

Garioch Carriage Driving For Disabled Group

Scotland · Charity number SC028644

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	1998-10-29
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Ardo House Whitecairns Aberdeen AB238XN
Website	www.gariochcarriagedriving.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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: Under the umbrella of the Riding for the Disabled Association we provide carriage driving to disabled people, mainly adults, across Aberdeenshire.

Beneficiaries: 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: The organisation's purpose is to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving (Company No 5010395) a charity registered under Charity Number SC039473 ('the Company') by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Aberdeenshire area

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,978	£26,693	-	0
2024-12-31	£7,234	£7,273	-	0
2023-12-31	£4,965	£6,896	-	0
2022-12-31	£6,547	£18,812	-	0
2021-12-31	£5,667	£14,586	-	0
2020-12-31	£39,925	£8,105	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
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Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by

Garioch Carriage Drivung for the Disabled

Registered charity number

SC 028644

Charity's principal address

Strathorn Farm Stables

Pitcaple

Inverurie

Aberdeenshire

Postcode

AB51 5EJ

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	Alan Clark	Chair		
2	Ann Miller	Treasurer		
3	Christopher Cane	Secretary		
4	Rosemary Brothers			
5	David Blakelock			
6	April Fraser			
7	Pat McKay			
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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)

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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

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Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The group continues to promote the aims and objectives of the RDA by providing people with disabilities of all kinds, in the Aberdeenshire area, the opportunity to experience Carriage Driving to the benefit of their mental and physical wellbeing, and to assist them to achieve their goals in this adult contact sport.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Twice per week in the period April to October and once per month in January to March, the group provides adapted carriages, horses and equipment with suitably trained volunteers to enable those members with disabilities to experience and enjoy carriage driving and, where possible, to compete in competitions held in Scotland and the United Kingdom. The driving days also provide an opportunity for disabled drivers and their carers to socialise with other drivers and volunteers, these opportunities are extended in winter months to social meetings and a Christmas Lunch.

Achievements and performance

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

2025 was a mixed year for Garioch Carriage Driving. It was a good year for the group's finances but not as good for our horses and drivers.

We started the year with the recovery, plus interest and expenses, of the £3000 owed by Mr Mowbray. We had a very successful fund raising at the Spring Show, applied for and received a number of grants and, most importantly we have been chosen to be District Supported project for St Nicholas Rotary Club for 2026/2027.

However, due to an aggressive and untreatable cancer, our stalwart old horse Prince was euthanised early in May. We hope that his replacement Tommy, purchased with funds from St Nicholas Rotary, will perform as well in the future. He is a young horse, only 5, and we must wait for his RDA assessment until June 2026.

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RDA driving therefore ceased in early summer but the group was able to offer private driving in the covered wagon owned by Strathorn Farm Stables pulled by Edward the Clydesdale. The winter was spent with regular training sessions for new horse Tommy and the usual Christmas Lunch.

We look forward to restarting driving in summer 2026.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group continues to aim to hold one years operating expenses in reserve.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The Groups venue at Strathorn Farm, Pitcaple is donated free of charge by Mr and Mrs G Skinner.

Other optional information

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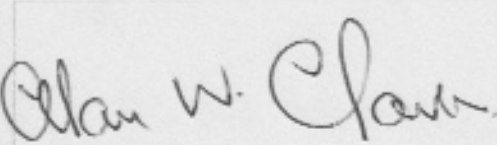
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures		
Full name(s)	ALAN CLARK	CHRISTOPHER CANE
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	10/6/2026	10/6/2026

Garioch Carriage Driving

SC 028644

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025		31	12	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	14131				14131 -	2426
Legacies					-	
Grants	5563				5563 -	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1529				1529 -	1403
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	42				42 -	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4024				4024 -	3404
A1 Sub total	20689 -	-	-	-	20689 -	7234 -
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	3758				3758 -	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	3758 -	-	-	-	3758 -	-
Total receipts	24447 -	-	-	-	24447 -	7234 -
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8123				8123 -	5683
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	732				732 -	1588
A3 Sub total	8855 -	-	-	-	8855 -	7273 -
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	17838				17838 -	
Purchases of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	17838 -	-	-	-	17838 -	-
Total payments	26693 -	-	-	-	26693 -	7273 -
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2385 -	-	-	-	2385 -	(39) -

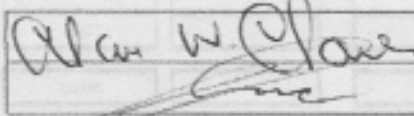
Section B Statement of balances

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	17831				17831 -	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2385				2385 -	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	20200 -				20200 -	
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(X))							
B2 Investments	Details						
B3 Other assets	Details						
B4 Liabilities	Details						
B5 Contingent liabilities	Details						

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

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval


 Alan Clark
 Christopher Cane

10/06/2026

10/06/2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

GARROCH CARBAGE DRIVING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP

Registered charity number

SC 028644

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

01

2025

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

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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*~~

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**:

Name:

IAN A. HAYDON

Date:

27th May 2026

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

Address:

22 WESTERN ROAD
INSCHE
AB52 6JR

*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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Reference and administration details

Charity name	Garrioch Carriage Driving for the Disabled Group		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number	SC 028644		
Charity's principal address	Strathorn Farm Stables		
	Picaple		
	Inverurie		
	Aberdeenshire	Postcode	AB51 5EJ

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	Chair		
2	Treasurer	01/03/2024-23/03/2024	
3	Treasurer	23/03/2024-31/12/2024	
4	Secretary		
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8		23/03/2024-31/12/2024	
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Achievements and performance

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

2024 was not the driest year in northern Scotland but almost every planned driving day was dry enough to allow us to complete a full driving day. A Mad Hatters Tea Party was held on a damp 22nd of August but was enjoyed by all and by visitors from the Maryculter group.

The trustees, with the assistance of Solicitors Grigor and Young, continue to pursue [REDACTED] Cumbrian horse dealer, for the £3000 owed for the return of the driving horse Jack who was found to be unsuitable for the group. The process has been protracted as we have had to submit papers via the Aberdeen Sherriff's Court and then on to Sherriff's office in Carlisle. We have been advised that the appropriate papers have now been received by that office and will be served by the Sherriff's officers in the New Year.

We have had a good year of fundraising and donations notably at the Spring Show at Thainstone and from the Garioch Charities Shop, James Jones Ltd and the Acorn Centre Inverurie.

Next year, 2025, sees the 50th anniversary of RDA Carriage Driving and a combined Golden Party with the Maryculter Group is planned for the summer. We look forward to that and, most urgently, in finding a replacement horse for our stalwart "old fellow" Prince.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

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The trustees, with the assistance of Solicitor Gifford and Young, continue to pursue Mr Howie's Cumman horse dealer, for the £2000 owed for the return of the driving horse Jack who was found to be unsuitable for the group. The process has been protracted as we have had to submit papers via the Aberdeen Sheriff's Court and then on to Sheriff's office in Cairn. We have been advised that the appropriate papers have now been received by that office and will be served by the Sheriff's officers in the New Year.

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

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)
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signatures

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Date

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

23/7/25.

23/7/25.

Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts						
Donations	2426				2426 -	1792
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1403				1403 -	1343
Gross trading receipts					-	20
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	3404				3404 -	1809
A1 Sub total	7234	-	-	-	7234 -	4964
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7234	-	-	-	7234 -	4964
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5683				5683 -	5946
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	1588				1588 -	949
A3 Sub total	7273	-	-	-	7273 -	6895
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7273	-	-	-	7273 -	6895
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(39)	-	-	-	(39)	(1931)

Section B Statement of balances

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	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	17831				17831	17870
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))							
B2 Investments	Details						
B3 Other assets	Details						
B4 Liabilities	Details						
B5 Contingent liabilities	Details						

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

Signature*

Print Name

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

GARROCH CARRIAGE DRIVING GROUP

Registered charity
number

SC 028644

On the accounts of the
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Basis of independent
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Relevant professional
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(if any):

Address:

14 April 2025

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