

Brunton Bequest Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC008464

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1940-01-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Bowden & Melrose Parish Church Weirhill St Mary's Road Melrose Scottish Borders TD6 9LJ
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Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: '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 relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Income is for the benefit of helping those in the Parish of Bowden. This includes financial help at Christmas and supporting activities connected with children and the elderly in the parish.

Beneficiaries: 'Older People'

Objectives: For the prevention or relief of poverty by making grants towards the accommodation, maintenance or general welfare of any persons including children residing in the former Parish of Bowden For the provision of recreational facilities and/or the organisation of recreational activities in the former Parish of Bowden by awarding grants to those charitable organisations carrying out these objects in the former Parish of Bowden

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Scottish Borders
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£3,485	£1,134	-	0
2024-12-31	£4,222	£3,526	-	0
2023-12-31	£7,781	£5,269	-	0
2022-12-31	£3,336	£1,354	-	0
2021-12-31	£3,622	£2,276	-	0
2020-12-31	£2,949	£4,315	-	0

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings			3,485		3,485	4,222
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	-	-	3,485	-	3,485	4,222
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	3,485	-	3,485	4,222
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs			300		300	237
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations			1,134		1,134	3,289
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	-	-	1,434	-	1,434	3,526
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments						4,981
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	-	-	1,434	-	1,434	8,507
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	2,051	-	2,051	(4,285)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	2,051	-	2,051	(4,285)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	3,427				3,427	7,712
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,051				2,051	(4,285)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	5,478	-	-		5,478	3,427
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	2,051	-	6,336		2,051	#REF!

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	1283 National Grid	Expendable Endowment	14,645	12,189
	688 GSK PLC ORD GBP0.3125	Expendable Endowment	12,553	9,264
	860 HALEON PLC ORD GBP0.01	Expendable Endowment	3,223	3,246
	4,877 Merchants Trust	Expendable Endowment	29,067	26,872
	800 Shell PLC ORD EURO 07	Expendable Endowment	21,920	19,808
	565 Monks Investment Trust ORD GBP0.01	Expendable Endowment	8,475	7,142
		Total	89,883	78,521

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

Rosemary Frew	REV ROSEMARY FREW	26.6.26

APPENDIX 1

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	January	2025	To	31	December	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

The Brunton Bequest Trust

SC008464

Bowden & Melrose Parish Church

Weirhill

St Mary's Road

Melrose

Postcode TD6 9LJ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev R Frew	Chairperson		
2	Mr C Armstrong			
3	Mrs I Armstrong			
4	Dr J Gaddie			
5	Lord Sanderson of Bowden			
6	Lady Sanderson			
7	Mr K Swinton		From April 2025	Kirk Session
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Trust was established by a Disposition in Trust dated 20 September 1848 as amended on 6 August 2009

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The Trustees are Elders of Bowden Kirk living within Bowden Village

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Income is for the benefit of helping those in need resident in the Parish of Bowden and for the prevention or relief of poverty by making grants towards accommodation, maintenance or general welfare of any persons including children residing in the former Parish of Bowden.
For the provision of recreational facilities and/or the organisation of recreational activities in the former Parish of Bowden by awarding grants to those charitable organisation carrying out these objects in the former Parish of Bowden.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Each year the Trustees consider:

- 1) Those in the parish who would benefit from some financial assistance at Christmas.
- 2) Any request from Village Committees which will require finance for activities connected with children and the elderly in the parish.
- 3) We give power to the minister to report any special requests.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Grants were awarded

to pay rental for the village hall for the monthly coffee morning
to pay grants to 2 villagers
to fund a Christmas celebration following Carol Singing
to support the village New Year celebration

Ongoing support for the village defibrillator will be paid out in 2026.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Expendable Endowment Fund produces income for distribution. Any excess cash built up is utilised to purchase investments.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rosemary Frew	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	26 June 2026	

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	The Brunton Bequest Trust					
Registered charity number	SC	SC008464					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] - 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 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed**					Date:	16/1/2026	
Name:	Gordon S Chisholm						
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant ICAS						
Address:	Inglholm, 71 Eildon Crescent, Melrose, TD6 9RG						

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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