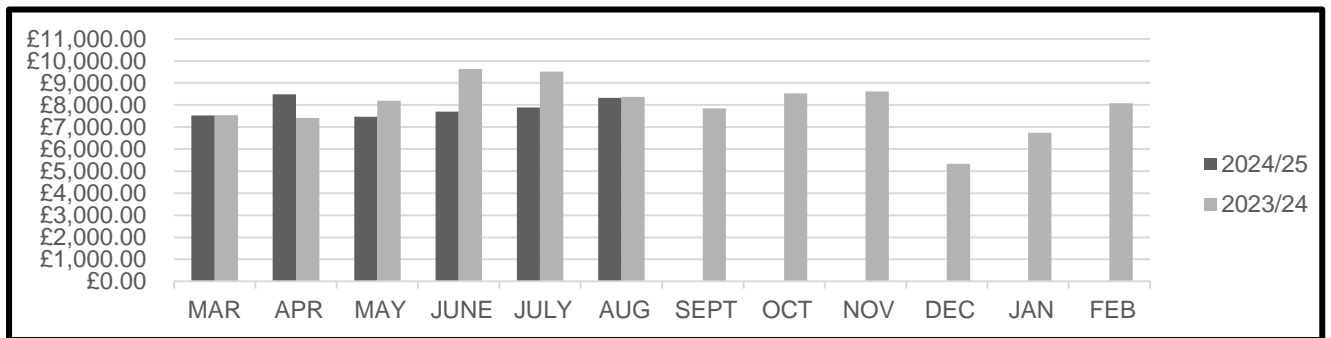


# NEWSLETTER

MARCH - AUGUST 2024



During this six-month period the Age Concern Ayr shop took in an amazing £47,369.68 plus £1,261.21 in salvage. This is all thanks to our donors and shop customers and our wonderful volunteer team!



Remember, all Age Concern Ayr's trustees are also volunteers and all funds raised are used to support older people in South Ayrshire.

This income enabled the **Age Concern Ayr Advice Centre** to provide its much-needed service for older people. During this 6-month period our administrator, Alan, was able to support 107 clients, although these figures do not include the many who are assisted without booking an appointment. Those who made appointments had a range of needs:



- 56 Attendance Allowance
- 33 Blue Badges
- 5 Pension Credit
- 8 Benefit checks
- 5 Miscellaneous

That's 107 people getting the help they desperately needed thanks to your volunteering and support.



Your support enabled **Age Concern Ayr's Grass Cutting Scheme** to carry out fortnightly subsidised grass cuts for 87 clients during the growing season. This service is greatly valued by the older people who benefit from it, and demand is such that your work has enabled us to extend the scheme to 100 clients if needed.



In addition, Age Concern Ayr was able to donate £300 to the **Cycling Without Age Ayr** project.

This project takes people who struggle with mobility for a bracing ride along Ayr promenade in a special bicycle ridden by a trained 'pilot'.

Age Concern Ayr also provided paid entry for **The Robert Burns Museum** and vouchers for tea and scones. A great day out for those local older residents who participated.



Our latest project was to fund **100 Emergency Toiletry Packs** for older residents in hospital who do not have family or friends who can bring them these essentials. The packs are now held at Ayr Hospital.

And finally, thanks to your work and support, in June, Age Concern Ayr was presented with a **Special Recognition Award** for more than 40 years charity work in Ayr at VASA's South Ayrshire Volunteer Awards event.

**THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEER TEAM, OUR DONORS AND CUSTOMERS FOR MAKING THIS ALL HAPPEN!**