

# Renfrewshire Witch Hunt 1697

Scotland · Charity number SC043647

## Details

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Known as	RWH 1697
Status	Not Submitted
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2012-12-13
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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**Address** 3D Provost Close  
Johnstone  
Renfrewshire  
PA5 8AL

**Website** [www.rwh1697.co.uk](http://www.rwh1697.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

**What the charity does:** We have an information hub within the Paisley Centre which Trustees open up every Monday on the purpose of advising of Historical events related to the Witchcraft hunts and trials of the 16th and 17th century. We also advise or other research facilities available to the public. We hope to expand on our hub to take the information to schools and communities.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** To advance lifelong education and learning and assist in the regeneration of the communities of the Renfrewshire area through the Arts, Culture and Heritage opportunities inherent in the historical events of the Witch Hunts of Renfrewshire in 1697.

## Geography

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£427	£795	-	0
2024-03-31	£3,040	£3,122	-	0
2023-03-31	£3,382	£6,285	-	0
2022-03-31	£5	£4,040	-	0
2021-03-31	£15,506	£8,898	-	0

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# Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

#### **Charity name**

Renfrewshire Witch Hunt 1697

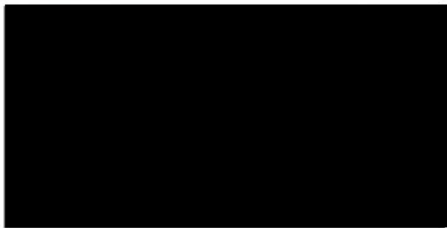
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SC043647

#### **Address**

Unit 2A, The Paisley Centre  
23 High Street  
Paisley  
PA1 2AF

#### **Trustees**



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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

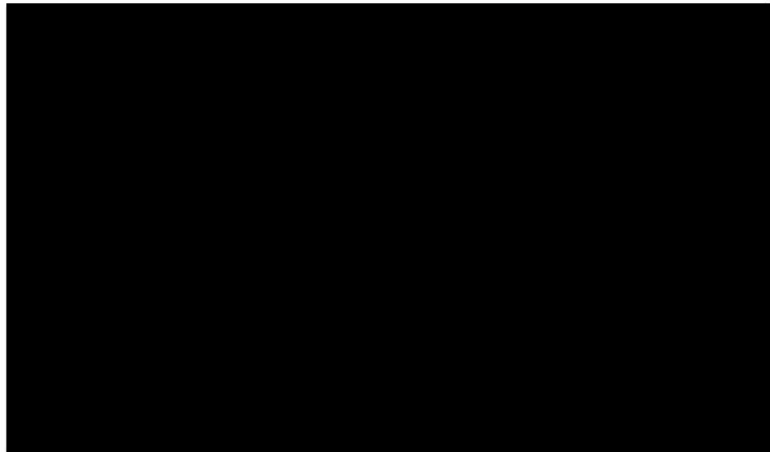
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31/03/2024	Prior Year ended 31/03/2023
<b>Receipts</b>				
AGS Airports Ltd	-	-	-	900
Renfrewshire Council Grant	-	-	-	2,475
Foundation Scotland	-	3,000	3,000	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	40	-	40	7
Other Income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>3,382</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Fundraising costs	2,438	-	2,438	300
Cost of charitable activities	504	-	504	5,805
Governance costs	180	-	180	180
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>6,285</b>
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(3,082)	3,000	(82)	(2,904)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(3,082)</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>(2,904)</b>

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Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Opening cash at bank and in hand	2,092	-	2,092	4,996
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(82)	-	(82)	(2,904)
Closing cash at hand and in bank	<u>2,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,092</u>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>				
Bank account	2,010	-	2,010	2,092
Cash account	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,092</u>
<b>Other assets - unrestricted fund</b>				
Equipment	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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



## Renfrewshire Witch Hunt 1697

Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

### 2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the trust

### 3 Related party transactions

The Trust's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year

### 4 Donations

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
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-	-	-	-

### 5 Receipts from charitable activities

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
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-	-	-	-

### 6 Fund raising costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Fablevision Filming	300	-	300	300
Workshops	2,138	-	2,138	-
	-	-	-	-
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	2,438	-	2,438	300

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### 7 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Advertising and Marketing	150	-	150	51
Equipment expenses	65	-	65	-
Heating and Lighting	101	-	101	394
Broadband and Telephone	-	-	-	-
IT Equipment	-	-	-	-
Insurance	106	-	106	192
Travel	31	-	31	-
Sundry Costs	-	-	-	57
Rent	-	-	-	4,590
Web Hosting and Design	-	-	-	522
Repairs and Maintenance	12	-	12	-
Office and Admin	39	-	39	-
	<u>504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>5,805</u>

### 8 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Independent examiners fee	180	-	180	180
	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>180</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Renfrewshire Witch Hunt 1697.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

### **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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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**

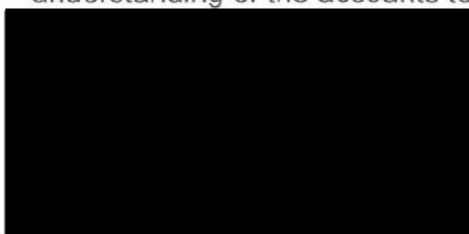
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

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
- 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.



Connolly Accountants, 188 Woodhill Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow. G64 1DW.

01/04/2025



# Annual Report 2024

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