

The Place

Scotland · Charity number SC018055

Details

Known as	The Place Youth Centre
Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1983-03-02
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	9-13 High Street Alness Ross-Shire IV17 0QB
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', '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 human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Our charity although established many years ago has gone from strength to strength since COVID. Our overriding aim is to provide a warm/welcoming environment for young people offering support and guidance when needed . With both Drop In and Field we were able to deliver youth work in a completely different way. The Drop In is open 6 nights a week/5 days with The Field also complementing our programme offering wider achievement opportunities. We work closely with partner agencies that use both Drop In facilities or field. The Field is used by school groups of all ages, nurseries and other partners. The Place use it to work with groups of non attenders or youngsters who struggle to work in a school environment. We also use it as a community resource to deliver playschemes/family fun days and community events. The Drop In is used by different partners such as SDS/Young mum's group/many unaccompanied asylum seeker groups/Mikeysline (a mental health support group) and youth clubs.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: Objects:- (a)To promote the benefit of youth and unemployed in Alness and environs without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, by associating the Local Authorities, voluntary organisations

and youth in a common effort to advance the education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and lesiure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said young people.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£291,844	£258,159	-	13
2024-03-31	£243,266	£254,603	-	12
2023-03-31	£209,442	£197,309	-	10
2022-03-31	£183,509	£196,879	-	3
2021-03-31	£105,811	£107,112	-	3

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

CHARITY NUMBER SC018055

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Charity information

Charity Name and Number

The Place: Registered Charity Number - SC018055



Independent Examiner

Accuquin Ltd
Torbreck
Mill Street
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GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Unincorporated Association

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT

Appointment and removal as in accordance with the constitution.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable purposes

To provide a safe environment to allow our members to have fun. To help young people to achieve their potential in all aspects of life so that they become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Having moved into our new building in March 24 it was all hands on deck transforming an old bank into a young person friendly environment. As always we delivered an Easter playscheme, a three week summer playscheme and an October playscheme. All were well attended and the focus was on providing hot meals for all. All playschemes were led by young leaders which then contributed to them gaining recognised qualifications. We also held a number of family fun days which attracted huge numbers.

In addition we also had two residentials for teenagers to Badaguish followed by an Alton Towers trip in October.

At The Field we delivered 5 school groups a week with all groups taking part in diverse activities and all working towards recognised qualifications.

The Field became a huge community asset and used by many partners with a huge uptake from local primary schools and nurseries which has always been the intention. Some of the regular partners who use The Field weekly have a focus on mental health and wellbeing and get referrals from the local GP surgery.

The youngsters attending The Field have been responsible for making the 40+ hanging baskets for our town and planning and delivering the Christmas Fayre and other such community events such as the gala "Fling in the Field"

The Field has also been used for a number of charity events raising huge amounts of money towards local charities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Young people are involved in every aspect of our project. Our senior youngsters are now helping younger members to work towards their Youth Achievement Awards and are skilled enough to help pull together portfolios. In addition to the 144 H15 awards, 40 Dynamic Youth Awards and 16 bronze folders completed last year we now have a further 90 young people working towards their Dynamic Youth Awards with at least 40 of these going on to complete their Bronze YAA which will give them a Nat 4 qualification. We are getting into a rhythm of working with our groups now. The Construction group in the Academy are now using The Field

For the second year in a row one of our young leaders has been recognised as the HTSI volunteer of the year with over 1000 volunteering hours. He also sits on the Scottish Youth Parliament and has recently been selected to be on the UK Youth Parliament and has also had the opportunity to speak within the House of Commons. He has held two hustings when our area had elections. All of these have been possible as a direct result of activities delivered in The Field and by The Place.

The Field has been embraced by the community and we are approached almost daily with groups and services wanting to use the resource as everyone can see the benefits it has to health and wellbeing. From toddler groups, mental health groups, employability groups and everything in between The Field is used daily. It is predominantly used for our young people and they have the final say on all planned activities and developments of the space. Education have started to see the benefits of the resource for non-attending youngsters and also for wider achievement hence the reason The Place are hosting 5 groups a week of youngsters on limited timetables.

We don't see The Field or The Drop In as being adult led but we're there to support the youngsters and our job is to listen to what they want and if possible support them to achieve that. It sounds idealistic but it's the truth. The youngsters need to feel ownership of the projects if not we have failed. I think it's fair to say that despite having the most challenging youngsters attend all our activities/venues the fact that they respect them and we don't have vandalism or graffiti shows the sense of pride they have in our organisation.

By knowing our community well and delivering playschemes/workshops within the community we are in effect watching our youngsters grow up. We get to know their strengths and weaknesses from a young age, we are able to gauge their attention spans, their particular interests and skills and also what can be trigger points to bad behaviour for some. Building and maintaining strong, trusting relationships with young people makes it easier for us to encourage and support their active involvement.

As they become older and ask to start volunteering then we already know where we think they will excel, the last thing we would ever do is set a young person up to fail so it's important we get this right. We listen, we hear them and we help action their requests.

It used to be they would maybe request a project which was costly and we would seek funding but we have started encouraging youngsters to either apply for grants for their planned activity or to come up with fundraising ideas and supporting them to deliver them.

OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

As always being part of the third sector continues to be feast or famine.

Due to demand The Drop In has been open for 5 days and 6 evenings a week. At the start of the year the staff and young people sat down and looked at the calendar and decided on a plan of action and timetable for the year. On hindsight this was a good plan as we posted the years programme on social media which meant that all the young people knew what was planned and could save accordingly and also it meant that our partners could see the programme and work round our planned activities to best serve the local community and avoid duplication. We feel the last five years have been a period of change and almost firefighting in an effort to respond to everything, never saying no and stretching our service and delivery. We want to take time to breathe to be able to develop projects. A large proportion of our time is spent applying for funding to enable the sessional staff to deliver the long hours we are open.

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Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes to the accounts.

Responsibilities of the Charity Trustees

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts which give a true and fair view and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The Charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

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 explanations from 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.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant

Professional

body:

Address:



Date: 11 Jan 2026

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	2		
Fixtures & Fittings		3,701.93	-
Plant & Machinery		-	-
Motor Vehicles		-	-
		<u>3,701.93</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		28,144.00	21,350.00
		<u>28,144.00</u>	<u>21,350.00</u>
Current Liabilities			
Loans	1	9,500.00	14,090.00
HMRC PAYE		6,585.76	5,000.00
Accruals and deferred income	4	7,171.50	27,357.00
		<u>23,257.26</u>	<u>46,447.00</u>
Net Assets		<u>8,588.67</u>	<u>- 25,097.00</u>
Funds	3		
As at start of year		- 25,097.00	- 19,090.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		33,685.67	- 6,007.00
Carried forward		<u>8,588.67</u>	<u>- 25,097.00</u>

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Statement of Financial Activites for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Grants	69531.99	185,821.15	255,353.14	208221
Donations	10220		10,220.00	23057
Income from fundraising activities	14524.32		14,524.32	4252
Rental Income	11747		11,747.00	7736
	<u>106023.31</u>	<u>185821.15</u>	<u>291844.46</u>	<u>243266</u>
Expenditure				
Expenses for fundraising activities	28849.25		28,849.25	97012
Trips & Events	11222.99		11,222.99	18938
Wages, NI & pension	29014.28	141,185.17	170,199.45	122656
Rent, Rates & Insurance	12782.84	13,119.00	25,901.84	15997
Subcriptions	926.72		926.72	
Consumables	14403.82		14,403.82	
Bank charges	415.2		415.20	
Telephone and Internet	503.35		503.35	
Repairs	4876.17		4,876.17	13760
Independent examiner	452		452.00	
Professional fees	408		408.00	
	<u>103854.62</u>	<u>154304.17</u>	<u>258,158.79</u>	<u>268363</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>2168.69</u>	<u>31516.98</u>	<u>33685.67</u>	<u>-25097</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	-52015	26918	-25097	
Total funds carried forward	-49846.31	58434.98	8,588.67	

1 Trustees Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustee received any remuneration during the year.

During the financial year, the charity received a loan from [REDACTED] who is a trustee of the charity. The loan was provided to support cash flow while awaiting a grant payment.

Amount of loan advanced : £12,500

Interest terms: Interest free

Repayment terms: Repayable as agreed by the trustee and charity

Balance outstanding at year end: £5,100

The loan was approved in accordance with the charity's governing documents and the trustee did not take part in the decision-making process relating to the agreement of the loan.

No other benefits were provided to the trustee in connection with this transaction.

2 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £
Cost	
As at 1 April 2024	0
Additions	3701.93
Disposals	
As at 31 March 2025	<u>3701.93</u>
NBV at 31 March 2025	<u>3701.93</u>
NBV at 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>

3 Movement in Funds

	As at 01-Apr-24	Income	Expenses	As at 31-Mar-25
Unrestricted Funds	-52015	106023	103855	-49847
Restricted Funds	26918	185821	154304	58435
Total Funds	<u>-25097</u>	<u>291844</u>	<u>258159</u>	<u>8588</u>

4 Deferred Income - Grants Received in Advance

Deferred income relates to grant funding received in the year which relates to activities taking place in future financial periods. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), income is deferred where the charity has not yet met the conditions attaching to the funding of where the funding relates to future periods. The income will be released to the Statement of Financial Activities when the conditions have been met and related activities take place.

	£
Balance at 1 April 2024	27,357
Grants received in the year and deferred	6,972
Released to income in the year	-27,357
Balance at 31 March 2025	6,972

Analysis of year-end deferred income

At the year end the balance relates to the following grants received in advance, both of which relate to staff costs to be incurred in the next financial year:

National Lottery Community Fund - £5,555.50
Highland Council - £1,416

Total deferred income £6,971.50

I confirm that I have read and confirm that I accept and agree the contents of the attached report as accurate and correct, with regards to The Place.



23/01/2026

Previous Interim Chair of The Board of Trustees for The Place