

Applied Arts Scotland SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC022604

Details

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| Status | Active |
| Legal form | SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) |
| Registered | 1994-05-14 |
| Register | View on the OSCR register |

Contact

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| Address | Studio 107 Wasps Artists' Studios 36-48 Langstane Place Aberdeen AB11 6FB |
| Website | http://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/ |

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: The objects of Applied Arts Scotland are to promote and support the Applied Arts in particular to support professional crafts people, designer makers and applied artists in Scotland. Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives: • Enable makers to develop their professional practices.. • Coordinate and collaborate with a range of support organisations and statutory bodies who have a responsibility for the applied arts sector. • Create regular networking opportunities and conferences.. • Support ongoing professional development in the sector by means of training, mentoring, apprenticeships and other activities.. • Collect and disseminate information in order to generate a bank of specific data for use in support of the sector.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: The advancement of arts, heritage and culture through the promotion of Applied Arts, defined as meaning the making and/or the decorating of items applying aesthetic criteria, in society for the benefit of the public in Scotland by developing public appreciation of the Applied Arts and by improving public access to and the quality of the Applied Arts. The advancement of education through the provision of training and mentoring to applied artists in particular on going professional development in the sector.

Geography

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

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £54,432 | £53,861 | - | 0 |
| 2024-03-31 | £68,346 | £111,262 | - | 0 |
| 2023-03-31 | £89,651 | £133,975 | - | 0 |
| 2022-03-31 | £130,753 | £213,001 | - | 0 |
| 2021-03-31 | £191,346 | £68,032 | - | 0 |

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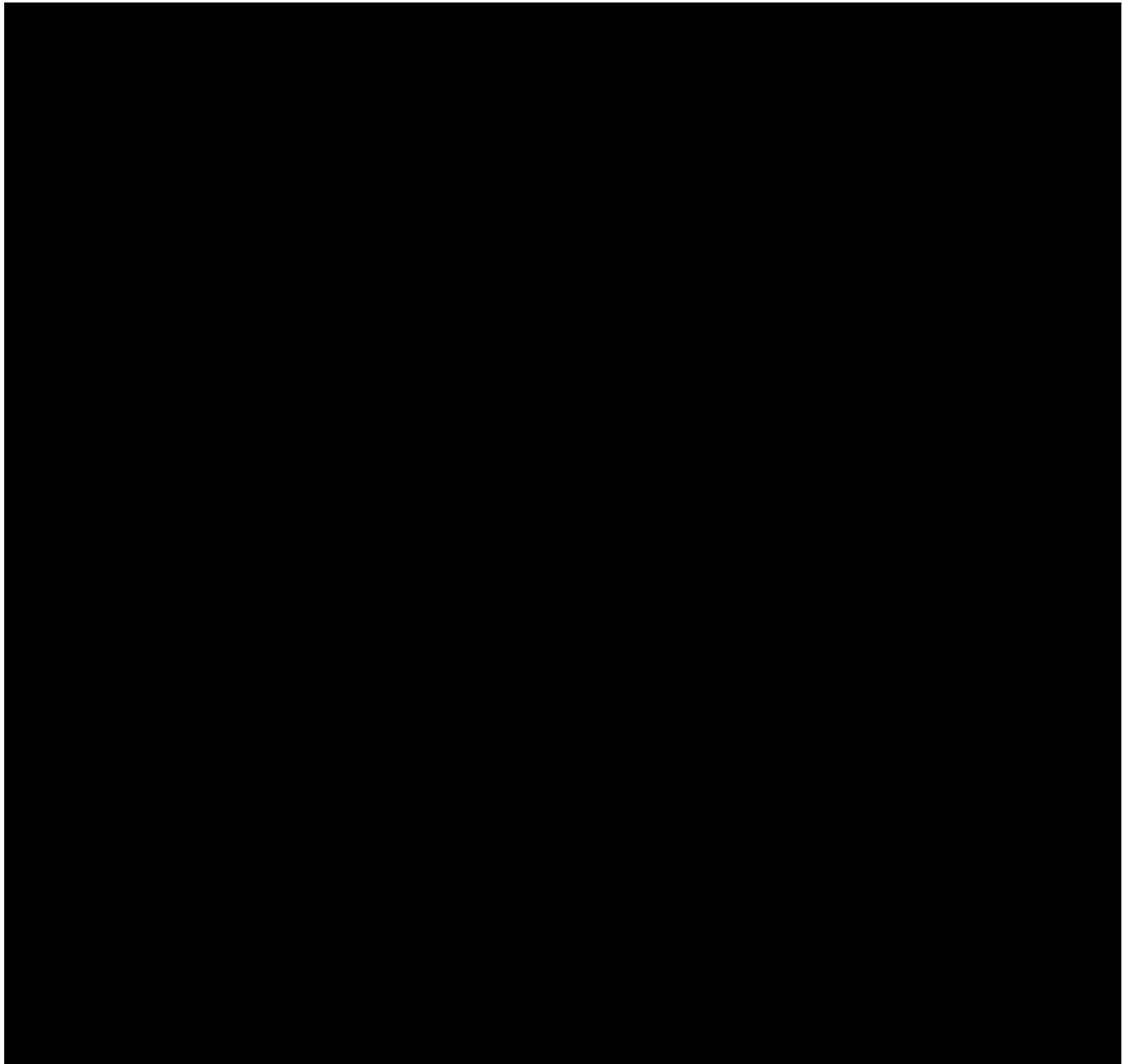
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Accounts

TRUSTEE REPORT 2024-2025



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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARITY NAME | Applied Arts Scotland |
| OTHER NAMES KNOWN BY | AAS |
| REGISTERED CHARITY NO. | SC022604 |
| CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS | [REDACTED] |



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 |
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document: Constitution

Membership shall be open to all those involved in the applied arts whether that be through making, supporting, or studying in the field. An employee of the association shall not be eligible for membership; a person who becomes an employee of the association after admission to membership shall automatically cease to be a member. Any person who wishes to become a member must sign, and lodge with the association, a written application for membership. The management committee may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership. The management committee shall consider each application for membership at the first management committee meeting which is held after receipt of application.

Trustee Recruitment

Trustees are recruited through open advertisement and voted for by members, as per the AAS constitution.

Charitable Purposes

The objects of Applied Arts Scotland are to promote and support the Applied Arts in particular to support professional crafts people, designer makers and applied artists in Scotland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

- Enable makers to develop their professional practices.
- Coordinate and collaborate with a range of support organisations and statutory bodies who have a responsibility for the applied arts sector.
- Create regular networking opportunities and conferences.
- Support ongoing professional development in the sector by means of training, mentoring, apprenticeships and other activities.
- Collect and disseminate information in order to generate a bank of specific data for use in

support of the sector.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE: Please see Projects below.

PROJECTS

DIGITAL TOOL KIT: This is being used as part of a British Council India training programme. This is an on-going project and a more in-depth roll out, designed to support makers based in Scotland commences in January 2025.

CONNECTING MAKERS: These monthly online meetings ran until the end of 2022 and were stopped due to dwindling attendance, as everyone returned to their non-digital lives post-lockdown and focused on navigating the new normal. However, results from the member survey in 2023 means that AAS decided to re-start these online activities with specific themes. Following confirmation from Creative Scotland MYF these sessions have now re-launched. More information can be found here: <https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/connecting-makers/>

THE COMMONING CRAFT FUND 25/26: This avenue of funding, supported through the Creative Scotland Multi-Year Funding (MYF) enables AAS Members to take the lead and explore what ideas of mutual and reciprocal benefit and shared responsibility mean. In November 2025 two projects were funded through this project. <https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/commoning-craft/>

CLOSING THE LOOP: 'Closing the Loop' Sustainability Research Group continues to meet on a regular basis. This is a live project but does not have a project budget.

CULTURALITY: This project commenced in April 2024. This is a four-year, European research project run in partnership with thirteen institutions, arts organisations and museums across Europe. Although this is an EU Funded project, AAS makes financial claims from UKRI. More details on the project can be located here: <https://culturalityproject.eu/>

More information on all of these projects can be located here:

<https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/projects/>

FINANCIAL REVIEW 24/25

Brief Statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

At the 31st of March 2025, Applied Arts Scotland SCIO had unrestricted funds of £293 and restricted funds of £16,371. The charity's policy on un-restricted reserves is to apply them in pursuance of the charity's aims and objectives.

Donated facilities and services (if any): The charity uses donated office facilities provided by its officials, who also give their time for no charge.

OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

AAS finances fluctuate based on the external projects that we successfully secure funding for.

This financial year AAS were successful in securing Multi - Year Funding from Creative Scotland. This has enabled us to roll out a number of projects (as identified above) and invest administrative support for the organisation.

Project specific, additional funding applications that have been submitted, with decisions pending in 2025, are:

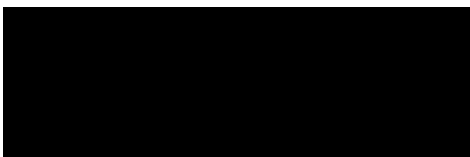
- EU HORIZONS Collaborative research project: HEART. Approx £200K for deliverables over a three-year period. Project Leads: University of Dundee and University of Staffordshire.
- EU Horizons Collaborative research project THREADS. Approx £200K for deliverables over a three-year period. This is a two-stage application. Stage one has been submitted and details of the selection to progress to stage 2 are announced in February. Project Lead: Brighton University.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the Treasurer.

Position: Treasurer (February 2024 to current day)

Date: 17/12/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Applied Arts Scotland SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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

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
 - 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.



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ICAS



Date: 18 December 2025



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| Receipts and payments accounts | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----|-------|----|-----------------|----|-------|
| For the period from | Period start date | | | to | Period end date | | |
| | | 01 | April | | 2024 | 31 | March |

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 | 6,631 | 44,697 | | | 51,328 | 63,778 |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | 3,104 | | | | 3,104 | 4,568 |
| Gross trading receipts | | | | | - | |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | | | | | - | |
| Rents from land & buildings | | | | | - | |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | | | | | - | |
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| A1 Sub total | 9,735 | 44,697 | - | - | 54,432 | 68,346 |
| A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | | | | - | |
| A2 Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 9,735 | 44,697 | - | - | 54,432 | 68,346 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | | |
| Expenses for fundraising activities | | | | | - | - |
| Gross trading payments | | | | | - | - |
| Investment management costs | | | | | - | - |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | 3,150 | 43,879 | | | 47,029 | 84,668 |
| Grants and donations | | | | | - | - |
| Governance costs: | | | | | - | - |
| Audit / independent examination | 350 | | | | 350 | 350 |
| Preparation of annual accounts | 3,480 | | | | 3,480 | 4,180 |
| Legal costs | | | | | - | - |
| Other | 3,002 | | | | 3,002 | 22,064 |
| | | | | | - | - |
| A3 Sub total | 9,982 | 43,879 | - | - | 53,861 | 111,262 |
| A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements | | | | | | |
| Purchases of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Purchase of investments | | | | | - | |
| A4 Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 9,982 | 43,879 | - | - | 53,861 | 111,262 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | (247) | 818 | - | - | 571 | (42,916) |
| A5 Transfers to / (from) funds | | | | | | |
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| Receipts and payments accounts | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----|-------|----|-----------------|--|----|
| For the period from | Period start date | | | to | Period end date | | |
| | | 01 | April | | 2024 | | 31 |

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total funds current period | Total funds last period |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| <i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i> | (247) | 818 | - | - | 571 | (42,916) |



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Section B Statement of balances

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total current period | Total last period |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B1 Cash funds | Cash and bank balances at start of year | 540 | 15,553 | | | 16,093 | 59,009 |
| | Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account | (247) | 818 | | | 571 | (42,916) |
| | | | | | | - | |
| | | | | | | - | |
| | Cash and bank balances at end of year | 293 | 16,371 | - | - | 16,663 | 16,093 |
| | (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| B2 Investments | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Market valuation | Last year |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
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| | | Total | - | - |

| B3 Other assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (if available) | Current value (if available) | Last year |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| | Bank | Unrestricted | | 292 | 540 |
| | Bank | Restricted | | 16,371 | 15,553 |
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| | | Total | - | 16,663 | 16,093 |

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

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

| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature* | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| | | | 18/12/2025 |



Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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C2 Grants

| Type of activity or project supported | Individual / institution | Number of grants made | £ |
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| Total | | | - |

C3a Trustee remuneration

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| If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b) | |
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

| Authority under which paid | £ |
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| Innovate UK (Culturality) - [REDACTED] | 16,665 |
| Hidden Floors [REDACTED] | 1,344 |
| BC Nepal - In Our Hands - [REDACTED] | 1,069 |
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C4a Trustee expenses

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| If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b) | X |
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

| | Number of trustees | £ |
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C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

| Nature of relationship | Nature of transaction | Transaction amount (£) | Balance outstanding at period end (£) |
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C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

| | Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below Scotland Re:Designed | Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below Innovate UK | Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below British Council | Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below Other | Total unrestricted funds | Total unrestricted funds last period |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations | | | | | - | |
| Legacies | | | | | - | |
| Grants | 155 | 6,476 | - | - | 6,631 | 16,039 |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | | | - | 3,104 | 3,104 | 4,568 |
| Gross trading receipts | | | | | - | |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | | | | | - | |
| Rents from land & buildings | | | | | - | |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | | | | | - | |
| Sub total | 155 | 6,476 | - | 3,104 | 9,735 | 20,607 |
| Receipts from asset & investment sales | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | | | | - | |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 155 | 6,476 | - | 3,104 | 9,735 | 20,607 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Expenses for fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading payments | | | | | - | |
| Investment management costs | | | | | - | |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | - | - | - | | - | |
| Grants and donations | | | | | - | |
| Governance costs: | | | | | - | |
| Audit / independent examination | | | | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Preparation of annual accounts | | | | 3,480 | 3,480 | 4,180 |
| Legal costs | | | | - | - | |
| Membership Coordination & Costs | | | | 3,150 | 3,150 | 6,100 |
| Other | | | | 3,002 | 3,002 | 23,806 |
| Sub total | - | - | - | 9,982 | 9,982 | 34,436 |
| Payments relating to asset and investment movements | | | | | | |
| Purchases of fixed assets | - | | | | - | |
| Purchase of investments | - | | | | - | |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | - | - | - | 9,982 | 9,982 | 34,436 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 155 | 6,476 | - | (6,878) | (247) | (13,829) |
| Transfers to / (from) funds | | | | | - | |
| Surplus / (deficit) for year | 155 | 6,476 | - | (6,878) | (247) | (13,829) |

Nature and purpose of funds

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

| | Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below | Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below | Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below | Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below | Total restricted funds | Total restricted funds last period |
|---|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| | Scotland Re:Designed | Innovate UK | British Council | Other | | |
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations | | | | | - | |
| Legacies | | | | | - | |
| Grants | 1,344 | 36,697 | 6,656 | - | 44,697 | 47,739 |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading receipts | | | | | - | |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | | | | | - | |
| Rents from land & buildings | | | | | - | |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | | | | | - | |
| Sub total | 1,344 | 36,697 | 6,656 | - | 44,697 | 47,739 |

Receipts from asset & investment sales

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|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | | | | - | |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 1,344 | 36,697 | 6,656 | - | 44,697 | 47,739 |

Payments

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|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Expenses for fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading payments | | | | | - | |
| Investment management costs | | | | | - | |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | 1,344 | 33,257 | 9,278 | | 43,879 | 76,826 |
| Grants and donations | | | | | - | |
| Governance costs: | | | | | - | |
| Audit / independent examination | | | | | - | |
| Preparation of annual accounts | | | | | - | |
| Legal costs | | | | | - | |
| Sub total | 1,344 | 33,257 | 9,278 | - | 43,879 | 76,826 |

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Purchases of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Purchase of investments | | | | | - | |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 1,344 | 33,257 | 9,278 | - | 43,879 | 76,826 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | - | 3,440 | (2,622) | - | 818 | (29,087) |

Transfers to / (from) funds

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|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| Surplus / (deficit) for year | - | 3,440 | (2,622) | - | 818 | (37,814) |
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Nature and purpose of funds

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