over 15,000 children and young people in Scotland.

JCT's approach to funding is unique. We do not simply provide one-off grants; instead, we establish committed partnerships with charities that allow them to plan ahead and create lasting impact. The current funding climate for charities is incredibly challenging, with demand far exceeding available resources. By offering long-term funding partnerships, JCT provides our partners with the security and stability needed to focus on their vital work rather than worrying about financial sustainability.

Empowering Change: The Role of Our Players

Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible support of The Scotto players. It is because of them that we were able to generate over £260,000 in funding to support our charity partners in 2024 alone. Their participation in the lottery is not just about the chance to win prizes; it's about contributing to something far greater – helping charities make real differences in people's lives. To every single player who has taken part, I want to say a massive thank you. Your support is the backbone of everything we do.

The Road Ahead

As we move into 2025, I am incredibly excited about the opportunities ahead. The Scotto continues to grow, and with that growth comes increased funding, allowing us to deepen our impact and reach even more charitable causes. We are looking forward

to welcoming our fifth charity partner early in 2025, a fantastic organisation making a difference in its field. We are also eager to expand the Bright Futures Fund with the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust, hopefully growing the available funding so that even more children and young people can benefit.

Beyond that, the launch of our new lottery product, Whatalotto, is an exciting next step. This will be a Great Britain-wide lottery, opening doors to supporting even more incredible causes across the country. We have already confirmed two charity partners and look forward to announcing them in early 2025.

A Final Thank You

None of this could be achieved without the dedication of so many people behind the scenes. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to my colleagues who work tirelessly to ensure The Scotto runs smoothly. In particular, Marie-Claire Le Ray, Sales and Partnership Manager, who plays a key role in supporting our charity partners and maintaining strong relationships with them. I also want to thank the Board of Trustees at JCT, whose guidance and support are invaluable in ensuring that we are as effective as possible.

2024 has been an incredible year, full of achievements, partnerships, and, most importantly, impact. As we step into 2025, I am more determined than ever to build on this success, strengthen our partnerships, and continue making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Here's to another year of growth, collaboration, and positive change.

Scott Millar
Head of Charity Operations

Jackpot Community Trust

Trustee Biographies



Steven Woods

Steven Woods is a seasoned recruitment expert and business leader with over two decades of experience in the industry. Having joined Anderson Knight Recruitment as a trainee in 2003, Steven's dedication and drive saw him rise through the ranks to become Joint Owner in 2010. Since taking on this leadership role, he has played a pivotal part in driving consistent year-on-year growth across all areas of the business.

Specialising in Mid-Management to Executive Level appointments, Steven works closely with a wide network of key clients across the Central Belt and the wider UK. Known for his professionalism, insight, and commitment to delivering results, he provides a robust, end-to-end recruitment service. Many of his clients have worked with him for years, relying on his ability to identify and secure top-tier talent.

Steven's longstanding partnership with companies – where he has recruited across Executive, Operations, Finance, IT, and Sales & Marketing divisions—demonstrates the depth and breadth of his expertise. He is also well-known for leveraging his extensive network to connect candidates with new opportunities, often before roles are even publicly advertised.

In addition to his corporate achievements, Steven is deeply committed to giving back. He has volunteered with The Prince's Trust, helping to deliver one-off grants for startup businesses and mentoring young entrepreneurs. His dedication to supporting others led him to establish The Holly Rose Trust, a charitable initiative inspired by a close family friend diagnosed with Rett Syndrome. The trust raises funds and awareness for Rett UK, with all proceeds directed toward helping affected families, including funding adaptations to improve accessibility and daily life.

Steven's passion for community impact, combined with his professional expertise, makes him a highly valued charity partner and advocate for meaningful, lasting change.



Scott Laird

Commercially and operationally focused qualified accountant with over 20 years finance experience across a range of businesses and sectors. Currently Regional Finance Director for ASSA ABLOY Entrance Systems, overseeing North Europe & APAC. Outside of work sport plays a big part in my life, with football and golf being my primary loves and at times hates. Proud to be Trustee for the Jackpot Community Trust and passionate about delivering positive impact through our charity partners.



Donna Hoggan

As a Chartered Accountant with more than 20 years experience, Donna has worked in a variety of different roles. After qualifying with PwC in 2008 she moved to the Institute of Chartered Accountants as a lecturer, specialising in the delivery of the Financial Reporting area of the CA qualification, before moving into her current role as a Financial Reporting Manager for the Energy Assets Group.

Donna is passionate about the charities that the JCT supports and is committed to using her professional and personal experience to help the Trust support a variety of meaningful projects.

CALUM'S CABIN

The Scotto's First Step in Giving: Calum's Cabin expands it's vital work thanks to £70,000 From The Scotto

For families navigating the unimaginable journey of childhood cancer, moments of respite and togetherness are invaluable. Calum's Cabin provides just that – a sanctuary where families can take a break from hospital stays and treatments, spend quality time together, and create irreplaceable memories. Since its inception, the charity has touched countless lives, offering holiday accommodation and home-from-home stays for families across Scotland.

THE SCOTTO

"The Scotto partnership is phenomenal with Calum's Cabin. Over the last 18 months, the impact of the £70,000 donation has meant the charity can support so many more families who have a child suffering from cancer. Between holidays, home-from-home flats, support to families in hospitals (monthly snacks, monthly fairy box gifts, assistance vouchers), another 48 families have been able to be supported. It's hard to put into words the difference this support is making, but I can guarantee you, it's huge."

Caroline Speirs, Calum's mother

A Mission Inspired by Love

Calum's Cabin was founded in memory of Calum Speirs, a brave young boy who, despite battling an inoperable brain tumour, dreamed of helping other children facing similar challenges. After his passing in 2007, his family – parents Duncan and Caroline and twin sister Jenna – turned his dream into reality, establishing a retreat on the Isle of Bute where families could escape the stresses of childhood cancer.

From humble beginnings, Calum's Cabin has grown significantly. The charity now provides multiple holiday homes on the Isle of Bute, Anstruther, and Dumfries House in Ayrshire. In addition, they offer crucial accommodation in Glasgow for families traveling from afar for cancer treatment. Their twelve Glasgow flats ensure that families can stay together in a comfortable and supportive environment while their child receives essential medical care.



The Partnership with JCT and The Scotto

In late 2023, Calum's Cabin became the first official charity partner of The Scotto and Jackpot Community Trust (JCT). This partnership was a milestone moment, marking the beginning of JCT's philanthropic journey and setting the tone for future collaborations.

To date, Calum's Cabin has received an incredible £70,000 in funding from The Scotto and JCT. This support has been instrumental in allowing the charity to expand its reach, secure additional family flats, taking their portfolio to 14, and continuing its essential mindfulness sessions for families. With an average holiday costing between £800 and £1,000, the charity has utilised a proportion of our donation to facilitate breaks for an additional 48 families, giving them precious moments of relief and joy amid their difficult journey.

Beyond Financial Support: A Meaningful Connection

JCT's relationship with Calum's Cabin extends far beyond financial contributions. Over the past year, the partnership has been enriched by active participation in the charity's events and initiatives.

We have attended key fundraising events, including Calum's Cabin's Women's Lunch, Golf Days, and charity fundraisers, demonstrating their commitment to the cause. A standout moment was when The Scotto's ambassador, Tommy Tucker, took to the dance floor for the charity's "Strictly Come Dancing" event, adding an extra layer of excitement and awareness to the cause.

One of the most meaningful days of the partnership was spent on the Isle of Bute, where we had the privilege of witnessing the impact of Calum's Cabin firsthand. We visited the holiday lodges, met families who have benefitted from the facilities, and recorded heartfelt stories of resilience, hope, and gratitude. The visit also provided an opportunity to meet the charity's dedicated volunteers, explore the charity

boutique, and surprise Calum's Cabin with an additional donation – further solidifying the deep connection between The Scotto, JCT and the charity.

Looking Ahead:

A Future of Continued Support

The partnership between JCT and Calum's Cabin is far from over. Looking ahead to 2025, JCT has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the charity in its mission to provide comfort and relief to families facing childhood cancer.

Calum's Cabin has ambitious plans for the future. The charity hopes to expand its accommodation offering further, ensuring that even more families can benefit from their services. There are also discussions about extending their reach to other cities where families require support close to hospitals. With JCT's continued backing, these dreams are within reach.

A Legacy of Kindness and Hope

Calum's Cabin is more than just a charity – it is a testament to the power of love, resilience, and community. Every holiday home, every Glasgow flat, and every mindfulness session is a tribute to Calum's legacy, ensuring that families facing the toughest battles have a place of refuge and support.

JCT and The Scotto are incredibly proud to play a part in this journey, helping Calum's Cabin continue its vital work and make an immeasurable difference in the lives of so many. Together, we are building a future where no family facing childhood cancer has to do so alone.





The Scotto Funding Helps Save Lives with SAMH

For over a century, Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH) has been a cornerstone of mental health support in Scotland. Established in 1923, SAMH has grown to become Scotland's leading mental health charity, providing critical services that support individuals facing mental health challenges. Their mission is simple yet powerful: to be there for people when they need it most.



SAMH
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JCT
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£50,000
to SAMH

SAMH operates more than 70 services across Scotland, covering everything from therapeutic horticulture and peer support to employment training and suicide prevention initiatives. They focus on breaking down stigma, providing essential mental health resources, and ensuring that everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, can access the help they need. Their work extends beyond direct services, influencing national policies and campaigns to create a Scotland where mental health is a priority for all.

With the demand for mental health support increasing every year, SAMH plays a vital role in helping people regain confidence, build resilience, and take steps towards recovery. Their work supports those struggling with depression, anxiety, addiction, homelessness, and employment challenges, ensuring they have access to practical support and guidance tailored to their individual needs.

Partnering with The Scotto and Jackpot Community Trust

In early 2024, SAMH became the second official charity partner of The Scotto and the Jackpot Community Trust (JCT). This partnership was formed with a shared commitment to supporting mental well-being across Scotland, ensuring that individuals and families have access to trusted mental health resources.

To date, JCT has donated £50,000 to SAMH, with the funding specifically directed towards SAMH's Information Service – a vital lifeline for people seeking mental health support. This service provides clear, reliable, and easily accessible mental health guidance, helping people navigate their struggles and find appropriate support networks.

The impact of the service so far:

Over
8,200
enquiries for mental health support have been responded to in 2024 alone.

3,788
emails answered – an average of 340 per month, helping individuals access tailored advice.

3,368
phone calls handled – an average of 281 per month, offering direct, compassionate support.

44%
increase in webchat enquiries, demonstrating a growing need for digital mental health services.

Depression and low mood
remain the most common concerns, highlighting the need for continued support and awareness

This service plays a crucial role in breaking down the barriers to mental health support, ensuring that no one has to struggle alone.

Through The Scotto's support, SAMH has been able to reach more people than ever before, providing hope, guidance, and reassurance to those facing mental health challenges.

A Year of Collaboration and Impact

2024 was a year of meaningful collaboration between SAMH and The Scotto, marked by initiatives designed to raise awareness and support mental health conversations.

A standout moment was the launch of a charity video campaign titled "What Makes You Happy?". This heartwarming campaign featured The Scotto's ambassador and TV advert star, Tommy Tucker, who took to the streets of Glasgow to engage the public in conversations about happiness and mental well-being.

The video captured candid, uplifting moments where people shared what truly makes them happy, reinforcing the importance of focusing on the positives in life. The campaign then took viewers on a journey to SAMH's headquarters, where Tommy met with



SAMH CEO Billy Watson to learn more about the charity's incredible work. The video concluded with a special cheque presentation, with The Scotto donating £50,000 to support SAMH's Information Service.

This initiative wasn't just about presenting a cheque – it was about starting conversations, raising awareness, and showing the impact that funding has on real people. By highlighting the work of SAMH in an engaging and accessible way, the campaign helped spark important discussions about mental health and well-being across Scotland.



What SAMH Says About The Scotto's Support

Billy Watson, Chief Executive of SAMH, expressed his gratitude for the support from The Scotto and JCT:

"From all of us at SAMH, thank you for supporting us as we stand up for Scotland's mental health.

This gift will make a real impact, allowing us to extend support and guidance to individuals and families facing mental health challenges. The Information Service plays a crucial role in providing trusted resources, breaking down stigma, and encouraging people to seek help when they need it most. The Scotto's support will help us ensure that no one in Scotland has to face mental health problems alone."



For many people, accessing mental health support can feel overwhelming or intimidating. The Scotto's contribution has helped ensure that SAMH's Information Service remains free, accessible, and ready to support those who need it most.

Through donations like this, SAMH continues to make a tangible difference – helping people find clarity, reassurance, and the confidence to seek support.

Looking ahead: 2025

The Scotto and JCT are proud to confirm that SAMH will remain a charity partner in 2025. Mental health challenges don't go away overnight, and as the demand for services continues to rise, so too does the need for ongoing support and investment in mental health initiatives.

SAMH's future goals include:



Expanding digital mental health services to reach even more people.



Further developing suicide prevention initiatives, ensuring people have access to help in times of crisis.



Increasing the capacity of peer support programs to provide person-centred care.



Strengthening community outreach programs to support vulnerable individuals.

With The Scotto's ongoing support, SAMH can continue to expand its reach and enhance the life-changing impact of its services. Together, we are ensuring that no one in Scotland has to face mental health struggles alone.

A Partnership That's Changing Lives

The Scotto and SAMH's partnership in 2024 has already made a tangible impact on mental health support across Scotland. Through funding, awareness campaigns, and community engagement, this collaboration is ensuring that more people receive the help they need, when they need it.

As we look forward to 2025, we remain committed to supporting SAMH's incredible work, breaking down stigma, and ensuring that mental health remains a priority for all.

Together, we're making a difference – one conversation, one call, one life at a time.



"We are so grateful to The Scotto for committing its long-term support to The House of Hope in Scotland. Without this financial backing, we wouldn't be in the position we are today."

Lisa, House of Hope Scotland

The Scotto's Gift of Hope:

JCT Funds Transformative New Breast Cancer Wellbeing Centre

A breast cancer diagnosis can be life-changing, bringing uncertainty, fear, and emotional upheaval. But for those in Scotland, a new beacon of support is on the horizon. The House of Hope, a soon-to-be-opened wellbeing centre in Edinburgh, is set to provide a vital lifeline for individuals affected by breast cancer. Thanks to generous funding from The Scotto and the Jackpot Community Trust (JCT), this vision is becoming a reality.

A Safe Haven in the Heart of Scotland

The House of Hope is more than just a building – it's a community, a sanctuary, and a space where individuals impacted by breast cancer can find comfort, connection, and support beyond medical treatment. Founded by Lisa Fleming after her own secondary breast cancer diagnosis in 2017, the charity's mission is clear: to enhance the quality of life for those affected by breast cancer by offering holistic therapies, wellbeing services, and peer support.

Located in Edinburgh, the House of Hope is the first bespoke breast cancer support and wellbeing centre in Scotland. While the NHS provides crucial medical care, it lacks the resources to offer additional holistic support, leaving many patients and their families in need of emotional and therapeutic assistance. This is where the House of Hope steps in, bridging the gap and ensuring that no one faces breast cancer alone.

Lisa's inspiration for the House of Hope came from the Future Dreams House in London – a similar initiative that provided her with strength and encouragement during her journey. Now, she is determined to offer the same support to others in Scotland.

**JCT
has provided
£51,500
in funding**

**with
£50,000
granted in 2024**

The Scotto & JCT Partnership: Turning a Dream into Reality

The House of Hope officially became a JCT charity partner in December 2024, but the collaboration began much earlier, with JCT supporting the charity during its initial setup phase in 2023. To date, JCT has provided £51,500 in funding, with £50,000 granted in 2024 alone. This financial backing has been instrumental in securing and renovating the physical space that will soon become a refuge for so many.

The funding has directly contributed to:

- Securing the property in Edinburgh.
- Initial renovations to create a welcoming and supportive environment.
- Planning the development of wellbeing and therapeutic services.

A Glimpse into the Future:

Building a Supportive Community

December 2024 was a landmark moment for House of Hope as they received the keys to their new centre. The Scotto team was invited to visit the property, offering a firsthand look at the transformation in progress. The visit was an emotional and inspiring day, allowing Lisa and her team to share their vision for the centre while showcasing how each space would be used to support individuals on their breast cancer journey.

The Scotto team also took this opportunity to film key moments, capturing the passion and dedication behind the project. During the visit, they met some of the incredible individuals driving this initiative forward:

- **Euan, Lisa's husband and Co-chairperson:**

A specialist in charity law with nearly two decades of experience, Euan has witnessed firsthand the challenges that come with a breast cancer diagnosis – not just for patients but for their families as well. His legal expertise and personal connection to the cause make him an integral part of the charity's leadership.

- **Hazel, Centre Manager:**

With nearly a decade of experience in the charity sector, Hazel brings a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and enthusiasm to the House of Hope. Having worked closely with families affected by cancer through the Team Jak Foundation, Hazel understands the importance of creating a nurturing environment. She is eager to bring Lisa's vision to life and build strong relationships within the House of Hope community.

During the visit, there was also a surprise moment that left the House of Hope team overjoyed – The Scotto presented them with a £50,000 cheque, a pivotal boost that will help propel the project towards opening day.



Looking ahead: A Brighter Future for those Facing Breast Cancer

As the House of Hope prepares to open its doors in 2025, the charity remains focused on its goal: providing a safe, welcoming space where individuals can find solace, community, and holistic support tailored to their needs. Through fully funded workshops, therapy sessions, and peer support groups, the centre aims to reduce social isolation and empower those facing breast cancer to navigate their journey with strength and hope.

The Jackpot Community Trust has pledged continued support for the House of Hope in 2025, ensuring that this vital initiative continues to grow and thrive. With each step forward, the charity moves closer to making its vision a reality – one where every individual impacted by breast cancer has

access to the care, connection, and comfort they deserve.

As the renovations progress and the doors prepare to open, one thing is certain: The House of Hope is set to become a beacon of strength, love, and healing for the Scottish breast cancer community, ensuring that no one walks their journey alone.

"It's so important to have a safe space that offers community and compassionate support for patients and their families following a breast cancer diagnosis. That's what we want the House of Hope to be – a haven away from clinical settings while still supporting medical treatment."

Lisa, House of Hope Scotland

1 in 7

women will be diagnosed with breast cancer

£1,000

will cover 100 wellbeing classes

£500

covers monthly specialist practitioner costs

£100

pays for plays sessions for children of someone impacted by breast cancer

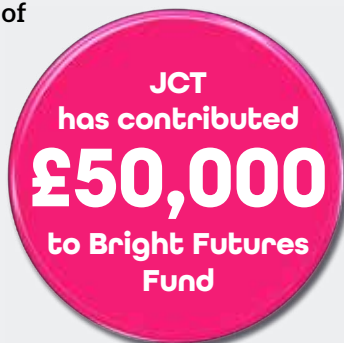
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covers a 1:1 hair loss or regrowth consultation



Building Brighter Futures: The Impact of the Bright Futures Fund

The Jackpot Community Trust (JCT) is committed to supporting communities across Scotland by funding initiatives that create meaningful change. Our work spans a wide range of causes, from tackling poverty and inequality to promoting education, health, and community development. Among our many priorities, we recognise the importance of supporting children and young people, ensuring they have the opportunities and resources needed to build a brighter future.



One of the key initiatives we have helped bring to life is the Bright Futures Fund – a joint venture between JCT and the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust (SCLT). Launched in 2024, this fund was created to provide targeted financial support to charities working directly with children and young people, particularly those facing disadvantage. Through this collaboration, we have helped deliver 99 grants in the fund's first year alone, positively impacting the lives of more than 15,000 children across Scotland.

This initiative is more than just financial assistance; it's about empowering communities, removing barriers, and ensuring that young people, no matter their background, have access to opportunities that can shape their future.

A Collaborative Approach to Change

JCT and SCLT share a common goal: to create meaningful and lasting change for young people facing disadvantage. While JCT provides vital funding – made possible through proceeds from The Scotto – SCLT manages the grant distribution process, ensuring funds reach the charities that need them most.

By working together, we've simplified the funding process, making it accessible to smaller charities that often struggle to secure financial support. The result is a fund that is efficient, impactful, and responsive to the evolving needs of Scotland's communities.

Empowering Scotland's Young People

The Bright Futures Fund supports a wide range of projects that create opportunities for children and young people. Here are just a few of the inspiring initiatives we've helped fund:

Keeping Scotland's Musical Heritage Alive

Garnock Valley Pipes and Drums received funding to continue offering free chanter and snare drum lessons to young people in the Garnock Valley. This initiative ensures that around 50 children have access to high-quality music education, fostering not only musical talent but also discipline, teamwork, and confidence.

Championing Leadership and Inclusion

Diversity Bridge SCIO was awarded funding for its Youth Leadership Development Programme, designed to empower vulnerable young people aged 14 to 18. The programme focuses on leadership training, mentorship, and community engagement, with a particular emphasis on supporting young people from ethnic minority backgrounds, refugees, and asylum seekers.



Edward Obi, Chief Bridge Builder at Diversity Bridge SCIO, highlighted the significance of this support:

"This funding is a step forward in our mission to equip young people with essential leadership skills while fostering inclusivity within Scottish communities."

Breaking Barriers Through Sport

Clyde FC Community Foundation is using its grant to deliver after-school football clubs in schools that lack the resources to fund extracurricular activities. These clubs, running at Carbrain Primary in Cumbernauld and Haghill Park Primary in Glasgow, promote healthy lifestyles and literacy, offering structured and inclusive activities to children who might not otherwise have access.

Alan White, Charity Development Manager at Clyde FC Community Foundation, explained:

“Through this funding, we can provide after-school clubs in areas where financial barriers exist, ensuring children in disadvantaged communities have access to the benefits of sport.”

Supporting Children with Disabilities

Bright Sparks SCIO, based in Midlothian, provides youth clubs for children and young people with disabilities. With support from the Bright Futures Fund, they are able to enhance their evening club activities, offering a safe and inclusive space where young people can engage in adaptive outdoor play, arts and crafts, board games, and sensory experiences.

Jennifer Martin, Operations Manager at Bright Sparks SCIO, shared the impact of the funding:

“This support allows us to continue providing children with disabilities the opportunity to play, learn, and connect in a secure and welcoming environment.”

Looking ahead:

A Growing Commitment

As we reflect on the achievements of the Bright Futures Fund, we are more determined than ever to expand its reach. JCT and SCLT are committed to increasing the fund's capacity, ensuring that even more charities can access the resources they need to support Scotland's most vulnerable children and young people.

Moving forward, our focus will remain on:

- Increasing awareness of the fund to ensure we reach more charities.
- Maintaining a simple application process to allow charities to focus on their work rather than complex funding paperwork.
- Responding to emerging challenges to ensure we continue to meet the needs of Scotland's young people.

The Bright Futures Fund represents more than just financial support; it's a lifeline for charities that make a real difference. At JCT, we are proud to stand alongside these incredible organisations, helping to shape a future where every child in Scotland has the opportunity to thrive.



Scottish Children's LOTTERY Trust



Changing Young Lives: JCT and The Scotto Partner with Scottish Children's Lottery Trust

The Jackpot Community Trust (JCT) is committed to making a lasting impact through strategic partnerships that uplift communities and change lives.

One such partnership is with the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust (SCLT), a grant-giving organisation dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable children across Scotland. By working together, JCT and SCLT have established the Bright Futures Fund, a powerful initiative that extends vital support to charities working with young people in need.

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A Shared Mission: Supporting Scotland's Children

The Scottish Children's Lottery Trust was founded to distribute good cause funding generated from the Scottish Children's Lottery, which has been operating since 2016. Its core mission is to address the challenges faced by children and young people across Scotland by funding local initiatives that alleviate poverty, social exclusion, deprivation, disability, or illness.

Jackpot Community Trust shares this commitment to ensuring that children, regardless of their circumstances, have access to opportunities that help them thrive. This alignment in vision made SCLT a natural partner for JCT, paving the way for a collaborative approach to grant funding that would maximise the impact of charitable giving.

The Power of Grant Funding: Commitment to Maximising Impact

JCT recognises that sustainable, meaningful change is often achieved through partnerships that pool resources and expertise. By teaming up with SCLT, JCT has strengthened its ability to reach a broad network of grassroots organisations dedicated to supporting children and young people.

JCT's funding support for SCLT is not just about financial backing – it's about leveraging its role as a funder to drive impactful change. In 2024, JCT contributed £50,000 to the newly established Bright Futures Fund, matching SCLT's commitment to create a total funding pot of £100,000. This fund ensures that smaller charities working directly with children have access to much-needed financial support, enabling them to continue their invaluable work.

Funding Impact



Sports equipment provided to West Lothian Youth Foundation to support over 800 children attending their activities

QUARRIERS

Enable 60 young people to attend Quarriers 4-week summer activity programme

Partnering with SCLT to Expand JCT's Reach

JCT's collaboration with SCLT has allowed the organisation to extend its reach to charities that may not have been able to access funding otherwise. With SCLT's established grant-distribution framework, JCT's support is directed efficiently to organisations that need it most. In its first year, the Bright Futures Fund awarded grants to 99 charities, impacting over 15,000 children and young people across Scotland.

This approach aligns with JCT's wider funding strategy – working alongside other grant providers to maximise the reach and efficiency of charitable funding. By ensuring that funds are allocated through an organisation experienced in supporting children's charities, JCT is amplifying the effectiveness of its philanthropic efforts.

The Bright Futures Fund:

A Joint Commitment to Scotland's Young People

The Bright Futures Fund, established through the partnership between JCT and SCLT, embodies JCT's vision for targeted and effective giving. The fund provides grants of £1,000 to registered charities supporting children and young people, with a particular focus on organisations tackling the effects of poverty. From providing cost-of-living support to funding educational and mentoring initiatives, the fund ensures that charities on the front lines of youth support receive the help they need to continue making a difference.

JCT's involvement in the Bright Futures Fund represents more than just financial support – it is a demonstration of its belief in the power of strategic giving. By joining forces with SCLT, JCT has helped create an accessible funding stream that addresses real, immediate needs within Scotland's most vulnerable communities.

Looking ahead:

JCT's Ongoing Commitment to Supporting Children's Charities

JCT's partnership with SCLT is set to continue into 2025, with both organisations once again committing to a joint funding pot of £100,000 for the Bright Futures Fund. Applications for the next round of funding will open in late 2025, ensuring that even more charities can benefit from this initiative.

For JCT, this partnership is about more than just funding – it is about creating sustainable, long-term change. By working with organisations like SCLT, JCT can ensure that its charitable contributions make a tangible difference in the lives of Scotland's children.

The partnership between JCT and the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust exemplifies JCT's commitment to strategic philanthropy. By combining resources, expertise, and shared vision, both organisations have created a funding stream that directly benefits children and young people in need. JCT looks forward to continuing this impactful collaboration, ensuring that its support reaches those who need it most and helping to build brighter futures across Scotland.

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