

Trustees Annual Report
for
Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO
for the period
to 30th November 2022

Scottish Charity No: SC042828

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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO

Scottish Charity No: SC042828

The Charities Principal Address: 7 High Street
EARLSTON
Berwickshire
TD4 6HQ

Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

Chairperson	Mags Powell
Treasurer	Tracey Anderson
Secretary	Jackie Kinmond
Trustee	Anne Jepson
Trustee	Gill Cooper

Names of other trustees during the period:

Wilma Brennan	Resigned March 22
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Independent Examiner: Sue Bennett ACIE
21 Dounehill
JEDBURGH
TD8 6LJ

Bankers: The Royal Bank of Scotland
35 Bank Street
GALASHEILS
TD1 1EP

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

First registered as a Charity on 28th December 2011 then registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) whose constitution was signed 26th January 2012.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

A person shall not be eligible for election or appointment to the board unless they are an Ordinary Member of the organisation or has been nominated for election/appointment to the board by an Ordinary Member which is an organisation.

At each AGM the Ordinary Members may elect any Ordinary Member to be a Charity Trustee. At each AGM, all of the Charity Trustees must retire from office - but may then be re-elected under clause 58 of the constitution.

Membership of the Trust is open for residents of Earlston, any person wishing to apply must sign a written application for membership which will then be considered by the Trustees.

Objectives & Activities

The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments(Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO are the following:-

- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

Its aim is to help the village of Earlston develop facilities that can be owned and managed by the people of Earlston for the benefit of the whole community.

Our goals are to provide services and facilities for recreation and other leisure time facilities for the Earlston area following principles of sustainable development and in the interests of social welfare so that local people's conditions of life may be improved; and to provide an example of best practice for similar organisation's both regionally and nationally.

Mission Statement

"To meet the social, cultural, environmental, educational and other needs of the communities of the Earlston Area (Earlston and surrounding communities) by providing facilities, services and carrying out other relevant activities. The Trust will be run by the people of Earlston area for the people of Earlston area"

Achievement & Performance for 2022

Earlston Community Larder



Following the successful grant application to the Lottery's "Together for our Planet" fund to set up a Community Larder we have been busy this year developing this project.

The Community Larder will benefit everyone in the village as well as stopping surplus food going to landfill so reducing food waste. In addition to this we have ran two seed and seedling swap events and three home-grown fruit and vegetable swap events over the year again encouraging the community to reduce food waste and also to try growing their own fruit and vegetables.

These events were well attended and a variety of people brought a variety of different seeds, seedlings and produce along and we had some attendees keen to have a go at growing their own from the surplus.



October we had an Apple Press and people brought their surplus apples along and we pressed a variety of different apples into some lovely juice. Whilst working on the monthly seed swaps in the village we asked Lauder Larder to join us. They supported and encouraged us to set up a Larder in Earlston and then the Earlston Community Larder was started.



The Community Cafe volunteers (Earlston parish Church) had heard that we were looking for premises to hold the Larder and they approached us in the late summer to offer a space at their cafe on a Wednesday 10.30am-12pm.

Achievement & Performance Cont'd

The first session of the Community Larder at the Church Hall in Earlston was the 30th of November 2022. Since then, we have been open every Wednesday and we added in the 2nd Saturday of the month.



The Community Cafe is also now open an additional session a month on that day and provides free tea and coffee to those in the community who come down to use the Larder, but also as an additional cafe and warm space.

We collect surplus food from the local Co-op and Premier stores and welcome donations from the local community. We are lucky to get a Fareshare delivery twice a month and this maintains the basics that we can offer to those who are in need of food.

We also accept cash donations from the Larder users and have been able to buy basic hygiene products, tinned meat, pasta sauces and a few other staples. This added bonus of cash is a welcome addition that we did not expect.



The health centre staff have been very supportive by being a named collection point for donations when we are not open at the church hall and offer collection from there for emergency parcels.

We now have a group of 15 volunteers.

Going forward we plan to audit the use of the larder in May 2023 and put out a questionnaire to the community via a Facebook poll to canvass the views of Earlston users.



Membership of ECDT – have your say

ECDT is a community owned development trust. In practice this works by encouraging local residents from the community to become members. Joining ECDT shows your support for creating a sustainable community and allows the opportunity for residents to work together to make a positive difference to their community.

If you have any ideas for projects that you would like to see ECDT running in Earlston, please become a member of ECDT. Anyone can join, it is open to all – youth, individuals, community groups and businesses. Being a member doesn't cost anything and the level of involvement is entirely up to yourself. It can be as simple as receiving minutes of our meetings to keep you updated on our work.

If you would like to become a member or would like to discuss further then please get in touch via our website www.earlston.net or Facebook page.

It's our community and together we can make it better!

Achievement & Performance Cont'd

Sincere Thanks:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all contributors for their continual support, generosity and hard work over the last year pulling together for the benefit of the community, as without you it wouldn't have been possible. In particular all our volunteers, Earlston in Bloom, Earlston Community Church, Earlston Community Council, Earlston Co-Op, Earlston Premier Shop, Purple Plum, Earlston Health Centre, Scottish Borders Council Eildon Foodbank and Lauder Larder.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

It is the Trust's aims to have a years running cost held in the bank.

Details of any deficit:

There is a small financial deficit this year, the Trustees are aware of this and will continue to monitor the balance.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mags Powell

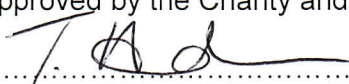
Mags Powell
Chairperson

Dated: 6/3/23

Receipts & Payments Account
Year Ended 30th November 2022

Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Receipts					
Donations		22.41	0.00	22.41	0.00
Grants	1	0.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	0.00
Other Charitable Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest		2.68	0.00	2.68	0.82
Total Receipts		25.09	3,150.00	3,175.09	0.82
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses from Charitable Activities	1	384.79	184.42	569.21	361.12
Independent Examination		125.00	0.00	125.00	100.00
Governance Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments		509.79	184.42	694.21	461.12
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(484.70)	2,965.58	2,480.88	(460.30)
Transfer between Funds		350.00	(350.00)		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(134.70)	2,615.58	2,480.88	(460.30)
Statement of Balances as at 30th November 2022					
		Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Balances at Start of Year		281.40	941.86	1,223.26	1,683.56
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(134.70)	2,615.58	2,480.88	(460.30)
Balances at End of Year		146.70	3,557.44	3,704.14	1,223.26
Other Assets					
See note	2			4,056.70	4,056.70
Liabilities					
No Outstanding Liabilities					

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed..... 

Treasurer

Dated..... 8/3/23

Notes to the Accounts	2022	2021
1. Grants		
Lottery Main Grants	3,150.00	0.00
	£3,150.00	0.00
2. Expenses from Charitable Activities		
Insurance	384.79	361.12
Printing	7.40	0.00
Expenses for Seed Swap	106.10	0.00
Expenses for Orchard Project	70.92	0.00
	£569.21	£361.12

3. Assets of Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO as at 30th November 2022

	2021	Additions	2022
Juicer/Pasteuriser	217.99	0.00	217.99
Drier & Thermometer	315.95	0.00	315.95
Grass Cutter	679.00	0.00	679.00
Orchard Project Tools & Materials	2443.76	0.00	2443.76
6 x Gazebos	400.00	0.00	400.00
Total	4056.70	0.00	4056.70

4. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

5. Nature & Purpose of Funds

The statements of account for the year show the financial figures for the Charity. Restricted funds are for the project listed and for the sole use of the Charity and its running costs.

Funds as at 30th November 2022 as made up as follows:

Restricted		
Orchard Town Project	-45.09	
Community Day Project	782.04	
Rhymer Riders	83.99	
Community Larder	<u>2,736.50</u>	3,557.44
Unrestricted		
General Funds	124.29	
Community Larder	<u>22.41</u>	146.70
Total		£3,704.14

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO
Registered charity number SC042828
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 30th November 2022
Set out on Pages 9 to 10

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

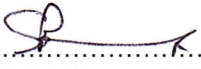
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Sue Bennett 21 Dounehill Jedburgh

Date: 

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:
ACIE & Dip Business & Finance