

Deerness Community Association

Scotland · Charity number SC044828

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-04-28
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Fea Deerness Orkney KW17 2QQ
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Activities

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 look after the running and maintenance of the local community hall together with an adjoining play area, campsite and the grounds which include trees and a fenced paddock. We enable various groups to use the hall and local can hire it for sports or leisure activities.

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

Objectives: To promote community development in the rural community of Deerness and its environs without distinction of sex, sexuality, political, religious, or other opinions, and to associate with the local authorities, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to promote social and other leisure and recreational activities to foster a community spirit, for the achievement of these so that their conditions of life may be improved. In furtherance of this the association will maintain and manage Deerness Community Centre for activities promoted by the committee or any of its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects and to carry out any extension of the premises or facilities provided which may at any time seem necessary or desirable.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Orkney Islands
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£33,947	£28,241	-	1
2025-03-31	£51,486	£67,912	-	1
2024-03-31	£45,411	£27,579	-	1
2023-03-31	£14,858	£20,382	-	1
2022-03-31	£27,378	£27,359	-	1
2021-03-31	£44,353	£12,535	-	1

Accounts

Chairman's Report May 2026

This last year has been yet another busy year for the hall. The Vintage Rally in July was well supported, with the playpark being very busy. Following feedback resulting from our community questionnaires, we had a taster session of Line Dancing in September, run by Alison Foulis. This has proved to be very popular and now continues as a weekly event. The Family Bingo night also in September was a lot of fun and saw many children attending and getting into the spirit of it. Our Harvest Home in October was another good night with music by Murray Cowie and an entertaining speech by Thelma Bruce. November saw the St Ninian's Art & Craft Fair weekend, the very enjoyable Race Night, and the Tree Lighting, which was switched on by Linda Bonner. The Christmas Lunch in December was again enjoyed by many of our over 60s parishioners. With our fun Quiz Night in April and our busy Plant Sale & Teas earlier this month, we've continued to provide successful entertaining events. The hall has also continued to be well used throughout the year with weekly and monthly activities and clubs, such as Pilates, Blether & Brew, Ladies Badminton, Craft Club, Over 60s, SWI, Book Club, Drama Group, Sewing Classes and Bowls. The campsite continues to be well used and along with Hall bookings for private functions, have generated steady income and allowed us to maintain the building and invest in its successful future.

As well as on-going maintenance, we have undertaken some fairly major renovations this year with replacing fascia boards, external doors and replacing fluorescent lighting with LEDs. We also had new high-speed Wi-Fi installed recently.

One of our main concerns at the beginning of the year, was the impending retirement of our dedicated and long serving Hall Keeper, Linda Bonner. We are delighted to have a replacement in Tracy Leslie, who took over on the 1st of April, and we wish her well in the post.

None of these events and activities run themselves, and their success is down to all the hard work and enthusiasm from the hall committee and often their families as well. From planning, to advertising, baking, serving, washing up and final clear up, thank you all for your valued time and tireless efforts.

Accounts

Deerness Hall Committee – Chairman's report May 2025

This past year has been another full and successful one for the Hall, with the Vintage Rally, a Race Night, the official opening of the new Play Area, our Harvest Home, the Christmas Tree Lighting, the over 60s Christmas lunch, a Quiz Night, and Sunday Teas and Plant Sale all proving very successful. We've also had a full programme of regular groups – Book Club, Blether and Brew, Over 60s, SWI, craft club, badminton, and so on – and weekly Pilates classes started in September and continue to be well supported.

The Drama Club put on three spectacular performances of *Treasure Island* in January, proving what a fantastic range of talent we have in the community! We look forward to their next production!

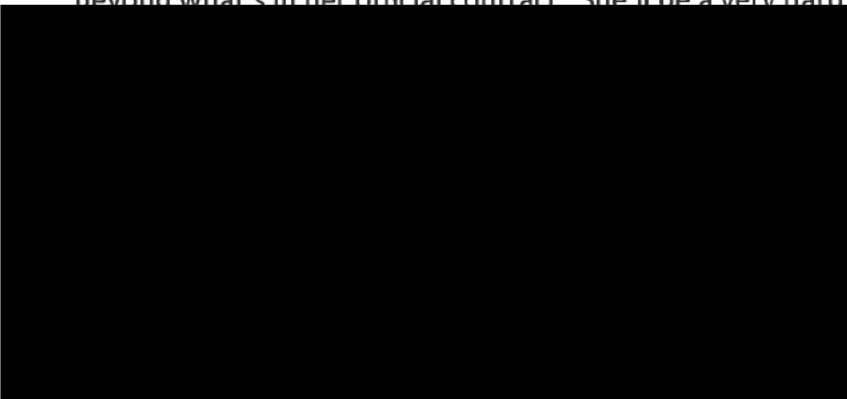
And various other successful events have been organised by other individuals and groups – events like Something Different, Something Deerness; Bowls Taster sessions; Hallowe'en and Christmas parties for bairns. It's good to see the Hall being used in so many different ways to benefit the community.

The Hall Committee and FOSN have been working together over the past year and this has led to several outcomes, including a community *What's On* leaflet and community survey being delivered to every household in the parish. A new community Facebook group has proved popular, and a joint website is taking shape. As a result of responses to the survey, we've had three very enjoyable Community walks (with more planned for future months) and various other activities are being explored.

As always, none of these events would be possible without the help of the committee and various others – whether it's setting up, baking, washing up, tidying up, doing maintenance and repairs or whatever. Everyone has given huge amounts of time and expertise and you all deserve several gold stars!! I'm certainly very grateful for your support and enthusiasm over the last three years. Many thanks to you all!

Thanks go, too, to [REDACTED], who's been very involved in running the Over 60s for several years. [REDACTED] decided that the time has come to retire, and we want to thank him for his dedication – I suspect the chances are we'll be looking to him for ideas and contacts for a while yet!

But I think special thanks must go to [REDACTED] our caretaker, who gives so much of her time and energy to all things Hall related. [REDACTED] does an absolutely fantastic job, going well beyond what's in her official contract. She'll be a very hard act to follow.



DEERNESS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2025

23/24		Income	24-25	
Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted
£	£	Income from Land and Buildings	£	£
600.00		Membership Fees	1,000.00	
255.00		Field Rental income	255.00	
2,268.50		Hires	2,546.50	
246.50		Equipment Hires	422.00	
253.00		Badminton	435.50	
1,267.50		Camping	4,055.65	
	690.00	CC Grant for grass cutting		750.00
190.00		Washing Machine Hires	272.00	
2,521.60		Government funding towards Elec.		
7,602.10	690.00	Property Income	8,986.65	750.00
		Income from Activities/Fundraising		
		Harvest Home	1,624.00	
281.00		Bingo	506.00	
224.40		Quiz Night	274.00	
218.00		Sr Citizens Xmas Raffle	269.00	
448.00		Sr Citizens Xmas CC Grant	322.74	
349.95		Sr Citizens	385.10	
600.00		Bike Run teas / Veteran Car lunc	-	
		Race Night	961.50	
		Pilates	685.00	
757.04		Vintage Car Teas	963.00	
447.93		Plant Sale	-	
2,250.00		Donations	2,000.00	
168.51		Dance Donations/surplus	-	
115.00		Tractor Run	-	
50.22		Tree Lighting collection	-	
5,910.05	0.00	Activities Income	7,990.34	-
6,635.84		Income from Wind Turbine	7,222.86	
	8,922.40	VAO grant - new heating		
		IT Grant		
6,650.64		Co funds - Movement in investn	1,292.61	
	9,000.00	Play Area extension grants received in advance		
		Play Area extension grants		25,243.99
26,798.63	18,612.40	Total Income	25,492.46	25,993.99

23-24		Expenditure	24-24	
Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted
£	£	Expenditure on Land and Buildir	£	£
1,855.01		Maintenance & Supplies	70.80	
2,077.47		Insurance & Licences	2,496.12	
5,781.00		Hydro	2,681.00	
768.84		Phone & Broadband	821.02	
575.52		Sundries	888.82	
190.00		Campsite Caretaker	608.00	
	690.00	Grass Cutting	90.00	750.00
4,240.00		Caretakers Salary	4,310.00	
140.00		Officers Expenses	-	
154.80		Performing Rights Lic.	81.00	
119.96		Furniture	-	
		Play Area annual inspection	97.88	
		Hall Hire expenses	165.92	
15,902.60	690.00	Property Costs	12,310.56	750.00
		Expenditure related to Activities/Fundraising		
10.00		Harvest Home costs	1,049.42	
7.83		Quiz	13.50	
-		Ork. Food & Drink Parish Cup exp	-	
362.07		Sr Citizens Xmas Costs	311.06	
50.20		Monthly Bulletin	61.84	
5.22		Sr Citizens	-	
111.93		Bike Run teas/ Veteran car Luncl	-	
-		Blether & Brew expenses	266.39	
-		Race Night expenses	240.92	
50.00		Vintage Car Teas/Ice-cream	-	
44.58		Bingo	-	
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10.00		Dance		
-				
224.99		Christmas tree lights	268.98	
876.82	-	Activities/Fundraising Costs	2,212.11	-
1,187.24		Turbine Costs	4,240.74	
	#####	New Heating	11,291.60	
		Legal - Title deeds	620.00	
	-	Play Area extension	2,243.99	34,243.99
17,966.66	#####	Total Expenditure	32,919.00	34,993.99

	2023-24	2024-25
Income	45,411.03	51,486.45
Expenses	<u>27,579.06</u>	<u>67,912.99</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>17,831.97</u>	<u>(16,426.54)</u>

Balance Sheet

Co-funds	71,587.60	69,320.21
Current Account (unrestricted)	10,752.60	5,593.45
Current Account (restricted)	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Retained P&L	<u>91,340.20</u>	<u>74,913.66</u>

Balance Sheet Movement Reconciliation

Retained Income b/f	73,508.23	91,340.20
Income surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>17,831.97</u>	<u>(16,426.54)</u>
Retained P&L	<u>91,340.20</u>	<u>74,913.66</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Deerness Community Association (SCIO)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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 (as amended). 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.

Date: 22 May 2025

