

DTAS Annual Conference 2024

# Annual Review

2023-2024



**Development  
Trusts Association  
Scotland**

**A Thriving Community-led Network**



**Community  
Ownership  
Support Service**

**Development Trusts Association Scotland**



**DEMOCRATIC  
FINANCE  
SCOTLAND**

Transforming community wealth

# The Year in DTAS



DTAS Member Support



Community Ownership  
Support Service



Research & Insights Team



Community Shares Scotland /  
Democratic Finance Scotland



Policy Work



The Year Ahead

# DTAS Member Support

359 – Members

102 – Aspiring Members



- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Renewables
- ❖ Churches
- ❖ Active Transport
- ❖ Community hubs
- ❖ Woodlands
- ❖ Childcare
- ❖ Income Advice
- ❖ Tourism
- ❖ Campsites
- ❖ Restoration
- ❖ Sports Facilities
- ❖ Piers/Harbours
- ❖ Food Production
- ❖ Forestry
- ❖ Social Activities

## Aspiring Communities

- Toolkits & Guidance

## Development Officers

- 1:1 Guidance & Advice
- Training
- Priority on in-person visits
- Regional Networking

## Members Benefits

- VAT, Legal, Finance & HR
- Coaching & Wellbeing



## Peer to Peer

- Support Groups
- Shared Learning

## Green Shoots Funding

- £132,057 distributed

## Strengthening Communities Programme

- 31 organisations supported
- £1.1 million

## Crisis & Resilience Support Package

- 19 organisations supported
- Crisis Comms
- Mediation



# DTAS Members

## DT SNAPSHOT

### Average Development Trust

Overview of the key average statistics for development trusts across Scotland in DTAS Membership. Based on findings from the 2023 Members Survey\*

\*2023 members survey covered 51% of DTAS members, 173 responses out of 342.

#### OVERVIEW

Organisation size and Membership



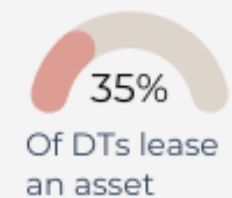
#### INCOME AND FUNDING

**£277,552**  
Average Annual Income

**£92,775**  
Average Earned Income



#### ASSETS



Most members own two types of asset (land/woodland and buildings).



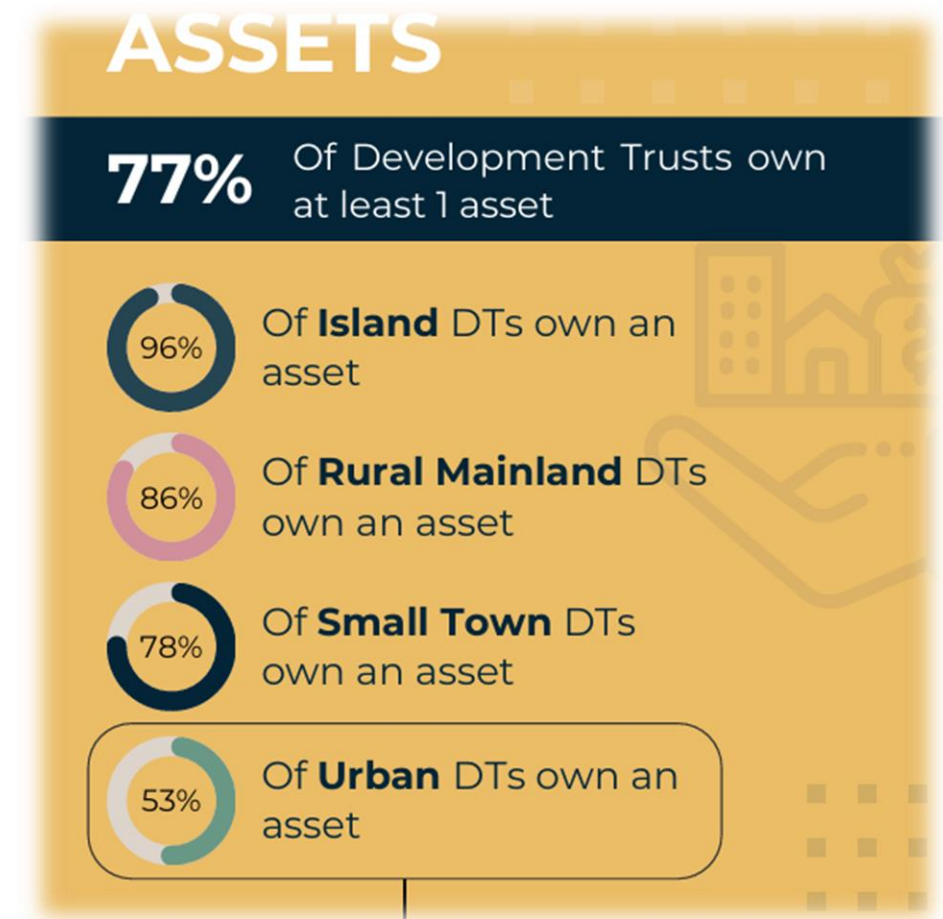
#### Integration Work:

Demonstrating the value of what development trusts do – create inspiring, inclusive spaces and places for people of all abilities, including adults with learning disabilities.



## Advisor Support

- Expert advice on all aspects of community ownership for communities and public bodies
- Training courses for community groups on all aspects of sustainable asset transfer
- CPD training in Asset Transfer for public and private bodies and other intermediaries
- Partnership working with other support agencies



**99 NEW communities assisted**

**850 participants at training courses**

**150 groups supported through the process**

**245 Asset Transfers (total)**

## Community Ownership Fund

- 47 organisations successful
- £17 million for asset development in Scotland to date.





# Facilities Management



Community  
Ownership  
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Funded by William Grant Foundation, Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) has delivered a two-year facilities management pilot programme ending March 2024 (now extended 2026).

## 1 – 1 Support

**75 groups have been supported directly by the DTAS Facilities Management advisor**

Predominately community centres, hubs, and village halls providing a mix of facilities and services. Other assets types have included shops, short-term holiday lets, piers and marinas, renewable energy installations, woodland, and housing.

## Training

**90 groups completed 2-day training**

An external facilities management expert covering regulatory requirements, operational management, fostering strategic facilities management.

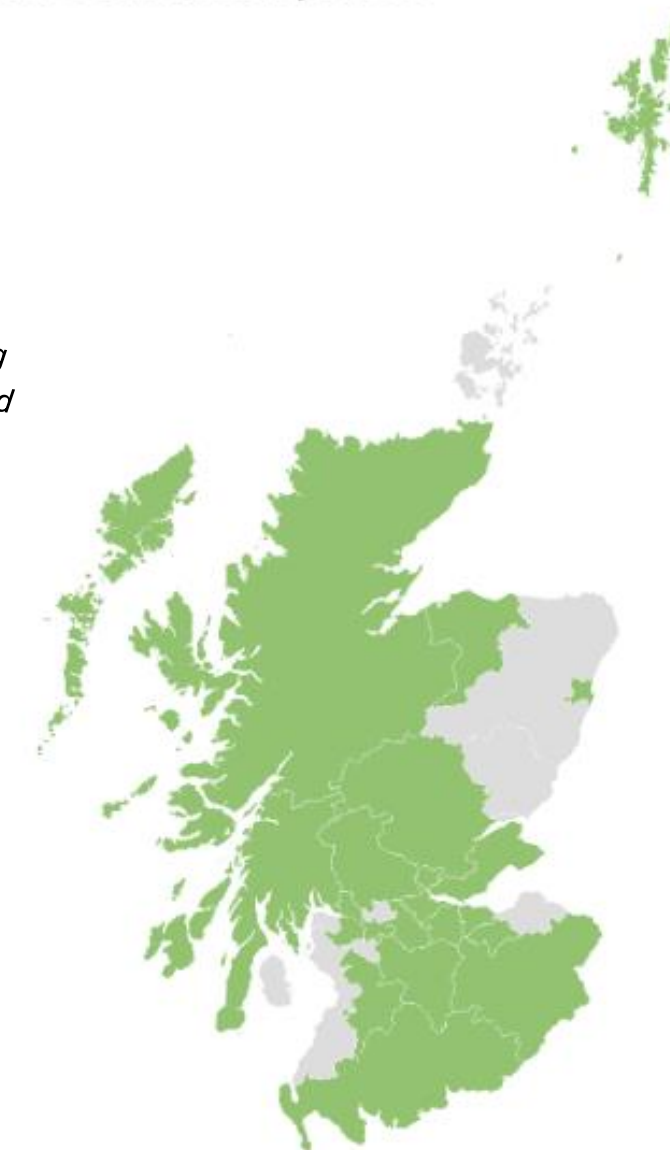
## Online Resources

**Digital facilities management support resources** as follows:

- Tasks required for managing your community facility checklist – 225 downloads
- The community hub manual contents list – 198 downloads
- Day 1 what should be in place checklist – 178 downloads
- Building handover checklist – 133 downloads

## FM Supported Local Authority Areas

*"very positive, knowledgeable and engaging trainer who covered everything that you could possibly think of with hopefully great resources to fall back on... I would highly recommend this training to other 3rd sector organisations."*





Development Trusts Association Scotland



Transforming community wealth

**£20 million**  
**raised through shares**

**18,000 citizen**  
**investors**

# Research & Insights

## Members Survey

- ❖ 51% of members responded
- ❖ Extensive Analysis
- ❖ Upcoming campaigns and lobbying

## COSS Churches

- ❖ Analysis of upcoming opportunities and challenges

## Democratic Finance

- ❖ Common Good Funds
- ❖ Community Lotteries
- ❖ Community Benefit Funds

## Case Studies

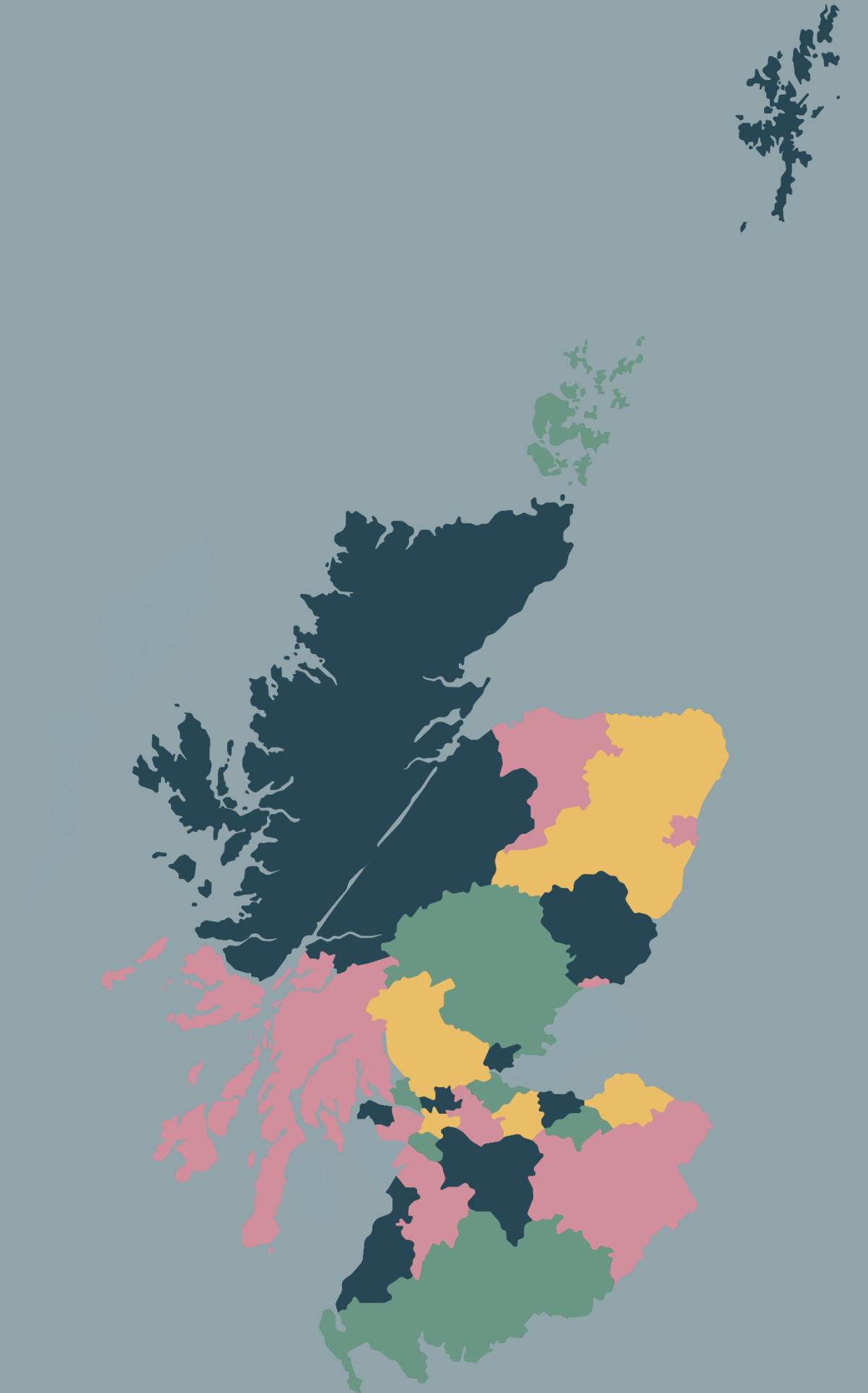
- ❖ Collating a range of case studies

## DTAS Debates

- ❖ Internal
- ❖ External (members only)
  - ❖ Community Benefits
  - ❖ Democracy Matters
  - ❖ Burnout

## Impact Reporting & Analysis

- ❖ Strengthening Communities Programme
- ❖ Analysing Community Wealth Building survey data





# Policy & Influencing Work

## ❖ Various Scottish Government consultations incl.

- ✓ Budget Scrutiny
- ✓ Land Reform
- ✓ Just Transition
- ✓ Depopulation Action Plan
- ✓ Wellbeing and Sustainability Bill

## ❖ Community Wealth Building

- ✓ Online events
- ✓ Members Survey
- ✓ In-person event with Minister



## ❖ Scottish Community Coalition on Energy

- ✓ DTAS, Community Energy Scotland, Community Land Scotland and Scottish Communities Finance
- ✓ Call for Action
  - ✓ 100% Community Ownership
  - ✓ Shared Ownership
  - ✓ Community Wealth Fund
  - ✓ Community Benefits

## ❖ Democracy Matters (Local Governance Review)

- ✓ Deep dive events
- ✓ DTAS Debates session
- ✓ Survey
- ✓ Next Steps

# The Year Ahead



## Member Support

- ❖ Community Anchor Standard Mark
- ❖ Resilience Support
- ❖ 4 Nations – Community Connections

## Community Ownership

- ❖ Sustainability Support
- ❖ Increasing demand incl. Police stations, Churches, public and private properties and land

## Democratic Finance

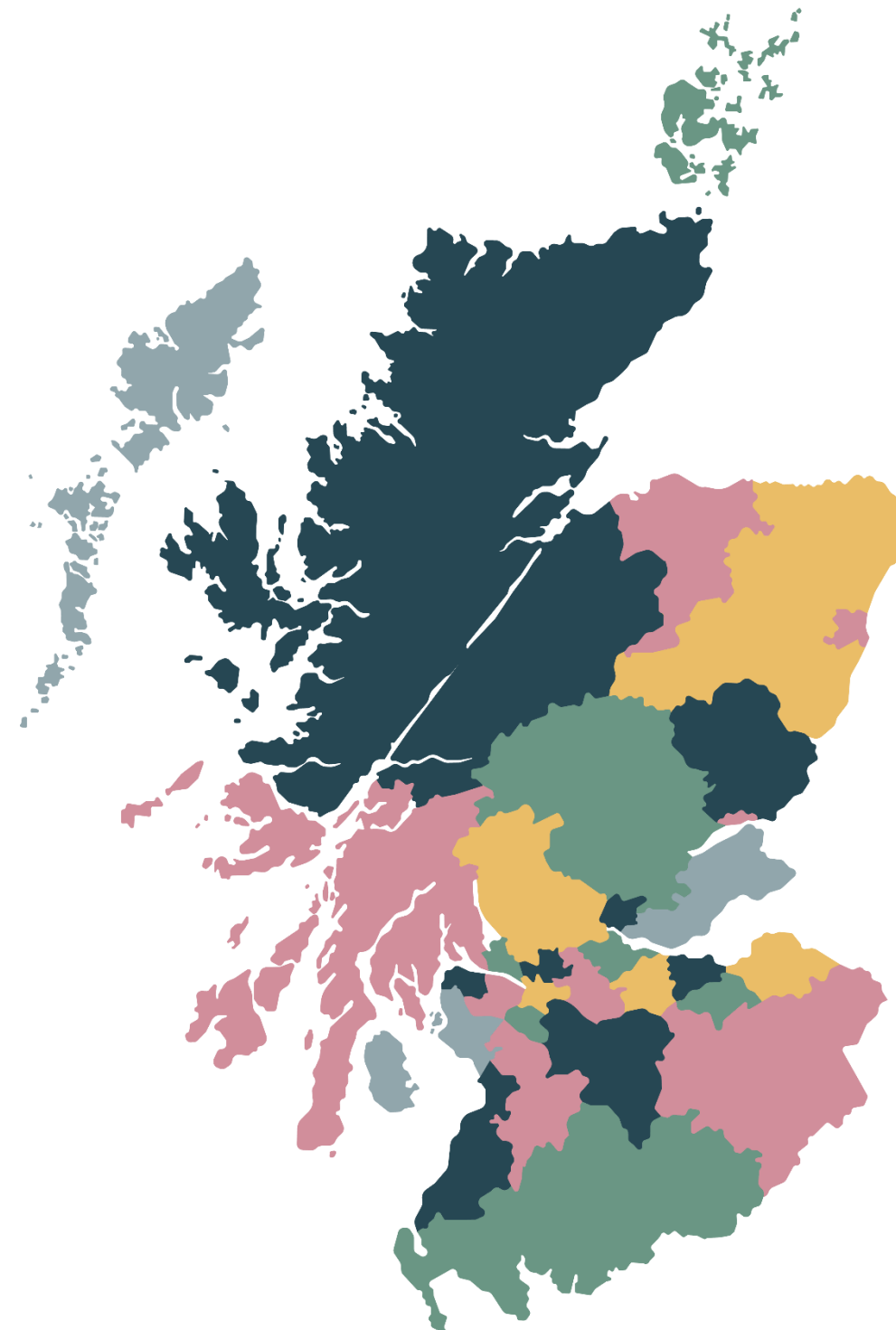
- ❖ Renewable Energy
- ❖ Legacy Giving
- ❖ Community Lotteries
- ❖ Scottish Community Coalition on Energy +

## Research & Insights

- ❖ DTAS Debates
- ❖ Economics for Development Trusts

## Policy & Influencing

- ❖ Advisory Groups
- ❖ Local Democracy
- ❖ Strengthening Community Infrastructures





# Thank you!

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