

Rural Rascals Out of School Club (SCIO)

Scottish Charity No SC04397

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31 July 2024

The Trustees (committee members) have the pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Rural Rascals Out of School Club (RROSC)

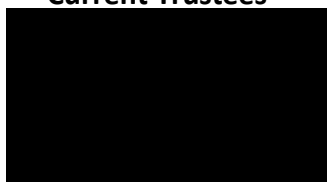
Charity Number

SC043971

Address

Dunecht Primary School, Dunecht, Westhill, Aberdeenshire. AB32 7BA

Current Trustees



Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary
Committee Member

Unless otherwise stated, the Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting which is held in April/May each year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 30 April 2013. The charity was previously an unincorporated body but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated body were transferred to the SCIO on 30 April 2013. It has a single tier structure and as such the Trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The management committee, which meets at least once per school term, more often if required, are the charity's Trustees. Membership of the committee is open to all parents and guardians of children in the club.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in April/May each year.

The daily running of the club is overseen by the Rural Rascals Manager who is a paid member of staff. This role is supported and overseen by the committee.

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Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

Rural Rascals offers afterschool childcare for primary-aged children.

The aim of the club is to provide parents with the knowledge their children are being cared for in a safe, affordable, accessible facility. The club aims to provide an informal, educationally stimulating environment where children can advance self-confidence, self-esteem and motivation. The club aims to promote a happy, caring setting. It will encourage children to participate in the varied programme that is planned by themselves and the staff alongside parents and carers. Rural Rascals will help families by providing the local community with a facility which offers recreational activities, allowing parents and carers flexibility to manage their childcare with other commitments.

Activities

The charity provides an after-school club, based at Dunecht Primary School, from 3.15pm to 5.45pm each weekday during term time. Snacks are provided and a range of activities including arts and crafts, games etc. If the weather allows, activities can be held outside in the school playground.

Achievements and Performance

During this financial year, the charity has continued to provide a high standard of care and service to the children. The club continues to offer after-school provision to pupils from the neighbouring primary schools of Echt & Cluny, with an ongoing requirement for taxi provision to transport those children to Dunecht at the end of the school day.

All members of the club are looking forward to the next year with enthusiasm and optimism, with a strong focus on maintaining attendance levels and continuing to provide an excellent service to the children and families in our area.

Financial Review

The only source of funding for this year is fees which are charged to parents and carers. Although attendance remained constant year on year, income generated from fees increased by 30%, due to an increase in the basic rate charged per session, along with the introduction of a taxi surcharge, applied to children attending from Echt & Cluny. Expenses have increased by 22% overall this year, partly due to the increase in fee generating activities, however transport costs have increased by 73%. The Committee continue to monitor this and will investigate opportunities for additional funding and adjust fees and taxi surcharge as necessary.

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to maintain around two months of normal running costs to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Reserves at the end of the period were £2,387 (2023: £5,209), which would fall short of the target of two months at current rate of expenditure. The trustees will review the policy and increase fees if this is required to maintain the reserve policy.

Plans for the Future

To continue to provide good quality after-school care for Dunecht, Echt and Cluny school pupils in a safe and happy environment, and to build on the success of previous years.

The Trustees are confident that the club will continue to be a stable and happy place for the children attending and are committed to improving on that success.

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		-	-	-	-
Fees		36,084	-	36,084	27,690
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
		<u>36,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,084</u>	<u>27,690</u>
Payments					
Cost of fundraising		-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	4	38,907	-	38,907	31,605
Grants and donations		-	-	-	-
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Purchase of equipment		-	-	-	-
		<u>38,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,907</u>	<u>31,605</u>
Deficit for the year		(2,822)	-	(2,822)	(3,915)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Deficit for the year		<u>(2,822)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,822)</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>

The notes on page 7 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances as at 31 July 2024

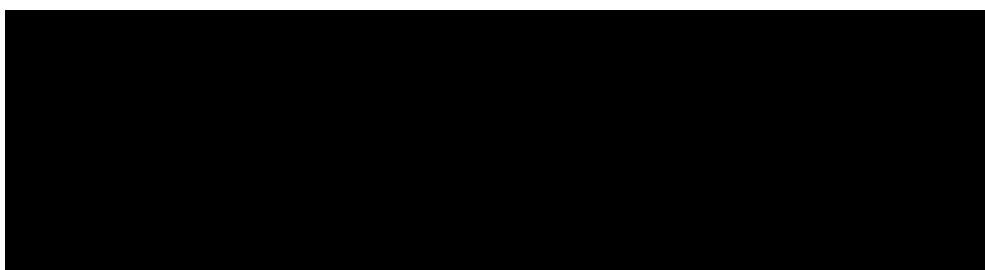
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Opening cash and bank balances at 1 August 2023	5,307	0	5,307	9,222
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(2,936)	0	(2,936)	(3,915)
Closing cash and bank balances at 31 July 2024	<u>2,371</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,371</u>	<u>5,307</u>

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank current account	2,387	5,210
Cash	(16)	97
	<u>2,371</u>	<u>5,307</u>

All funds are unrestricted
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Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees on 24th April 2025 by:-



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Notes to the Accounts - For the year ended 31 July 2024

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and 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 the furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the club.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the period all donations and funds are unrestricted.

3 Related party transactions

The club's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. No other remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the period.

4. Cost of charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and national insurance	22,336.00	-	22,336.00	20,360.00
Staff disclosure checks/registration	105.00	-	105.00	139.00
Courses	-	-	-	-
Insurance & Care Insp membership	317.00	-	317.00	983.00
Transport costs	13,856.00	-	13,856.00	8,001.00
Repairs and cleaning	-	-	-	-
Snack and craft	1,807.00	-	1,807.00	1,701.00
Telephone & stationery	-	-	-	-
Payroll costs	336.00	-	336.00	294.00
Toys and games	-	-	-	-
Admin/general expenses	150.00	-	150.00	127.00
	38,907.00	-	38,907.00	31,605.00