

**Trustees Annual Report including  
Annual Receipts & Payments Accounts**

**for**

**Earlston Youth Catchment Voluntary  
Youth Work Services SCIO**

**(Beyond Earlston)**

**for the period**

**to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Scottish Charity No: SC043632**

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## Reference & Administrative Information

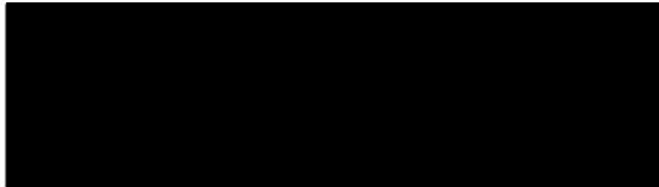
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Work Services SCIO

**Also known as:** Beyond Earlston

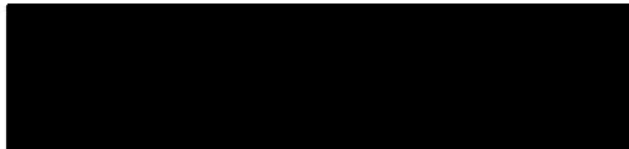
**Scottish Charity No:** SC043632

**The Charities Principal Address:** c/o Earlston High School  
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EARLSTON  
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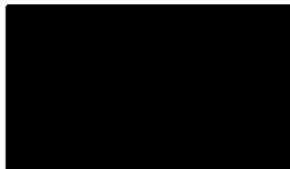
**Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:**



**Names of other trustees during the period:**



**Independent Examiner:**



**Bankers:**

Unity Trust Bank  
Nine Brindleyplace  
BIRMINGHAM  
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## **Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Governing Document:**

The Charity is governed by a constitution and has been registered as a SCIO since December 2012.

### **Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:**

All Trustees are recruited through a formal application process. Each year at the AGM trustees are annually elected, all office bearers must stand down but can be re-elected.

## **Objectives & Activities**

### **The Charities Charitable Purpose:**

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of Earlstoun Catchment Voluntary Youth Work Services are the following:

- 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 persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:**

The charity's objectives in relation to the above are:

- Provide (or assisting in providing) opportunities for young people to participate and develop their skills and knowledge in activities to become active citizens within their communities where they play; work and live without distinction as to race; ethnicity; gender; sexual orientation; ability; faith; political and religious belief.
- Improve the lives and opportunities for in leisure and recreational opportunities for children and young people within the Earlstoun High School Catchment.
- Support the young people who participate in project activities to have a voice in decision making and the development of their community.

## **Achievement & Performance for 2024-25**

This year has marked yet another successful year for Beyond Earlston.

Our membership this year totalled over 140 young people from within our catchment area, many are from Melrose and Newtown St Boswells. Appreciation is extended to all parents and partners who assist with our sessions.

We would like to express our gratitude to Earlston High School for providing office space within the school and for their invaluable advice and assistance throughout the year.

We acknowledge Birkhill House and Wooplaw Woods for their ongoing contribution in providing activities for young people throughout the year, including offering land for our Outdoors group.

Earlston Scouts have provided support by lending equipment and giving us priority for the use of their bus in the summer. Additionally, Youth Borders has offered support and guidance, along with assistance from other Locality Managers who conduct excellent youthwork across the Scottish Borders.

As we conclude another year, we can reflect on our numerous achievements. Our team has expanded to include a young person who was previously a member of our Beyond Earlston group. She has integrated seamlessly into our team and is well-regarded by the young people, providing a fresh perspective to our work and introducing us to the world of TikTok.

We continue to offer support and opportunities in the weekly groups, including the Crafting group at Earlston High School, the Thursday night drop-in at Trinity Church, and the Outdoor groups that make use of various community indoor and outdoor spaces. These groups take advantage of one-off opportunities and activities as they arise.

We took a group of young people to Loch Tay for the "Youth Work Games," where we secured second place this year. We definitely plan to return next year with the aim of achieving a first place.

We had the opportunity to participate in an event organised by "Eat, Sleep, Ride", where our young people learned about horse care and were provided with the chance to ride a horse. This experience also included an overnight stay in a yurt. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

The holiday programmes during February break, Easter, Summer, and October have consistently had full attendance. These trips are organised in collaboration with another local group to reduce costs and provide opportunities for young people to meet and make new friends.

As we move into the new year, we will explore options to maintain and develop new local connections, including those with the Hugo Burge Foundation, as well as those further afield. We will focus on identifying methods to generate income, integrating this into our activities to reduce reliance on external funding, thereby providing more financial stability for our general funds.

Securing funding becomes increasingly challenging each year. We appreciate all the support we have received this year. This has allowed us to respond effectively to the continuing needs of the young people we work with each week.

The Stepping Stones project, a Borders-wide initiative supported by the Big Lottery for the past six years, continues to achieve success. Last year, the project registered over 34 young individuals who received one-to-one support. Our work not only benefits the young people but also their families, assisting them in navigating school, relationships, and the broader community as long as necessary.

### **Chair-Persons comments**

It is encouraging to note the numerous opportunities we consistently provide to young individuals who have joined Beyond Earlston in our local community. Equally significant is the collaborative efforts we are establishing with other local organisations to mutually sustain and enhance these opportunities for the youth within the Borders.

Despite the increasing challenges in securing funding, I am confident that with our proactive Manager and a Board that embodies a "Can Do" attitude, we will continue to uphold the availability of these opportunities on an annual basis. Our current funding sources include the Scottish Borders Council, Robertson Trust, Investing in Ideas with the Big Lottery, and Weir Trust.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all staff and volunteers for their exceptional commitment, time and energy over the past year to make Beyond Earlston what it is today.

### **Board Member's Update**

We continue our efforts to actively recruit new members to our Board, although this task has proven challenging, as experienced by many other organisations. Nonetheless, we remain dedicated to identifying potential candidates and discussing the opportunities available within our focused Board.

Additionally, we have recently achieved the status of a National Living Wage employer, ensuring compliance with both the UK National Minimum Wage and the National Living Wage requirements. The National Living Wage is applicable to workers aged 21 and over, while the National Minimum Wage applies to younger workers and apprentices. Although we employ one individual under the age of 21, we are committed to promoting the Real Living Wage initiative, which encourages employers to voluntarily pay a higher rate for those under 21. After careful consideration, we have decided to support this initiative for all our employees, regardless of age.

Beyond Earlston is also proud to have received the Volunteer Friendly Award and is in the process of finalising an application for Investors in People accreditation.

The Board prides itself in good governance and has been reviewing many of Beyond Earlston's documents, updating policies as necessary, to ensure we align with best practice as possible. It is in the process of finalising an audit of the Board members which helps to identify any areas where we could benefit from added experience. Additionally the Board is in the process of developing a risk register for Beyond Earlston, which is a standing item on the agenda at each Board meeting.

## **Financial Review**

### **Statement of Reserves Policy:**

Earlston Youth Catchment aims at all times to have six months running costs held within the bank account.

### **Details of any deficit:**

There is a financial deficit this year, the Trustees are aware of this and will take action in the new financial year.

### **Details of Donated Facilities & Services:**

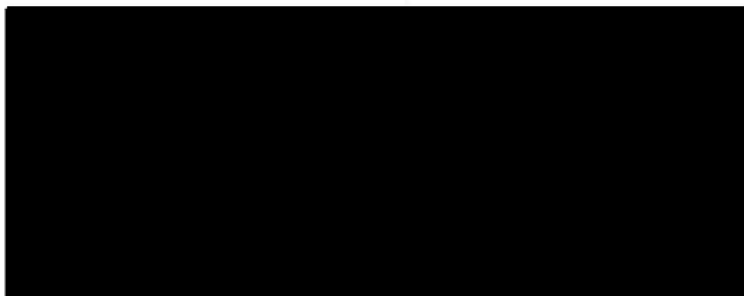
The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity, including monitoring, supervision and regular meeting times.

### **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:



Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Scottish Charity No SC043632

**Receipts & Payments Account**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations		74.06	0.00	74.06	1,785.48
Receipts from Fund Raising Activities		148.11	0.00	148.11	297.72
Other Charitable Activities	1	2,500.24	0.00	2,500.24	165.80
Grants	2	6,462.25	92,977.03	99,439.28	66,575.39
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>9,184.66</b>	<b>92,977.03</b>	<b>102,161.69</b>	<b>68,824.39</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		173.97	0.00	173.97	22.50
Expenses from Charitable Activities	3	0.00	76,074.69	76,074.69	77,998.40
Independent Examination		500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>673.97</b>	<b>76,074.69</b>	<b>76,748.66</b>	<b>78,520.90</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		8,510.69	16,902.05	25,413.03	(9,696.51)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>8,510.69</b>	<b>16,902.05</b>	<b>25,413.03</b>	<b>(9,696.51)</b>

**Statement of Balances as at  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balances at Start of Year	19,821.46	7,940.20	27,761.66	37,458.17
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	8,510.69	16,902.05	25,413.03	(9,696.51)
Balances at End of Year	<b>28,332.44</b>	<b>24,842.25</b>	<b>53,174.69</b>	<b>27,761.66</b>

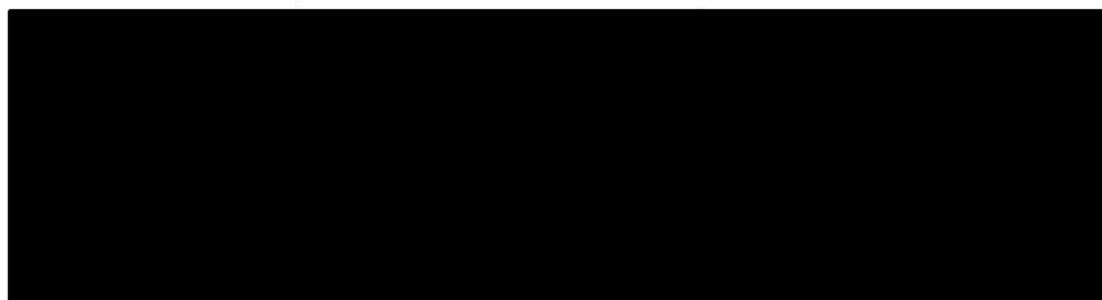
**Other Assets**

See Note 6

**1,355**      **1,096**

**Liabilities**

No Outstanding Liabilities



## Notes to the Accounts

	2025	2024
<b>1. Other Charitable Activities</b>		
Other Income – General Funds	869.60	165.80
– Holiday Fund	1,630.64	0.00
	<b>£2,500.24</b>	<b>£165.80</b>
<b>2. Grants</b>		
CCYPLG	9,602.00	9,602.00
SBC - Annual SLA	0.00	7,000.00
SBC – Summer Funding	6,517.28	6,517.28
SBC – Multiply Workshop Fund	0.00	1,913.61
SBC – Easter Pro Funding	0.00	3,150.00
SBC – CLLD Funds	18,964.00	0.00
Stepping Stones - Big Lottery	19,909.00	17,892.50
Lottery Fund	15,150.00	0.00
Youth LAG	0.00	2,000.00
Youth Borders	0.00	3,000.00
The Robertson Trust	8,000.00	8,000.00
Scottish Children Charity	0.00	7,500.00
Weir Charitable Trust	17,337.00	0.00
The Southern Upland Partnership	960.00	0.00
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust	3,000.00	0.00
	<b>£99,439.28</b>	<b>£66,575.39</b>
<b>3. Expenses from Charitable Activity</b>		
Salary Costs	50,601.12	50,113.71
Pension Costs	1,649.43	1,680.26
Staff Expenses	1,698.84	1,122.59
Staff Travel	313.72	607.36
Staff Training	0.00	25.00
Payroll Costs	494.75	360.00
Equipment	259.93	2,250.00
Group Work/Activities & Materials/Trips	17,368.66	17,840.65
Hall Hire	120.00	427.50
Phone & Mobile Costs	150.00	40.00
Stationery & Postage	30.66	0.00
Membership & Insurance	2,923.32	2,868.00
Website/Computer Costs	43.99	165.54
Bank/Card Charges	87.43	109.79
Meeting Costs	332.84	388.00
	<b>£76,074.69</b>	<b>£77,998.40</b>

## Notes to the Accounts cnt'd

### 4. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year. The Governance costs are meeting costs.

### 5. Nature & Purpose of Funds

**Restricted funds** - These funds will continue to be stated as grant income and expenditure, and restricted for a specific purpose by a grant funder. The balance of restricted funds this year is held and carried forward into the new financial year as follows:

Stepping Stones – Big Lottery	6,041.77
Big Lottery Fund	4,965.91
Weir Charitable Trust	13,834.57
	<b>£24,842.25</b>

**Un-Restricted Funds** - are those funds raised through fundraising activities and other such activities which are not under Restricted Grants Funds. At the year end the balance is **£28,332.44**

**Total Funds carried forward** **£53,174.69**

### 6 Assets held by the SCIO as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	2024	Additions	2025
Computer Equipment	646	259	905
Other Equipment	450	0	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1,355</b>

A number of assets were written off during the year including printers and the kiln.

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

Report to the trustees of Earlston Catchment Voluntary Youth Work Services  
Registered charity number SC043632

On the accounts of the charity for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Set out on Pages 8 to 10

### **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.

