

Mill Cottage SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC020138

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	1992-05-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	20 Ravensheugh Road Musselburgh EH21 7PU
Website	www.mountaineeringscotland/huts/millcottage

Activities

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

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the saving of lives', 'the advancement of public participation in sport'

What the charity does: The purposes of the Mill Cottage SCIO shall be: - 1. for the promotion of safety of all mountaineers and walkers (hereinafter referred to as "mountaineers") in the Cairngorms and other parts of Scotland. and 2. for the ownership of Mill Cottage, by Feshiebridge (hereinafter referred to as the "cottage") or the purchase, leasing or the acquiring of interests in or the taking of options over any property whatsoever for the provision of suitable accommodation to the mountaineers and by such provision to promote the education of groups using the accommodation in all aspects of safety and the environment and as such provide a suitable memorial for those who lost their lives in the mountains.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'Other defined groups'

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Geography

- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,150	£7,810	-	0
2024-03-31	£29,571	£14,388	-	0
2023-03-31	£26,285	£11,508	-	0
2022-03-31	£30,105	£6,789	-	0
2021-03-31	£12,075	£5,636	-	0

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Accounts

Independent examiner's report on the accounts V2						
Mill Cottage						
Registered charity number SC 020138						
Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	April	2024	to	31	March	2025
Set out on pages 1 to 3 below						

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*]

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:

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

12th December 2025

Name:

[Redacted Name]

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CA (ICAS)

Address:

[Redacted Address]

*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.

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Mill Cottage Charity is in a very strong financial position with an excess of cash, £98,112.65 as at end March 2025

I understand there are plans to share approximately £50,000 of this through donations to other related charitable causes. And that funds are properly held back for future maintenance and enhancements at the cottage.

It is not evident that this will reduce the cash surplus entirely. I suggest that Trustees should therefore move funds to interest bearing accounts to reduce the risk of the funds becoming devalued by currently high levels of inflation. I confirm that to that effect, that I have been informed that the Trustees have opened up an interest bearing account with the Co-Op bank

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Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st. March 2025

Mill Cottage SCIO is a charity registered in Scotland , registration number SC020138 at the registered address c/o Mountaineering Scotland, The Granary , West Mill Street , Perth PH1 5QP

Annual Report .

2024/25 saw an increase in the bank balance: income from bookings was up and outgoings were down. At the end of March 2025, the bank balance was £98,112.65

The intention in year ending March 2026 is to spend money improving the cottage accommodation, with a new drying room, log store and a bike store with charging points.

In addition the trustees have agreed to make donations in the sum of £50,000 to other charitable causes.

Thus decreasing the bank balance.

As recommended by the independent examiner last year, we have opened up an interest bearing account.

List of Trustees as of April 2024

[REDACTED]

Receipts & Payments account for year ending 31 March 2025

	Year ended 31 st March 2024	Year ended 31 st March 2025
Receipts		
Booking Fees	29,571.05	30,150.00
Grants	0.00	0.00
Bank interest	0.	0
Total	<u>29,571.05</u>	<u>30,150.00</u>

Payments

Property repairs, maintenance & cleaning	1,403.17	1,734.67
Heating, lighting	3,528.00	2,560.00
Insurance	1,170.26	1,225.59
Bookkeeping fees, web site	300.00	300.00
Septic Tank	231.50	237.80
Rates	263.94	252.07
Charity Donation	5000.00	0
Bad weather refund	682.00	950.00
Total	<u>12,578.87</u>	<u>7,260.13</u>

Governance costs

Consultancy fees(honoraria)	1,809.23	550.00
Total Costs	<u>14,388.10</u>	<u>7,810.13</u>

Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>15,182.95</u>	<u>22,339.87</u>
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Statement of balances 31 March 2024

Opening balance	60,724.83	75,772.78
Surplus	15,182.95	22,339.87
Closing balance	75,772.78	<u>98,112.65</u>