

# Skylark IX Recovery Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC044184

## Details

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| Status     | Active                                               |
| Legal form | SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) |
| Registered | 2013-08-05                                           |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>            |

## Contact

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| Address | C/o 1 Quay Street<br>Dumbarton<br>G82 1LG                         |
| Website | <a href="http://www.skylarkix.com/">http://www.skylarkix.com/</a> |

## 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:** Skylark IX Recovery Trust is established to preserve and restore Skylark IX, a nationally significant Dunkirk Little Ship, while using this work as a vehicle for community benefit, skills development and recovery support. The charity brings together volunteers from the local community, many of whom are in recovery from addiction, to participate in meaningful, structured and inclusive activities that promote wellbeing, social connection and personal development. The charity's work combines heritage preservation with community engagement, education and health promoting activity, creating a supportive environment where individuals can rebuild confidence, learn practical skills and strengthen their sense of belonging.

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

**Objectives:** 4 1 to advance heritage through the restoration and preservation of the Skylark in Dumbarton and any other such seacraft and vessels which provide connections with the boat-building heritage of Dumbarton 4 2 to advance education by encouraging, supporting and assisting in the provision of heritage and educational services relating to the boat building heritage of Dumbarton 4 3 to advance citizenship, community development and civic responsibility with a special focus on raising awareness and appreciation among the local community of the industrial and social heritage of Dumbarton

## Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Dunbartonshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £37,874  | £48,643     | -      | 1         |
| 2024-03-31 | £30,958  | £31,055     | -      | 2         |
| 2023-03-31 | £180,661 | £123,421    | -      | 3         |
| 2022-03-31 | £193,067 | £221,663    | -      | 3         |
| 2021-03-31 | £128,858 | £137,827    | -      | 3         |

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# Accounts

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# Skylark IX Recovery Trust

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting on 22 October 2025

## 1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Skylark IX Recovery Trust

Charity Number: SC001219

Registered Address: % 1 Quay Street Dumbarton G82 1LG

Website: <http://www.skylarkix.com/>

Independent Examiner/Auditor: [REDACTED]

## 2. Chair's Introduction

The past year has been one of significant progress and renewed community engagement for the Skylark IX Recovery Trust. Against a challenging backdrop of limited resources, our team, volunteers, and partners have continued to deliver transformative programmes connecting recovery, heritage, and community.

Highlights of the year include:

The production of the Dunkirk Commemorative Concert, commemorating the anniversary of Operation Dynamo and honouring the Skylark IX's historic role. The concert involved a local school, other charities and members of the local community.

A visit from the Lord-Lieutenancy, recognising the Trust's contribution to recovery, community and heritage.

The Trust's nomination for the King's Award for Voluntary Service, a powerful testament to our volunteers' dedication

The engagement of a new Community engagement officer - [REDACTED].

A visit from Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care in the Scottish Parliament.

Development of the Rowing School

Fundraising and planning for representatives of the Trust to travel to Dunkirk for the 8th anniversary of Operation Dynamo

The Trust continues to be inspired by Skylark IX's legacy — a symbol of hope, recovery, and resilience — and to build on that legacy through skills, connection, and community.

### 3. Structure, Governance and Management

Skylark IX Recovery Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its constitution. Trustees meet regularly to oversee strategy, governance, and financial management.

The charity continues to work closely with key partners including Alternatives, West Dunbartonshire, The Scottish Maritime Museum (Denny Tank), and local community groups. Volunteers remain at the heart of our activities, providing essential support in delivering our programmes and events.

### 4. Charitable Purposes and Aims

The Skylark IX Recovery Trust exists to:

Preserve and celebrate the heritage of the Dunkirk “Little Ship” Skylark IX.

Support people in recovery from addiction to rebuild their lives through heritage, craft, and water-based activity.

Our aims for 2024/25, aligned with Corra Foundation funding outcomes, were to:

Provide skills training in heritage craft and water-based physical activities for people in recovery.

Support people to develop practical life and employability skills within a team-based environment.

### 5. Activities and Key Focus Areas (2024–2025)

The key areas of focus were:

Development and coordination of wood-craft skills workshops at the Denny Tank Museum.

Development and relaunch of the Skylark IX Community Rowing Project.

Strengthening communications between partners, volunteers, and the local community.

### 6. Achievements and Performance

Participation and Engagement

Over 100 people engaged across projects.

Over 300 volunteer hours recorded.

Over 35 community members regularly involved in Skylark IX Community Rowing (at least 10 in recovery).

#### Programmes Delivered

Two 12-week woodcraft workshops delivered at Denny Tank Museum.

Two 6-week canoe skills workshops delivered to participants in recovery.

Skylark IX Community Rowing Project successfully relaunched, promoting connection, physical wellbeing, and teamwork.

Online donations platform launched, generating an additional £197.68 in unrestricted income.

#### Funding

Awarded £11,503 from WDC Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for canoeing programme.

Continued funding from the Corra Foundation, enabling delivery of recovery and heritage projects.

#### Community and Heritage

Successful Dunkirk Commemorative Concert marking 84 years since Operation Dynamo.

Lord-Lieutenancy visit recognising the charity's role in recovery and heritage engagement.

Nomination for the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Continued engagement through talks, local heritage networks, open days, and rowing events.

#### 7. Challenges

Balancing multiple roles within our limited volunteer base

Resource constraints – demands on a limited staff time and management capacity.

Funding limitations – reliance on small grants and core Corra support.

Despite these pressures, collaborative working and community commitment allowed the Trust to maintain delivery and impact.

#### 8. Impact

Over 100 people engaged across projects.

Over 300 hours of volunteering recorded.

63% of participants took up additional opportunities (training, volunteering, or further activities).

25% of participants achieved First Aid certification.

100% of participants reported feeling supported in their recovery journey.

Average participant engaged in two or more Skylark projects, reflecting strong continuity and community connection.

#### 9. Looking Ahead to 2025–2026

Our aims for the coming year include:

Oar-building project with Skylark IX rowers and recovery community participants.

Deliver another block of woodwork skills workshops.

Continue to build the Community Rowing Project, aiming for it to become self-led by 2026.

Restart oral history project to capture voices from veterans, recovery participants, and community members.

Prioritise grant fundraising and donor development.

Develop a 2026 strategic vision and long-term sustainability plan.

Strengthen trustee board with additional expertise in fundraising, governance, boat building and strategy.

#### 11. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

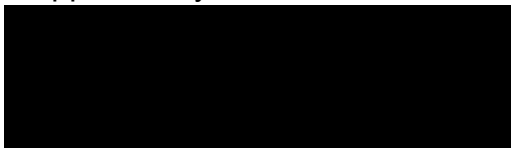
The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to act in the interests of the charity, to ensure that its assets are used exclusively for charitable purposes, and that the accounts give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position.

#### 12. Acknowledgements

The Trustees wish to thank all volunteers, funders, and partners — particularly Corra Foundation, Alternatives, West Dunbartonshire Council, and the Scottish Maritime Museum for their continued support.

Special thanks to the Skylark IX crew, recovery community participants, and everyone who contributes to keeping the Skylark IX story alive.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

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Date: 22/10/25

| Skyark IX Recovery Trust - 2024 - 2025 |                                                                                    |             |                  |             |           |       |           |                                                                                                            |            |              |          |            |            |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
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| Paid In                                |                                                                                    |             |                  |             |           |       |           |                                                                                                            |            | Expenses     |          |            |            |       |      |         |      |           |            | Expenses Codes |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| Date                                   | Description                                                                        | Pay In Ref  | Bank Account A/C | Payroll A/C | Net Gains | Total | Debit     | Description                                                                                                | Cheque No  | Date Cleared | Bank A/C | Petty Cash | Total      | Wages | HMRC | Pension | Rent | Insurance | IT Support | Goods For Sale | Transport | Recruitment | Staff Training | Stationery | Materials | Bank Charges | Income Phone | Other   |  |
| 01.04.2022                             | Opening Balance                                                                    |             | £                | 40,479.66   |           |       |           | Previous year spend not deducted until April 2024 (shown for the purpose of balancing with bank statement) |            |              | £        |            |            |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 16.06.2024                             | Skyark Covent - Tickets, Raffles, Programmes, Donations                            | 000070      | £                | 875.53      |           | £     | 875.53    | INV 1009 - Alternatives EE Mobile Feb & March 2024                                                         | ONLINE PVT | 18.04.2024   |          |            | £ 33.85    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              | £ 33.85      |         |  |
| 30.07.2024                             | Mari-Burth Donation - Duskirk Trip for Volunteer                                   | Auto-Credit | £                | 100.00      |           | £     | 100.00    | INV 1012 - Alternatives Recharges - Lady Hag Phone Wreck                                                   | ONLINE PVT | 18.04.2024   |          |            | £ 51.40    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              | £ 51.40 |  |
| 12.07.2024                             | WDC - Wellbeing Fund Grant                                                         | BACS        | £                | 267.75      |           | £     | 267.75    | SCVO - Good Moves Community Engagement Officer Recruitment                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 18.04.2024   |          |            | £ 230.00   |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           | £ 230.00    |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 13.06.2024                             | WDC - Proverb's Fund Donation - Volunteer Trip to Duskirk                          | BACS        | £                | 300.00      |           | £     | 300.00    | Red Mosquito - Gold II May 2024                                                                            | ONLINE PVT | 18.04.2024   |          |            | £ 39.07    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 09.09.2024                             | DONATION - A Parfery (Goran Day Evebb)                                             | 000071      | £                | 10.00       |           | £     | 10.00     | Bank Charges to 28.03.2024                                                                                 | Charges    | 18.04.2024   |          |            | £ 0.70     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              | £ 0.70       |         |  |
| 19.09.2024                             | DONATIONS - Clyde Fest & Boat Day                                                  | 000071      | £                | 84.10       |           | £     | 84.10     | Red Mosquito - Gold II June 2024                                                                           | ONLINE PVT | 23.05.2024   |          |            | £ 39.07    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 28.10.2024                             | Corris Foundation - Year 2 (July 2024 - August 2025)                               | BACS        | £                | 23,700.00   |           | £     | 23,700.00 | HMRC Payment - June 2024 Salaries                                                                          | 000273     | 16.07.2024   |          |            | £ 2.83     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 31.10.2024                             | DONATIONS - Clydeside Festival Weekend                                             | 000072      | £                | 33.96       |           | £     | 33.96     | Red Mosquito - Gold II July 2024                                                                           | ONLINE PVT | 18.06.2024   |          |            | £ 39.07    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 21.11.2024                             | Donation - St Modan R.A. Chapter 719                                               | 000073      | £                | 660.00      |           | £     | 660.00    | INV 1012 - Alternatives Salary Recharges 1st Qtr (AB Corra)                                                | ONLINE PVT | 18.06.2024   |          |            | £ 1,101.75 |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 02.12.2024                             | Bank Charges RFLUND                                                                | BACS        | £                | 71.17       |           | £     | 71.17     | President Eric Salaries - PAT Testing                                                                      | ONLINE PVT | 18.06.2024   |          |            | £ 44.10    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 20.01.2025                             | Community Mental Health Phase 3                                                    | 000074      | £                | 11,500.00   |           | £     | 11,500.00 | Bank Charges to 01.01.2025                                                                                 | Charges    | 22.05.2024   |          |            | £ 1.05     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              | £ 1.05       |         |  |
| 25.03.2025                             | Mari-Burth Donation for Duskirk Trip                                               | BACS        | £                | 400.00      |           | £     | 400.00    | Red Mosquito - Gold II August 2024                                                                         | ONLINE PVT | 04.07.2024   |          |            | £ 39.07    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 26.03.2025                             | Hudson Ark Guild Donation                                                          | 000075      | £                | 65.00       |           | £     | 65.00     | INV 1043 - Alternatives EE Mobile Phone Charges April-June 2023                                            | ONLINE PVT | 04.07.2024   |          |            | £ 87.43    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              | £ 87.43      |         |  |
| 12.07.2024                             | HMRC Payment - July 2024 Salaries                                                  | 000274      |                  |             |           |       |           | 19.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 19.08.2024   |          |            | £ 2.83     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 28.06.2024                             | A Debon Salary - July 2024                                                         | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 26.06.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 26.06.2024   |          |            | £ 1,062.47 |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 11.07.2024                             | A Debon Pension Contribution Returned - June 2024 Salaries                         | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 26.06.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 26.06.2024   |          |            | £ 11.30    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 26.07.2024                             | True Potential Pension Contribution - July 2024 Salaries                           | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 05.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 05.08.2024   |          |            | £ 60.84    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 26.07.2024                             | A Debon Salary - July 2024                                                         | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 26.07.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 26.07.2024   |          |            | £ 1,053.46 |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 21.06.2024                             | Bank Charges to 31.05.2024                                                         | Charges     |                  |             |           |       |           | 21.06.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 21.06.2024   |          |            | £ 0.35     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 12.07.2024                             | WD Leisure - Denny Theatre Hire                                                    | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 23.07.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 23.07.2024   |          |            | £ 217.75   |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 23.07.2024                             | Mari-Burth - Remuneration for Deposit paid to Denny Theatre Hire & Patricia Scheme | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 23.07.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 23.07.2024   |          |            | £ 100.00   |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 01.08.2024                             | Red Mosquito - Gold II September 2024                                              | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 13.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 13.08.2024   |          |            | £ 39.07    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 02.08.2024                             | Marsh Commercial Annual Insurance - 04.08.2024 to 03.08.2025                       | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 13.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 13.08.2024   |          |            | £ 1,123.36 |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 13.08.2024                             | INV 1052 - Alternatives Recharges EE Mobile & BACS Salary Glasses                  | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 13.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 13.08.2024   |          |            | £ 62.61    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 22.07.2024                             | Bank Charges to 01.07.2024                                                         | Charges     |                  |             |           |       |           | 22.07.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 22.07.2024   |          |            | £ 7.16     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 15.08.2024                             | True Potential Pension Contribution - August 2024 Salaries                         | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 05.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 05.09.2024   |          |            | £ 84.24    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 28.08.2024                             | HMRC Payment - August 2024 Salaries                                                | 000275      |                  |             |           |       |           | 25.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 25.09.2024   |          |            | £ 20.16    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 28.08.2024                             | A Debon Salary - August 2024                                                       | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 28.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 28.08.2024   |          |            | £ 1,279.84 |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 28.08.2024                             | J Currie Salary - August 2024                                                      | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 28.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 28.08.2024   |          |            | £ 610.13   |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 22.08.2024                             | Bank Charges to 01.08.2024                                                         | Charges     |                  |             |           |       |           | 22.08.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 22.08.2024   |          |            | £ 3.15     |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 28.08.2024                             | INV 1055 - Alternatives Client Lunch Catering                                      | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 10.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 10.09.2024   |          |            | £ 80.00    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 27.08.2024                             | INV 1060 - Alternatives DM Truck, Passport Renewal (RMCC)                          | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 10.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 10.09.2024   |          |            | £ 418.88   |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 01.09.2024                             | Red Mosquito - Gold II Service October 2024                                        | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 10.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 10.09.2024   |          |            | £ 39.07    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 09.09.2024                             | INV 1063 - Alternatives Mobile Phone & Lady Hagcup Poppy                           | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 10.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 10.09.2024   |          |            | £ 98.82    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 17.09.2024                             | True Potential Pension Contribution - September 2024 Salaries                      | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 07.10.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 07.10.2024   |          |            | £ 84.24    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 17.09.2024                             | HMRC Payment - September 2024 Salaries                                             | 000276      |                  |             |           |       |           | 25.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 25.09.2024   |          |            | £ 20.16    |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 17.09.2024                             | A Debon Salary - September 2024                                                    | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 26.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 26.09.2024   |          |            | £ 1,242.40 |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 17.09.2024                             | J Currie Salary - September 2024                                                   | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 26.09.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 26.09.2024   |          |            | £ 610.13   |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |
| 17.09.2024                             | INV 1064 - Alternatives Salary Recharges 2nd Qtr (AB Corra)                        | ONLINE PVT  |                  |             |           |       |           | 10.10.2024                                                                                                 | ONLINE PVT | 10.10.2024   |          |            |            |       |      |         |      |           |            |                |           |             |                |            |           |              |              |         |  |