

Langholm Common Riding

Scotland · Charity number SC044989

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-07-10
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address C/o 38 High Street
Langholm
Dumfries and Galloway
DG13 0JH

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of public participation in sport'

What the charity does: Langholm Common Riding SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) in Langholm has a multifaceted mission. They aim to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Langholm, particularly through events like the Langholm Common Riding. By organizing and facilitating these events, they not only uphold local traditions but also foster civic pride and community engagement. Additionally, their focus on public participation in sports demonstrates a commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and community cohesion. Overall, their efforts seem geared towards enriching the cultural fabric of Langholm while also serving charitable purposes for the benefit of its residents

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

Objectives: The purposes of the SCIO are to advance culture, heritage and citizenship or community development in Langholm, while also advancing public participation in sport, by promoting, organising and facilitating all traditions, celebrations and activities related to the Langholm Common Riding and running and organising all related Common Riding events for the benefit of the people of Langholm in order to uphold and continue Langholm's traditions, instil civic pride and encourage community activity, and to undertake such similar activities as shall serve charitable purposes.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£66,626	£57,081	-	0
2024-12-31	£64,159	£56,563	-	0
2023-12-31	£60,788	£53,148	-	0
2022-12-31	£55,352	£47,486	-	0
2021-12-31	£118	£3,852	-	0
2020-12-31	£1,256	£4,689	-	0

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

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On 14 July 2014 the pre-existing unincorporated organisation “Langholm Common Riding Committee” passed a resolution vesting all of its assets and liabilities and all activities, rights and obligations in Langholm Common Riding SCIO with immediate effect.

Trustees serving since AGM on Monday 17th March 2025:

Kevan Hotson – Chairman
Jamie Fletcher – Vice-Chairman
Lee Earsman
Cyril Johnstone
Katherine Latimer
Michaela Maxwell
Stephen Rae
Ross Mabon – Secretary
Joyce Bell – Treasurer

Joyce Bell, Kenneth Hill, and Thomas Morrison retired by rotation at the AGM. Joyce Bell and Kenneth Hill were available for re-election, and this was proposed and seconded. Michaela Maxwell and Lee Earsman were elected as Trustees.

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Common Riding Day dawned dull but dry, and Cornet Ewan Patterson was a very proud young man as he entered the Market Place to receive the Burgh Standard.

The support he received from the huge crowds was exceptional, and he went on to carry out his duties in an exemplary manner. He was a credit to himself, his family, and the townsfolk of Langholm, and he has every right to be proud of his achievements.

The events on the Castleholm on Common Riding afternoon were again attended by a huge crowd. There can be very few places where events such as horseracing, athletic games and Cumberland wrestling take place within the same venue.

The closing ceremonies saw packed crowds on Langholm High Street. After handing in the burgh standard, the Cornet thanked the townsfolk of Langholm for giving him the opportunity to fulfil a lifetime ambition. This brought the events of Langholm Common Riding 2025 to a suitable conclusion.

The whole day's events were well organised by the members and stewards, enabling everyone to enjoy their day. A huge amount of preparation goes into Common Riding Day, and all those who helped make the day a success should be congratulated for their hard work.

Common Riding Income of £66,626 in 2025 represented a £2,295 (3.7%) increase on 2024. The highest increase was generated on bar sales of £10,937, a rise of £1,584 (16.9%) year on year. The new chiller trailer purchased in 2025, together with our experienced bar staff improved the running of our refreshment tent. Admission to the Castleholm continues to be the biggest income contributor, total admission income of £24,001 was £970 down on 2024 which reflected the 142 decrease in year-on-year numbers. The higher donations received from gazebos stances in 2025 of £1,020 against £660 last year partially offset the decrease in admission. Sponsorship and Donations were once again our second highest income contributor at £13,141, a 4% increase on last year. We held Castleholm entrance ticket prices, but we did increase the entrance fee to dances in 2025 to £7, with an aim of covering the increased costs of hall hire and dance band. The Election night dance income did cover costs, however with numbers attending the Summer Fair night dance declining, there was a shortfall on this event.

Total expenses of £57,082 were very slightly higher than last year. The most significant saving was £2,226 against Castleholm costs. Although considerable ground works were still undertaken, there were no materials required in 2025, and all time was very generously given voluntarily. Langholm Horse Racing Society donated £300 towards the bar and picnic table hire. The only increase of any significance in the year was on the cost of Common Riding ties, ribbons and rosettes. It becomes increasingly difficult to find manufacturers who can supply these items. However, as with all expenditure our members are working hard behind the scenes to source at most competitive prices.

After depreciation, the annual surplus in 2025 was £7,571, £1,256 higher than in 2024. Members agreed capital investment of £10,798 in the year to purchase a new refrigeration trailer. This investment secures the provision of cool drinks on Common Riding Day well into the future, and hopefully can benefit other local events. Langholm Common Riding renewed the Pavilion 10-year lease agreement with Langholm Cricket Club in 2023. The closing bank balance decreased by £1,545 in the year, but remains in a strong position.

Approved by the Trustees on 02 February 2026



Kevan Hotson
Chairman

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LANGHOLM COMMON RIDING

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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

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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: 02 February 2026

John J Elliot CA
25 Whitaside
Langholm, DG13 0JS

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

INCOMING RESOURCES:

		General fund (Unrestricted)	
		2025	2024
FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -		£	£
Common Riding Day	Admission charges	24,001	24,950
	Gazebo pitch donations	1,020	660
	Stance Fees	580	740
	Refreshment tent sales	10,937	9,353
	Competition entry fees	1,983	1,594
Programmes		1,946	1,863
Sponsorship & Donations		13,141	12,638
Concert & Dances		2,650	2,185
Memorabilia sales		8,718	8,698
		<u>64,976</u>	<u>62,681</u>
FROM FUNDS -			
Bank Interest		1,650	1,478
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>66,626</u>	<u>64,159</u>

RESOURCES EXPENDED:

		£	£
FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -			
Common Riding Day	Prize money/sponsorships	13,205	13,508
	Castleholm costs	9,454	11,680
	Refreshment purchases	4,083	3,578
	Ceremonial costs	7,999	7,448
	Catering & entertaining	2,658	2,584
	Insurance	1,609	1,405
	Emblems etc	412	446
Printing & Advertising		3,959	3,558
Memorabilia purchases		6,514	5,860
Administration		1,718	1,768
Buccleuch Centre rentals		2,964	2,681
Miscellaneous		2,177	1,974
Repairs			0
Bank Charges		329	73
		<u>57,081</u>	<u>56,563</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE DEP'N		9,545	7,596
Plus: Profit on Sale of Assets (Trailer/Grandstand)		682	
Less: Depreciation		(2,656)	(1,281)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>7,571</u>	<u>6,315</u>
Funds brought forward		£88,966	82,651
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£96,537</u>	<u>£88,966</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

FIXED ASSETS					At 31/12/25	At 31/12/24
		NBV			NBV	NBV
		BFWD	Additions	Depreciation	CFWD	
Fence,railing & equipment		£3,522		£724	£2,798	£3,522
Bunting		£1,787	£2,953	£590	£4,150	£1,787
Refrigeration Trailer			£10,799	£1,080	£9,719	
Cabin/Chiller cabinet		£970		£262	£708	£970
		£6,279	£13,752	£2,656	£17,375	£6,279
CURRENT ASSETS						
STOCK	Bar				£0	£0
DEBTORS	Langholm Cricket Club				£3,500	£4,000
	Other Prepayments				£4,218	£5,738
BANK	Cumberland Building Society				£46,336	£44,772
	Bank of Scotland				£25,118	£28,227
					£79,172	£82,737
CURRENT LIABILITIES					£10	£50
					£79,162	£82,687
NET ASSETS					£96,537	£88,966
REPRESENTED BY:						
GENERAL FUND(Unrestricted)						
	Funds B/fwd				£88,966	£82,651
	Surplus(Deficit) for year				£7,571	£6,315
	Fund C/fwd				£96,537	£88,966

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 02 February 2026



K Hotson – Chairman



J Bell – Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under appropriate headings.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged at rates to write off each asset over estimated useful life as follows:

Assets vested from Langholm Common Riding Committee -

Fencing, Railing & equipment	10%	book value transferred
Bunting	10%	book value transferred

Purchased assets –

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Cabin/Chiller cabinet	10%	original cost

2. ACCRUALS BASIS

Accruals basis has been adopted for these accounts.

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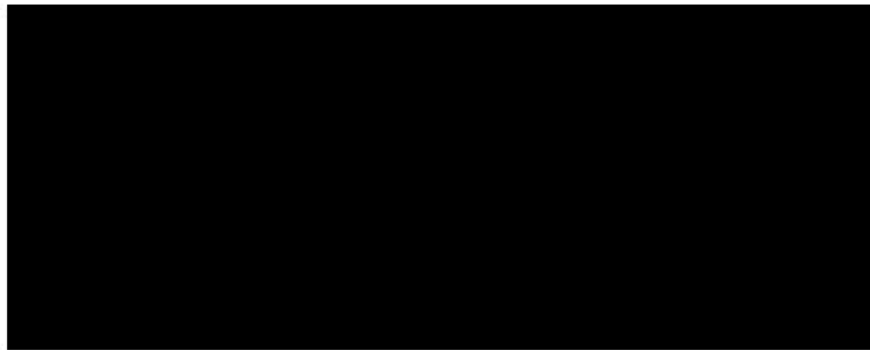
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The weather was anything but kind in the build up to Common Riding Day. The rain on Simmer Fair night was torrential and jeopardised the events schedule for the Castleholm. However, Common Riding Day turned out fine and dry and once again we enjoyed huge crowds in attendance.

The Hound Trail was well supported this year and the introduction of prizes for the first three maiden hounds was a great success.

[REDACTED] was a very proud young man as he entered the Market Place to receive the new Burgh Standard. He received exceptional support from the huge crowds and carried out his duties in an exemplary manner. He was a credit to himself, his family, and the people of Langholm and has every right to be very proud of his achievements on the day.

The new Burgh Standard and the new finial on the flagpole were very well received and admired by the public.

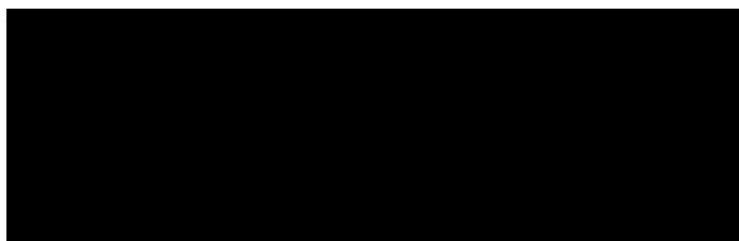
The events on the Castleholm in the afternoon were once again well attended. The absence of the grandstand was a miss but the provision of picnic tables seemed to go down well. We were entertained to some excellent Horse Racing, Athletic Games, Cumberland Wrestling and Highland Dancing, all taking place within the beautiful setting of our Castleholm.

The closing ceremonies once again saw packed crowds on Langholm High Street. After handing in the Burgh Standard the [REDACTED] thanked everyone for making this the greatest day of his life. This brought events for Langholm Common Riding 2024 to a suitable conclusion.

Attendance on the Castleholm was similar to the last two years. Gazebo site rent was increased and raised a healthy total of £660. Most income headings were up with particularly noticeable increases in Bar Sales, Sponsorships and Donations. Total income was £64,159 up £3,371 on 2023.

Most costs showed inflationary increases and in addition Horse Racing and Hound Trail Prize Monies were increased in 2024 to attract event entries, and remain competitive against similar events. The Castleholm costs increased by £2,412, this includes cost of St Andrews First Aid, ground works, contribution to new LHRA cabin and repairs to the highland dancing platform. Total costs were £56,563 before depreciation, up £3,415 on 2023.

After depreciation, the annual surplus was £6,315, £685 higher than in 2023. Capital expenditure investment of £5,985 has been incurred since 2020, this includes racecourse cabins, bunting, new Burgh Flag, high jump equipment, and gazebo shelters. This expenditure is net of a generous family contribution towards the new flag, and £3,400 wind farm grant funding towards high jump equipment and gazebo shelters. Additionally, a payment was made to Langholm Cricket Club in 2023 in renewal of the Pavilion 10-year lease agreement. Langholm Common Riding bank balance increased in the year, and is now at an all-time high.



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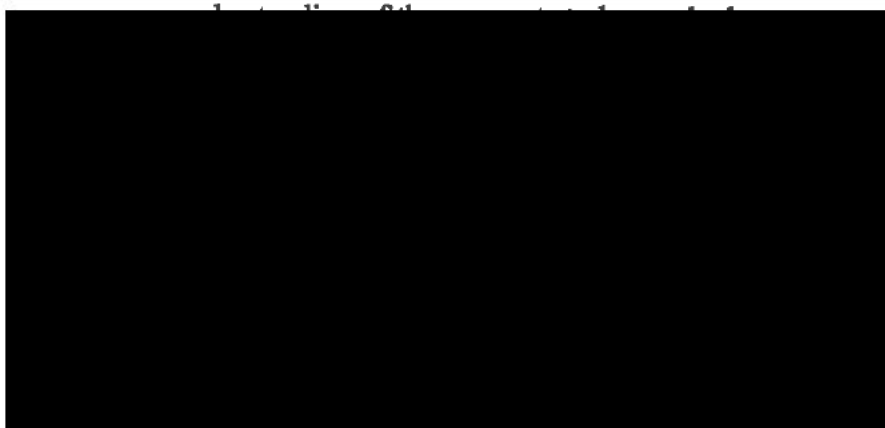
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INCOMING RESOURCES:

		General fund (Unrestricted) 2024	2023
		£	£
FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -			
Common Riding Day	Admission charges	25,610	25,096
	Stance Fees	740	890
	Refreshment tent sales	9,353	7,902
	Competition entry fees	1,594	1,722
Programmes		1,863	1,757
Sponsorship & Donations		12,638	10,650
Concert & Dances		2,185	2,555
Memorabilia sales		8,698	8,599
		<u>62,681</u>	<u>59,171</u>
FROM FUNDS			
Bank Interest		<u>1,478</u>	<u>1,617</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>64,159</u>	<u>60,788</u>

RESOURCES EXPENDED:

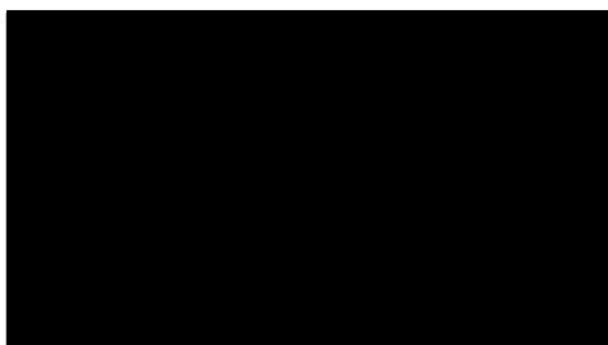
		£	£
FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -			
Common Riding Day	Prize money/sponsorships	13,030	12,484
	Castleholm costs	11,680	9,268
	Refreshment purchases	3,578	3,175
	Ceremonial costs	7,448	7,738
	Catering & entertaining	2,584	2,640
	Insurance	1,405	1,405
	Emblems etc	446	489
Printing & Advertising		3,663	3,647
Memorabilia purchases		5,860	6,143
Administration		1,767	1,765
Buccleuch Centre rentals		2,681	2,504
Miscellaneous		2,348	1,880
Bank Charges		73	10
		<u>56,563</u>	<u>53,148</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE DEP'N		7,596	7,640
Less:	Depreciation	<u>1,281</u>	<u>2,010</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>£6,315</u>	<u>£5,630</u>
Funds brought forward		<u>£82,651</u>	<u>77021</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£88,966</u>	<u>£82,651</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
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FIXED ASSETS				At 31/12/24	At 31/12/23
	NBV			NBV	NBV
	BFWD	Additions	Depreciation	CFWD	
Fence,railing & equipment	£1,867	£2,379	£724	£3,522	£1,867
Bunting	£2,082		£295	£1,787	£2,082
Cabin/Chiller cabinet	£1,232	£0	£262	£970	£1,232
	£5,181	£2,379	£1,281	£6,279	£5,181
CURRENT ASSETS					
STOCK	Bar			£0	£0
DEBTORS	Langholm Cricket Club			£4,000	£4,500
	Other Prepayments			£5,738	£9,500
BANK	Cumberland Building Society			£44,772	£52,520
	Bank of Scotland			£28,227	£11,000
				£82,737	£77,520
CURRENT LIABILITIES				£50	£50
				£82,687	£77,470
NET ASSETS				£88,966	£82,651
REPRESENTED BY:					
GENERAL FUND(Unrestricted)					
Funds B/fwd				£82,651	£77,021
Surplus(Deficit) for year				£6,315	£5,630
Fund C/fwd				£88,966	£82,651

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