

Lothian 4x4 Response

Scotland · Charity number SC041830

Details

Known as	L4x4R
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2010-10-14
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	16 Craigcrest Place Condorrat Cumbernauld G67 4GY
Website	www.lothian4x4response.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: Set up in 2010, Lothian 4x4 Response are a group of like minded 4x4 vehicle enthusiasts who have come together with a common interest. We aim to provide reliable, discrete and effective logistics support to the emergency services, the local authority and other voluntary groups who attend civil emergencies in our area of coverage, when other arrangements are at full stretch.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: To promote the welfare, relieve the needs, and protect and preserve the health of those in the community who are isolated during periods of adverse weather conditions, environmental hazard and local emergencies, or as required.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£10,308	£7,082	-	0
2024-03-31	£9,710	£14,454	-	0
2023-03-31	£15,773	£6,427	-	0
2022-03-31	£9,492	£6,032	-	0
2021-03-31	£7,946	£6,448	-	0

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for Lothian 4x4 Response

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

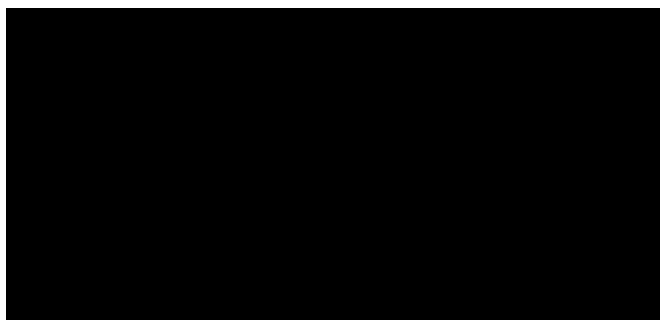
Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Lothian 4x4 Response

Charity Number: SC041830

Address: 35 Wilson Avenue, Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 .

Current Trustees: Trustees throughout the period were, note that we changed the date of our AGM from May to October.



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution – throughout this period the charity was a SCIO governed by its constitution which was adopted on 4th May 2016, having been granted SCIO status by OSCR on 24th March 2016. Charitable status of the original, unincorporated association charity, Lothian 4x4 Response, dates from 14th October 2010.

Appointment of Trustees - the trustees normally meet on a monthly basis. All members of Lothian 4x4 Response are eligible to be elected as trustees. Under the constitution there must be no less than four and no more than eight trustees. For this reporting period the trustees were elected at the Annual General Meeting in May 2023 which was held in-person. An AGM was held in November 2023 but did not result in any changes to Trustees and future years the AGM will be held in Autumn, leaving the May meeting night for other activities.

Management - the trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of Lothian 4x4 Response. The management committee is responsible for the day-to-day running of the team. There are no paid members of staff.

The trustees are particularly aware of their responsibilities for Health and Safety. The team has public liability, personal accident and equipment insurance. All active members of Lothian 4x4 Response are members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

Charitable Purposes - to promote the welfare, relieve the needs, protect and preserve the health of those in the community who are isolated during periods of adverse weather conditions, environmental hazard and local emergencies, or as required.

Activities - the charity's activities are primarily concerned with raising skill and expertise levels within the team so that members are competent to perform their Responder role with Lothian 4x4 Response with safety and professionalism.



Activities also include building working relationships with the User Services so that, when the need arises, they and the team are able to work together effectively.

Achievement and Performance

Lothian 4x4 Response has Memoranda of Understanding with a number of key organisations and is increasingly playing a part in strategic emergency planning for the Forth Valley and Lothian & Borders areas.

The team have supported numerous external events during the reporting year, the majority of these came with a financial contribution to the group as well as reimbursement of volunteer expenses. We were also able to attend other events for fundraising (tombola etc) or to promote the group to prospective volunteers.

Financial Review

Our overall financial position for the reporting period was a surplus of £3,226.58.

Total income was £10,308.24, expenses £7,081.66.

Significant income came from event support £6,120.74 and fundraising £1,453.85

Main expenditure was on an ID card printer and consumables at £1,345.14 and digital radio sim renewals at £569.05.

There were no restricted funds received or spent in the reporting period.

Reserves Policy

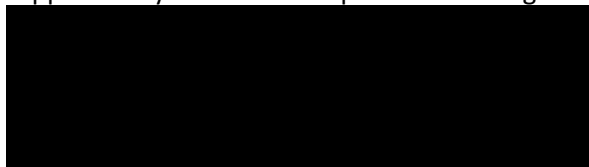
The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at a level to allow for running costs if the team is mobilised, enabling Responders to be reimbursed for fuel costs in a timely manner and in anticipation of delays in Lothian 4x4 Response being reimbursed by the relevant User Services.

As we are registered as suppliers to our main User Services and furnish them with invoices for recovery of our costs resulting in reducing delays in reimbursement payments, it was felt that we could continue to hold the reserves at the present level of £3290.

Plans for Future Periods

The trustees' plan is to ensure that the charity continues to provide and develop the services it provides to support the User Services in the geographical areas it covers, and to provide activities and training for its members in order to do this in a safe and professional manner.

Approved by the trustees April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Lothian 4x4 Response
Treasurer's Report for 2024/25

The accounts for 2024–2025 remain healthy, with the main account showing a balance of £26,612.38, representing a surplus of £3,226.58. The secondary account retains a balance of £3,290.00 for contingencies.

This positive position reflects a busy year with numerous callouts, events, and fundraising activities. Our largest fundraising event was the Yomp, which generated £3,546.84 in income.

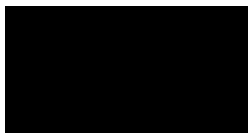
In addition to regular expenditures for insurance, ARM, and member expenses, we also made several key investments this year, including:

- An ID printer and cards – £1,345.14
- A set of digital radios – £569.05

Our reserve policy is to maintain funds at a level sufficient to cover running costs in the event of mobilisation, ensuring responders can be reimbursed for fuel expenses promptly, even if reimbursement from User Services is delayed. The current reserve balance is £3,290.00. An additional £30.00 will be transferred to the main account in April 2025.

Looking ahead, our plan is to ensure the charity continues to provide and develop services that support our User Services across the areas we cover. We will also continue to deliver activities and training opportunities for our 4x4 team members to ensure all operations are conducted safely and professionally.

Investments in both training and PPE equipment for members will be a key priority in the coming year.



Main Account

	Balance 1st April 2024	23,385.80
	Balance 31st March 2025	26,612.38
Incoming	Membership	921.00
	Fundraising	1,453.85
	Event Support	6,120.74
	Callout Fees	1,221.00
	Other	41.65
	Donations	550.00
	Total	10,308.24
Expenses	Training	50.39
	Events	1,870.93
	Equipment	237.57
	Expenses	19.80
Expenditure	Training	217.50
	Tech	2,125.06
	Equipment	1,315.91
	Event	13.00
	Fundraising	126.00
	Governance	50.00
	Insurance	505.60
	Expenses	549.90
	Total	7,081.66
	Surplus	3,226.58

Second Account

	Balance 1st April 2024	3,260.00
	Balance 31st March 2025	3,290.00
Income	Membership	30.00

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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	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Expendable to nearest £	Permanent to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds last to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	1,532				1,532	1,225
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,454				1,454	976
Gross trading receipts	42				42	42
Income from investments other than					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable	7,342				7,342	7,468
					-	
A1 Sub total	10,370	-	-	-	10,370	9,711
A2 Receipts from asset &						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,370	-	-	-	10,370	9,711
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	139				139	409
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable	5,176				5,176	13,567
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:	556				556	428
Audit / independent examination					-	50
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	5,871	-	-	-	5,871	14,454
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,211				1,211	1,773
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	1,211	-	-	-	1,211	1,773
Total payments	7,082	-	-	-	7,082	16,227
Net receipts / (payments)	3,288	-	-	-	3,288	(6,516)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,288	-	-	-	3,288	(6,516)

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	26,616
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,288
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	29,904
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	1

	Details
B2 Investments	none

	Details
B3 Other assets	none

	Details
B4 Liabilities	none

Details**B5 Contingent liabilities**

none

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

Signature

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Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
			26,616	33,133
			3,288	(6,517)
			-	
			-	
-	-	-	29,904	26,616
-	-	-	1	1

Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total	-	-

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

Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £

Total	-	-

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

Print Name	Date of approval

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

To provide logistical support (primarily transport, communications and conti Category 1 Responders) to deepen their resilience by support of their conti when adverse conditions would disrupt delivery and damage communities.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution
none	

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or pers a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross (otherwise complete section 4b)

C4b Trustee expenses - details

Reimbursement of fuel costs for event support
Reimbursement of fuel costs for call out deployments
Equipment reimbursements costs
Training provision costs reimbursements

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons**Nature of relationship**

Nature of transaction

C6 Other information

Trustees have received reimbursement of fuel costs when undertaking activities for the charity, representing the charity at external meetings or pay

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rol) to Service Users (typically
nuing services to communities

**Number of grants
made** **£**

Total	-

son connected to

x

£

s this box

**Number of
trustees** **£**

5	587
1	111
1	13
1	150

Transaction	Balance

activities as a normal responder of
ring for equipment or rental costs.

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	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 £
Members subscriptions	981				981	1,180
Bank of Scotland Foundation	500				500	
Others	50				50	46
					-	
Total	1,531	-	-	-	1,531	1,226
	reference	-	-	-	reference	reference

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £		Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
none				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Total	-	-		-	-
	-	-		-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	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 £
Event Support	6,121				6,121	7,468
Deployment on Call out	1,221				1,221	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	7,342	-	-	-	7,342	7,468
	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	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 £
Fuel Reimbursements - event support	1,871				1,871	2,582
Fuel Reimbursement - deployments	550				550	
Technology (Web Hosting, Membership DB)	914				914	900
Equipment	1,553				1,553	2,480
Training	268				268	7,419
Other payments related to charitable events	20				20	186
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	5,176	-	-	-	5,176	13,567
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	1,531				1,531	1,225
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,454				1,454	976
Gross trading receipts	42				42	42
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	7,342				7,342	7,468
Sub total	10,369	-	-	-	10,369	9,711
cross ref error						
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,369	-	-	-	10,369	9,711
cross ref error						
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	139				139	409
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
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Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	5,871	-	-	-	5,871	14,454
-						
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,211				1,211	1,773
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	1,211	-	-	-	1,211	1,773
Total payments	7,082	-	-	-	7,082	16,227
Net receipts / (payments)	3,287	-	-	-	3,287	(6,516)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,287	-	-	-	3,287	(6,516)
cross ref error						
Nature and purpose of funds						

ed call out and continue to do so over a number of weeks until the user service could make their contributions back to the group. This is also the model used for the external e

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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
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
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					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of		LOTHIAN 4X4 RESPONSE (SCIO)					
Registered charity number		SC041830					
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date				Period end date	
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month
		01	04	2024	to	31	03
							2025
Set out on pages		1 TO 9					(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 - 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:		19/12/2025	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

APPENDIX 3

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

