

# Chirnside Development Group

Scotland · Charity number SC044581

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-01-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	The Sycamores Chirnside Duns TD11 3LD
Website	<a href="http://www.chirnsidedevelopment.org.uk">www.chirnsidedevelopment.org.uk</a>

## Activities

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

**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 persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

**What the charity does:** We set up the charity to provide a safe and affordable space in the village for everyone to use. We maintain and run the community centre and also seek funds for improvement, sustainability and energy saving. We organise community lunches and coffee mornings and a food larder is open on 4 days a week to help folk who need food etc.

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

**Objectives:** 1.1 To promote the advancement 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. 1.2 To promote the advancement of citizenship or community development.

## Geography

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£28,556	£41,270	-	0
2024-01-31	£24,487	£28,950	-	0
2023-01-31	£32,188	£44,668	-	0
2022-01-31	£39,712	£39,598	-	0
2021-01-31	£47,934	£38,967	-	0

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 January 2025**

**Chirnside Development Group SCIO**

**Charity No: SCO44581**

## **Chirnside Development Group SCIO**

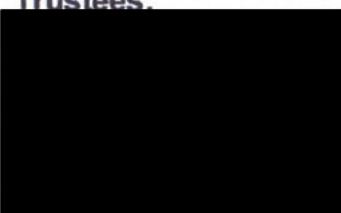
### **Trustees Report**

The trustees present their annual report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024.

### **Reference & Administrative Details**

Principal Office:  
Orchard House  
8 East End  
Chirnside  
Duns  
Berwickshire  
TD11 3YG

### **Trustees:**



### **Members:**



### **Structure, Governance & Management**

Chirnside Development Group is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is governed by its constitution.

### **Recruitment & appointment of trustees**

The members appoint people to serve on the Board. The people serving on the Board are the Charity Trustees. At each AGM the Members may elect any Member to be a charity trustee. At each AGM all the Charity Trustees must retire from office, but then may be re-elected.

Helen Colvine receives remuneration as Finance Officer.

### **Objectives & Activities**

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.

Our newest objective is to find a cheaper and more affordable energy supplier, as Electricity costs are becoming alarming. Our ability to supply the village with a sustainable Community Centre depends on us as a group, to keep coming up with new ideas for insulating and heating the Centre. To this end we are looking into installing, air to air additional heating and solar panels and studio 1 and 2 floor insulation. A solution will include applying for an 80% grant for this with a 20% interest free loan over 8 years. This has been researched and is feasible. We have agreed to go ahead with this as soon as possible.

## **Achievements & Performance**

The last year has been a real challenge for Chirnside Community Centre and our Development Trust that manage the Centre. Like everyone else in this present uncertain economic climate, we have seen our Board of Trustees and committee members decline and so it has been left to just a few of us to manage the Centre and arrange events and bookings.

The price of heating the building has gone up and our Treasurer has had to keep looking for the best deals to cope with this.

Having said that, we have had events such as Concerts, a Ceilidh on New year's eve and Coffee Mornings, Community Lunches, and set up a monthly indoor market, with tombola and cafe included. All these events have raised a considerable amount of money, which still doesn't cover our expenses.

We have at last, (after many goes in the past) managed to get funding for the replacement of the stained-glass windows, which have made a huge difference not only to the look of the Centre but also stopped the considerable leakage of heat through the broken windows. Not to mention the bitter winds and weather coming in through them before the repairs.

Bookings continue to come in, but we still have room for more users. New groups like Little Strikers, and Book club have started.

We plan to do more to make the Centre more sustainable and we have had a survey to see how the Centre can be more environmentally friendly. Following this, it has been established that the next best thing to have is Solar Panels and Storage Batteries and to this end we are now starting to apply to funders for the money to get these installed and of course, we have to have various permissions etc.

So we have our work cut out to keep ahead of everything.

We have to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the few on the Board that remain, that has enabled the work of this Trust to keep the Community Centre functional, whilst also improving the building.

We must also thank those members who have left the board, but who have worked with us to run and help with events etc.

It is not only the Trusts aim to keep the building open and functional but also to serve the Community of Chirnside and we will try our best to keep this very important village asset in good order and open to all in this village.

## **Financial Review**

Our main source of funding continues to be hall lets. We received donations and grants totalling £

Total funds for the year were 2024/25 £33,835(2023/24: £24,487) resulting in a deficit of £7,345 for the year.

## **Policy on reserves**

The policy for general reserves is to have enough in reserve to cover running costs for the Centre for at least 6 months. The policy for restricted reserves is to use them for the purpose for which they were intended, that is the renovation and refurbishment of Chirnside Community Centre, the cost of which will be depreciated over the life of the lease remaining.

**Chirnside Development Group SCIO Statement of Receipts & Payments for year ended 31 January 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations & Grants		5,279		4,788	4,788
Charitable Activities		10,308		8,740	8,740
Other activities		18,248		10,958	10,958
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>33,835</u></b>		<b><u>24,486</u></b>	<b><u>24,486</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities		10,828		14,120	14,120
Raising funds		15,317		10,254	10,254
Repairs		15,050		4,526	4,526
IE		75		50	50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>41,270</u></b>		<b><u>28,950</u></b>	<b><u>28,950</u></b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>32,308</b>			<b>36,771</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>(7,435)</b>			<b>(4,463)</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>23,872</u></b>			<b><u>32,308</u></b>

**Chirnside Development Group SCIO**  
**Statement of balances for year ended 31 January 2024**

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	32,308	32,308	36,771
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,435)		(4,463)
<b>Cash at bank and in hand 31/1/2025</b>	<b>£23,872</b>		<b>32,308</b>

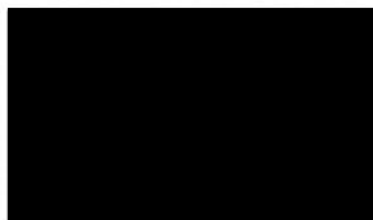
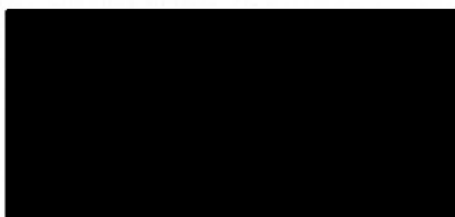
**Other assets (Restricted)**

The charity own the lease on the building, depreciation over the life of 15 years.  
 Furniture and equipment 25% reducing balance basis.

	Land & Buildings £	Furniture & Equipment	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 31 January 2025	210,075	2,214	243,406
Additions	-		
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Charge for the year	15,005	1,107	16,112
At January 31 2024	225,080	2,214	227,294
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 January 2025	210,075	2,490	
At 31 January 2024	225,080	2,214	

The notes on page 6 form an integral part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Chirnside Development Group SCIO**  
**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025**

**1. Accounting Policies**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & 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 hall.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes.

**3. Related Party Transactions**

Helen Colvine receives remuneration as Finance Officer.

**4. Grants Received**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	216		216	1,250
Grants	5,063		5,063	3,538
Grants from others				
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>5,279</u></b>		<b><u>5279</u></b>	<b><u>4,788</u></b>

**5. Other income**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Other income	2,165		2,165	2,181
Hall rental	8,374		8,374	8,288
Events income	1,935		1,935	
Larder income	16,082		16,082	9,230
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>28,556</u></b>		<b><u>28,556</u></b>	<b><u>19,699</u></b>

**6. Expenditure**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	-		-	
Costs of trading	9,399		9,399	14,966
Other expenses	15,317		15,317	8,653
Insurance	1,429		1,429	845
Maintenance	15,050		15,050	4,526
IE	75		75	50
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>41,270</u></b>		<b><u>41,270</u></b>	<b>28,950</b>

## **Chirnside Development Group SCIO**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

**For the year ended 31 January 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2025 set out on pages 4-6

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees 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 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 view given by the accounts.


#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) 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.



Independent Examiner



Date: 21 April 2025