



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	JAN	2024	To	31	DEC	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

DORNOCH FIRTH GROUP SCIO	
DFG	
SC042553	
CAYMAN LODGE	
WESTER KINCARDINE HILL	
ARDGAY	
SUTHERLAND	Postcode IV24 3DJ

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		
3		Minute Secretary (but not charity Trustee)		
4		Trustee		
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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)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Dornoch Firth Group SCIO Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Charity trustees must be members of the DFG SCIO. They are nominated to serve by any other member of the SCIO and are elected annually at the AGM. Maximum number of trustees is 11 and minimum 3. Trustees stand down at the AGM but may be re-appointed.

Charitable purposes

To advance citizenship and community development by identifying, creating and developing links to enable the young people and adults of this area to become integrated members of their communities through a programme which provides positive messages of respect, the development of life skills and the enhancement of individual self-esteem in a safe environment.
To assist those in need by reason of age, ill-health, financial hardship or other disadvantage, through developing strategies to respond to their needs, using local resources and the whole community in its widest context.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Natter n Nosh – a lunch club for the over 50's; **Mens Shed Project** with new shed in in Dornoch now fully constructed and with an extension built this now contains a **Pottery Workshop**; **Knit and Natter** – a small group that gather to do a variety of craft work; **Dornoch Resilience Group** – the activities and funds of this previously standalone group have been brought within the DFG charity. This project is on standby with facilities to meet the needs of the Dornoch community in the event of an emergency. **Food Hut** – in response to the Covid Pandemic the DRG took on many new activities and out of these has developed a community food bank in the Food Hut in Dornoch.
Buggy Walks – in response to lockdown a small group was set up for mums and toddlers to meet outdoors to walk and socialise
Tuesday Tots – growing out of the Buggy Walks a Tuesday Tots group now meets in the West Church Hall in Dornoch
Sutherland Cares Counselling Project began in March 2022 and works in conjunction with Scottish Counselling Services. Project ended during 2024.
Little Otters outdoor activities for preschool children, parents and grandparents at a local farm
Mama's Club for expectant mums and new mums plus their children

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

All our projects are open to all and are about tackling loneliness and isolation, building confidence and helping people realise their potential whilst promoting health and wellbeing at the heart of each activity.

- We run a Men's Shed and a Community Workshop open to all. Our membership continues to increase. These are all practical workshops for making, repairing and re-cycling with a slant towards social interaction.
- A Pottery with a tutor for very small groups to try their hand at ceramics and for making new friends.
- We have a Food Share project providing food to local families and individuals in need which is also supported by our local Coop.
- We run a lunch club for over 50s and Knitting and Crafting groups. Our knitters and crocheters have been making some fabulous creations this year - while making friends and supporting each other.
- We run the local Emergency Community Resilience Project. We have a buddy system in place within IV25 for people to help those in need on their street in the event of an emergency such as a flood or long power cut (or global pandemic!). We have phones, blankets and dried food stored in preparation.
- Baby Massage sessions for very new mums. This year we started early morning baby massage sessions just before our Tuesday Tots group which have been very popular with parents and babies!
- Tuesday Tots is an indoor Parent and Toddler Project to get local parents/ grandparents and children together, it is very popular with many parents and children attending each week.
- Little Otters: Outdoor adventures for babies, toddlers and parents providing a fun morning of relaxed outdoor learning at a local Farm with hands-on activities for ages 0-5 followed by snack. Mud painting, kite making, petting lambs, planting pumpkins - you name it!
- Woodland Story-walks in local woodland for a blether and a wander for parents, grandparents, toddlers and babies. The activities include reading a story together and hunt for something along the walk, usually stop and have another story, an activity, a snack and some songs. Buggies, slings, toddling tots are all welcome! A great way for parents, carers and littlies to connect and meet each other, get some fresh air and explore the woods.
- Mamas' Club is a special group for New Mums helping them meet others, sharing crafting and other activities, whether they're expecting, have a babe in arms or their tots are away at nursery, they can stop for a cuppa, chat and a (simple!) craft, and maybe a walk on the beach if the sun's out.

Financial review

Financial Review

The accounts to the year ended 31 December 2024 show a small surplus of £4,001 compared to the previous year of £2,405.

The activities of the DFG rely on the charity's ability to access grant funding. Multi year funding from NHS Highland and the National Lottery are the major sources of funds in this current financial year. The NHS Service Level Agreement funding is in place until March 2025 with all funds already received. The two year counselling project is now complete and no additional funds have been secured to continue this work. Focus in 2025 will be to secure further long term funding to cover the core costs of the DFG's various projects.

Declaration

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

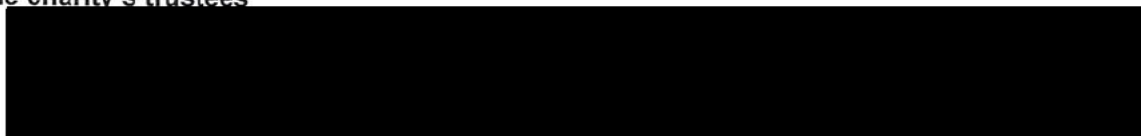
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Date

	
Treasurer	Chair

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Report to the trustees/members of		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						
Registered charity number		DORNOCH FIRTH GROUP SCIO						
On the accounts of the charity for the period		SC042553						
Set out on pages		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		1	January	2024	to	31	December	2024
		6 to 11						
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. 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement		<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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]					e: 22.07.25	
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
Address:								

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	JAN	2024		31	DEC	2024

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	2,050.00	1,285.05			3,335.05	1,905.00
Legacies		-			-	-
Grants	7,981.00	79,903.65			87,884.65	95,713.00
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-			-	103.41
Gross trading receipts		2,996.66			2,996.66	310.00
Income from investments other than land and buildings	811.08	-			811.08	658.70
Rents from land & buildings		-			-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-			-	683.94
					-	-
A1 Sub total	10,842.08	84,185.36	-	-	95,027.44	99,374.05
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-			-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,842.08	84,185.36	-	-	95,027.44	99,374.05
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-			-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-			-	-
Investment management costs	-				-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,436.83	85,589.48			91,026.31	96,969.04
Grants and donations	-				-	-
Governance costs:	-				-	-
Audit / independent examination	-				-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
Other	-	-			-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	5,436.83	85,589.48	-	-	91,026.31	96,969.04
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets		-			-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,436.83	85,589.48	-	-	91,026.31	96,969.04
Net receipts / (payments)	5,405.25	-1,404.12	-	-	4,001.13	2,405.01
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-12,250.88	12,250.88			-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-6,845.63	10,846.76	-	-	4,001.13	2,405.01

Section B Statement of balances

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Signature

Print Name _____

Date of approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

C2 Grants

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

C3a Trustee remuneration

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)	X
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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 this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
St Finnbar's Charity Shop	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,000.00
Dornoch Golf Club	50.00				50.00	500.00
Howdens					-	100.00
Springfield Proper		300.00			300.00	-
Neighbourly Foundation		280.00			280.00	
Miscellaneous individual donations		35.39			35.39	155.00
Co-Op community fund		669.66			669.66	150.00
Total	2,050.00	1,285.05	-	-	3,335.05	1,905.00

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
TESCO Bags for Life			-	250.00
Community Mental health & wellbeing Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00	-
NHS Highland	7,981.00	40,000.00	47,981.00	47,981.00
The Big Lottery			-	20,000.00
Other		230.00	230.00	-
Early Years Toddler Fund			-	-
Co-Operative Community Fund		928.15	928.15	-
The Big Lottery		20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Highland Council - Hardship Fund			-	-
Highland Council - Counselling		8,745.50	8,745.50	25,482.00
Dornoch Common Good Fund			-	2,000.00
Total	7,981.00	79,903.65	87,884.65	95,713.00

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 £
Dornoch Cathedral Joint Project Income					-	683.94
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	683.94

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 £
Salaries and wages	2,070.96				2,070.96	29,571.81
Travelling expenses	39.60				39.60	44.10
Office expenses	1,990.11				1,990.11	1,421.62
Insurance	1,054.39				1,054.39	1,021.72
Small Capital Items	138.57				138.57	23.99
Miscellaneous	143.20				143.20	117.67
Counselling Project		4,472.00			4,472.00	21,031.50
Bakery		173.61			173.61	5,933.87
Mans' Shed		12,850.94			12,850.94	2,653.68
Big Lottery Funds					-	-
Pottery		7,745.51			7,745.51	9,636.00
Food Hut		21,515.76			21,515.76	15,702.82
DACRF		1,558.99			1,558.99	831.88
Knit & Natter		960.23			960.23	179.03
Toodler & Bug Walk Group		36,312.44			36,312.44	8,799.35
Total	5,436.83	85,589.48	-	-	91,026.31	96,969.04

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

Unrestricted
fund 1

					Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	2,050.00				2,050.00	155.00
Legacies					-	-
Grants	7,981.00				7,981.00	68,231.00
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	103.41
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	811.08				811.08	658.70
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	683.94
Sub total	10,842.08	-	-	-	10,842.08	69,832.05
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,842.08	-	-	-	10,842.08	69,832.05
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,436.83				5,436.83	32,200.91
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	5,436.83	-	-	-	5,436.83	32,200.91
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,436.83	-	-	-	5,436.83	32,200.91
Net receipts / (payments)	5,405.25	-	-	-	5,405.25	37,631.14
Transfers to / (from) funds	-16,524.38				-16,524.38	-38,844.75
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-11,119.13	-	-	-	-11,119.13	-1,213.61

Nature and purpose of funds

Income and expenditure in the unrestricted fund comprise some individual donations from local groups and individuals which are not specific to any one of the DFG's activities.

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Toddler Group & Buggy Walks	Men's Shed	DACRF	Natter N Nosh	Knit & Natter	Pottery	Counselling	Food Hut	Bakery	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
										2024	2023
Donations		914.83				370.22				1,285.05	1,750.00
Legacies										-	-
Grants	30,000.00	21,158.15					8,745.50	20,000.00		79,903.65	27,482.00
Receipts from fundraising activities										-	-
Gross trading receipts	988.44	900.00		724.72	263.50	120.00				2,996.66	310.00
Income from investments other than land and buildings										-	-
Rents from land & buildings										-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities										-	-
Sub total	30,988.44	22,972.98	-	724.72	263.50	490.22	8,745.50	20,000.00	-	84,185.36	29,542.00
Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets											
Proceeds from sale of investments											
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,988.44	22,972.98	-	724.72	263.50	490.22	8,745.50	20,000.00	-	84,185.36	29,542.00
Payments											
Expenses for fundraising activities											
Gross trading payments											
Investment management costs											
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	36,312.44	12,850.94	1,558.99		960.23	7,745.51	4,472.00	21,515.76	173.61	85,589.48	64,768.13
Grants and donations											
Governance costs:											
Audit / independent examination											
Preparation of annual accounts											
Legal costs											
Other											
Sub total	36,312.44	12,850.94	1,558.99	-	960.23	7,745.51	4,472.00	21,515.76	173.61	85,589.48	64,768.13
Payments relating to asset and investment movements											
Purchases of fixed assets											
Purchase of investments											
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,312.44	12,850.94	1,558.99	-	960.23	7,745.51	4,472.00	21,515.76	173.61	85,589.48	64,768.13
Net receipts / (payments)	-5,324.00	10,122.04	-1,558.99	724.72	-696.73	-7,255.29	4,273.50	-1,515.76	-173.61	-1,404.12	-35,226.13
Transfers to / (from) funds	5,324.00		1,558.99		696.73	7,255.29		1,515.76	173.61	16,524.38	38,844.75
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	10,122.04	-	724.72	-	-	4,273.50	-	-	15,120.26	3,618.62