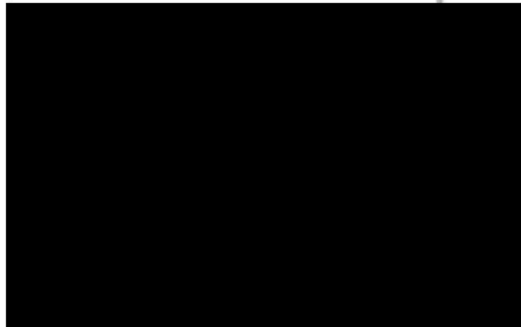
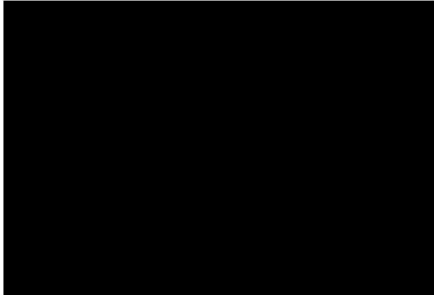


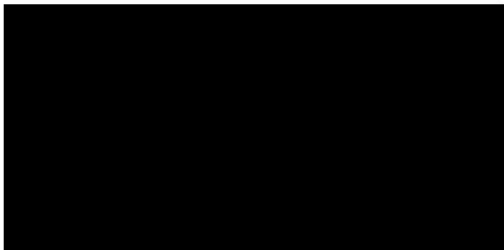
# Trustee's Report

Organisation: Friends of Happy Valley  
Scottish Charity Number: SC044724  
Year ending: 31 March 2024

## Trustees

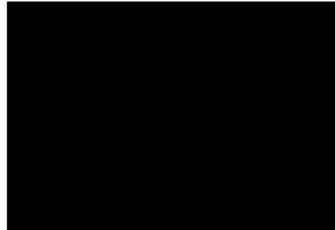


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## Governing Document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a SCIO constitution.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a board of trustees which meets quarterly.

Trustees are appointed in general meetings. Appropriate training and induction is provided in the aims, objectives and procedures of the charity to all new trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

## Charitable Purposes

The charity's main purposes are:

- To conserve, protect and improve the natural and cultural heritage of the area of land known as Happy Valley, to retain its ethos and uniqueness for public benefit and enjoyment.
- To preserve, sustainably, the natural, man-made and cultural history of this area for the advancement of education of the local and visiting population.
- To promote the care of the trees, plants and wildlife of the area and the responsible and sustainable use of this bio diverse environment, the woodland and other habitats on the land.

### **Activities and Achievements**

The early part of the year was not very active as the committee was affected by losing three trustees, one of whom was the secretary who had been a significant trustee and officer. Also, a lack of Orkney Islands Council staff to be involved with the jointly agreed Management Plan slowed things up. Although things were quiet the organisation continued to engage with other community events such as Stenness Community Association's Family Fun Day and the Ness of Brodgar Open Day.

There were three attempts to hold an AGM before a quorate meeting was held. This was very successful, and we recruited four new trustees all of whom are keen and active.

The management plan requires up dating but will have to awaiting the council appointing an appropriate officer to post in July 2024.

The new committee started a series of working parties during the spring to tidy up the garden and carry out pathway repairs.

Plans are underway for another significant out lay; to create a film of the history of the site, surrounding area and Edwin Harold the original creator of Happy Valley. This is a significant process of engaging with the public and Archive materials to create a publicly accessible film.

### **Trustees Remuneration and Expenses**

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity.

Trustee expenses for the period amounted to £155.02.

Expenses were paid to:

- [REDACTED]

These expenses related to:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

### **Reserves**

It is the charity's policy to hold at least £2000 in reserves to allow it to meet its obligations for a period of 2 years without requiring additional fundraising.

As a result of the surplus of £1.38 for the year, the charity held unrestricted funds of £11349.52 at the year end. This meets the charity's reserves policy, enables the charity to operate and allows it to fulfil its charitable purposes throughout the forthcoming year.

### **On behalf of the trustees**

[REDACTED]

Date: 19 July 2024

(all unrestricted)

31 March 2024

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