

Trustees Annual Report

for

Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO
for the period

to 30th November 2024



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	Sarah Petrie - May 24
Secretary	Jackie Kinmond
Trustee	Gill Cooper
Trustee	Rosie Cooper

Names of other trustees during the period:

Tracey Anderson	Resigned May 24
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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:

our 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 2024



2024 carried on successfully with the Community Larder offering the food share on a Wednesday morning at the community Cafe in the Church Hall, alongside the volunteers from the church. It was decided this year to drop the monthly Saturday larders due to low attendance.



The Community Larder is open to everyone in the village and we work to reduce surplus food going to landfill so reducing food waste. On average, we have 15 people collecting food and usually, one or two donations of food from members of the public, over and above what we collect from Morrisons, the Premier store and the health centre. We still get a Fareshare delivery twice a month, and this maintained the basics that we offered to those who are in need of food. We supplied 2 or 3 families a food parcel on a weekly basis, supported by the health centre staff who dropped the parcels off. We are contactable by the community if anyone is struggling with buying food.

We had a few seed swaps and home-grown fruit and vegetable swap events over the spring and summer, encouraging the community to reduce food waste and, also to try growing their own fruit and vegetables. These events were well attended and more people brought a variety of different seeds, seedlings and produce along. We also had some attendees keen to have a go at growing their own from the surplus for the first time.



We received cash donations from a Xmas fundraiser we participated in, as well as a donation from Brakes Community Benefit Rebate received by Scottish Borders Council. The users of the Larder also supports the project with regular cash donations each week. This has allowed us to buy basic hygiene products, tinned meat, pasta sauces and a few other staples. Over the year we have received £984.23 in donations and we spent £426.79

In addition, we have a community herb planter which is situated next to the bus stop in the square and we encourage the community to help themselves to these herbs when they need them. A huge thanks to Earlston in Bloom for taking over the upkeep of the planter, it is very much appreciated.



Achievement & Performance for 2024 cont'd

Orchard Town Project

We carried out pruning of the trees in the Cauldie. There were trees bearing fruit over the summer which quickly disappeared – which is great to see the community benefitting from this.

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.

We were pleased to be able to take forward a request from a member of the public to set up a community book share. The church hall kindly agreed to accommodate it and provided the bookshelf. This appears to be well used by the 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!

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 wonderful dedicated volunteers, individual supporters, The Red Lion, Earlston in Bloom, Earlston Community Church, Earlston Community Council, Earlston Co-Op, Earlston Morrison's, Earlston Premier Shop, Purple Plum, Earlston Health Centre, Well Fed, Scottish Borders Council Eildon Foodbank, Lauder Larder, Brakes Community Benefit Rebate and Scottish Borders Council

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 was no financial deficit this year, the Trustees 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
Chairperson

Dated: 22/3/2025

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 30th November 2024

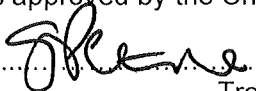
Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts					
Donations		419.97	0.00	419.97	1,004.68
Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Charitable Activities		956.56	0.00	856.56	0.00
Bank Interest		14.95	0.00	14.95	22.99
Total Receipts		971.51	00.00	971.51	1,027.67
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses from Charitable Activities	2	655.00	23.29	678.29	3,474.15
Independent Examination		150.00	0.00	150.00	125.00
Governance Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments		805.00	23.29	828.29	3,599.15
Net Receipts/(Payments)		166.51	(23.29)	143.22	2,571.48)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		166.51	(23.29)	143.22	(2,571.48)

Statement of Balances as at 30 th November 2023	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Balances at Start of Year	1,109.37	23.29	1,132.66	3,704.14
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	166.51	(23.29)	143.22	(2,571.48)
Balances at End of Year	1,275.88	0.00	1,275.88	1,132.66

Other Assets				
See note	3		5,580.70	5,580.70

Liabilities
No Outstanding Liabilities

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

Signed..........
Treasurer

Dated.....23/3/25.....

Notes to the Accounts	2024	2023
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1. Income from Charitable Activities

Community Larder	956.56	0.00
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2. Expenses from Charitable Activities

Insurance	89.60	418.11
Printing	5.70	98.00
Expenses for Orchard Project	0.00	0.00
Expenses Community Larder Seed Swap	582.99	2,958.04
	£678.29	£3,474.15

3. Assets of Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO as at 30th November 2024

	2023	Additions	2024
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
2 x Pop Up Banners	384.00	0.00	384.00
Matlock Planter with Seat	1,140.00	0.00	1,140.00
Total	5,580.70	0.00	5,580.70

4. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

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

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

5. Nature & Purpose of Funds

The statements of account for the year show the unrestricted financial figures for the Charity.

Funds as at 30th November 2024 as made up as follows:

Unrestricted		
General Funds	818.84	
Community Larder	457.04	
		1,275.88
Total		£1,275.88

The funds are held as follows:

Bank Account	1,139.93
Cash Account	135.95
Total	£1,275.88

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 2024
Set out on Pages 8 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

