



Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO
Annual Report & Accounts
30th November 2025
SCIO Charity No SC042828

Principal Address:

7 High Street
EARLSTON
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Names of Charity Trustees:

Mags Powell	Chairperson
Sarah Petrie	Treasurer
Jackie Kinmond	Secretary
Rosie Cooper	Trustee
Gill Cooper	Trustee
Morag McGlashan	Trustee

Charity Trustees left during the year:

Aims and Objectives

Earlston Community Development Trust (ECDT) is a legally constituted voluntary organisation and is run by members of the Earlston community. Registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) whose constitution was signed 26th January 2012.

Charitable Purposes

- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the person for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Summary of Main Activities in Relation to Objectives

Our aim is to help the village of Earlston develop facilities that can be owned and managed by the people of Earlston for the benefit of the whole community.

Our goals are to provide services and facilities for recreation and other leisure time facilities for the Earlston area, following principles of sustainable development and in the interests of social welfare, so that local people's conditions of life may be improved; and to provide an example of best practice for similar organisations, both regionally and nationally.

Mission Statement

"To meet the social, cultural, environmental, educational and other needs of the communities of the Earlston Area (Earlston and surrounding communities) by providing facilities, services and carrying out other relevant activities. The Trust will be run by the people of Earlston area for the people of Earlston area"



Achievements and Performance for 2025

Earlston Community Larder

2025 carried on successfully with the Community Larder offering the food share on a Wednesday morning at the community Cafe in the Church hall, alongside the volunteers from the church.



The Community Larder is open to everyone in the village and we work to reduce surplus food going to landfill, so reducing food waste. On average, we have 15 people collecting food, and usually one or two donations of food from members of the public, over and above what we collect from Morrison's, the Premier store and the health centre. We still get a Fareshare delivery twice a month and this maintained the basics that we offered to those who are in need of food. We supplied 2 or 3 families a food parcel on a weekly basis, supported by the health centre staff who dropped the parcels off. We are contactable by the community if anyone is struggling with buying food.

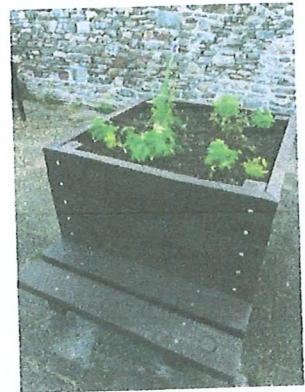
We had a few seed swaps and home-grown fruit and vegetable swap events over the spring and summer, encouraging the community to reduce food waste and also to try growing their own fruit and vegetables.

These events were well attended and more people brought a variety of different seeds, seedlings and produce along. We also had some attendees keen to have a go at growing their own from the surplus for the first time.

Over the year, we received donations of £867 to the Larder. This has allowed us to buy basic hygiene products, tinned meat, pasta sauces and a few other staples. We have spent £173.00 during this period.



In addition, we have a community herb planter which is situated next to the bus stop in the square, and we encourage the community to help themselves to these herbs when they need them. We would like to say a huge thank you to Earlston in Bloom volunteers for maintaining the herb planter over the least year, it is very much appreciated.



Orchard Town Project

The newly planted trees at the Cauldie have taken well. There were trees bearing fruit over the summer, which quickly disappeared – which is great.

Earlston Primary School Opening Event



In June we took part in Earlston Primary School's Opening Event. It was a great day, and very well attended by the community. Our smoothie bike went down a treat with over 130 smoothies cycled. Many thanks to Morrisons, Premier Earlston, Asda, Farmfoods and Purple Plum for the donation of fruit and juices for the smoothies, and Burnfoot Community Futures for the use of the Smoothie Bike.

Place Plan Project

In September, following a successful application to Scottish Borders Council, Earlston Community Development Trust and a Town Team began developing a Local Place Plan with help from consultants from Community Enterprise.

The Local Place Plan will set out the long-term vision that our community wants to achieve over the next 10 years and will develop a plan to help deliver a more collaborative and sustainable future.

Membership of ECDT – have your say

ECDT is a community owned development trust. In practice this works by encouraging local residents from the community to become members. Joining ECDT shows your support for creating a sustainable community and allows the opportunity for residents to work together to make a positive difference to their community.

If you have any ideas for projects that you would like to see ECDT running in Earlston, please become a member of ECDT. Anyone can join, it is open to all – young people, individuals, community groups and businesses. Being a member doesn't cost anything and the level of involvement is entirely up to yourself. It can be as simple as receiving minutes of our meetings to keep you updated on our work.

If you would like to become a member, or would like to discuss further, then please get in touch via our website www.earlston.net or Facebook page.

It's our community and together we can make it better!

Sincere Thanks:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all contributors for their continual support, generosity and hard work over the last year pulling together for the benefit of the community, as without you it wouldn't have been possible. In particular, all our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, individual supporters, Earlston in Bloom, Earlston Parish Church, Earlston Community Council, Earlston Morrison's, Earlston Premier Shop, Earlston Health Centre, Scottish Borders Council Eildon Foodbank, Lauder Larder, Brakes Community Benefit Rebate, Earlston Camera Club, Society of Vincent de Paul and Scottish Borders Council.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

It is the Trust's aims to have a years running cost held in the bank.

Details of any deficit:

There was no financial deficit this year, the Trustees will continue to monitor the balance.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed Mags Powell

Mags Powell
Chairperson

Date 28/3/26

Receipts & Payments Account **Year Ended 30th November 2025**

Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts					
Donations	1	317.21	550.00	867.21	419.97
Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Charitable Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	536.59
Bank Interest		12.80	0.00	12.80	14.95
Total Receipts		330.01	550.00	880.01	971.51
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses from Charitable Activities	2	89.60	173.04	262.64	678.29
Independent Examination		175.00	0.00	175.00	150.00
Governance Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments		264.60	173.04	437.64	828.29
Net Receipts/(Payments)		65.41	376.96	442.37	143.22
Transfer Between Funds		0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		65.41	376.96	442.37	143.22
Statement of Balances as at 30th November 2025					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balances at Start of Year		1275.88	0.00	1275.88	1132.66
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		65.41	376.96	442.37	143.22
Balances at End of Year		1341.29	376.96	1718.25	1275.88

Other Assets (See note) 3 3675.79 5580.70

Liabilities

No Outstanding Liabilities

Signed.....
Sarah Petrie
Treasurer

Date.....25/3/26.....

Notes to the Accounts	2025	2024
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1. Income from Charitable Activities

Community Larder	867.21	956.56
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2. Expenses from Charitable Activities

Insurance	89.60	89.60
Printing	0.00	5.70
Expenses for Orchard Project	0.00	0.00
Expenses Community Larder / Seed Swap	173.04	582.99
Total	262.64	678.29

3. Assets of Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO as at 30th November 2025

	2025	2024
Juicer/Pasteuriser	163.00	217.99
Drier & Thermometer	236.97	315.95
*Grass Cutter	0.00	679.00
Orchard Project Tools & Materials	1832.82	2443.76
6 x Gazebos	300	400.00
2 x Pop Up Banners	288	384.00
Matlock Planter with Seat	855	1140.00
Total	3675.79	5580.70

*Grass cutter has been gifted to Greener Melrose

*2025 figures show 25% depreciation

4. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

5. Nature & Purpose of Funds

The statements of account for the year show the unrestricted financial figures for the Charity.

Funds as at 30th November 2025 as made up as follows:

Unrestricted Funds

General Funds	699.34
Community larder	601.21

Restricted Funds

Community Larder	550.00
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Total	1718.25
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The funds are held as follows:

Bank account	1352.30
Cash Account	365.95

Total	1718.25
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts
Report to the trustees of Earlston Community Development Trust SCIO
Registered charity number SC042828
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 30th November 2025
Set out on Pages 6-8

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

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, 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: 
Graeme Cowe, 8 Leaderdale Crescent, Earlston, TD4 6BJ

Date: 25/1/26

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:
AIB Scot