

The Brunton Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC045087

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-09-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	The Brunton Trust John Muir House Haddington East Lothian EH41 3HA
Website	www.thebrunton.co.uk

Activities

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: The SCIO was incorporated with a view to transferring the assets and activities of the Brunton Theatre Trust (SC022422) into it. Ongoing discussions with East Lothian Council and the recent and permanent closure of The Brunton theatre building due to structural issues caused by a building material called RAAC, has delayed this transfer. The trustees are hopeful that progress can be made to effect the transfer in the near future.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are the (1) the promotion of access to, participation in, and enjoyment of the arts and culture for all, (2) the advancement of creative learning, and (3) the advancement of community development.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2024-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2023-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2022-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2021-06-30		£0	£0	-16

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	July	2024	To	30	June	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Brunton Trust
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC045087
Charity's principal address	Ladywell Way
	Musselburgh
	Postcode EH21 6AA

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	Chair		
		Resigned 11/09/24	
		Resigned 11/11/24	
		Appointed 21/01/25	
		Appointed 21/01/25	
		Appointed 21/01/25	
		Appointed 21/01/25	
		Appointed 21/01/25	
		Appointed 21/01/25	
14			
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20			

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Brunton Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, established on 1 September 2014. It is governed by its constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees are the same as the trustees of the Brunton Theatre Trust (SC022422).
New Trustees receive information on their appointment about their responsibilities, including the Guidance for Charity Trustees issued by OSCR and the Brunton Trust's governing documents.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

- 1 The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are the (1) the promotion of access to, participation in, and enjoyment of the arts and culture for all, (2) the advancement of creative learning, and (3) the advancement of community development.
- 2 The area within which the organisation shall operate (in the constitution referred to as the 'Area of Benefit') shall be East Lothian and the surrounding areas.
- 3 The organisation shall promote (but not promote exclusively) its activities and delivery operations to people within the 'Area of Benefit' who are general public of East Lothian.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

See other information in Appendix 1

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

See Appendix 1 (other information)

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The SCIO is dormant. It has no bank account and there have been no transactions

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

In 2014 the Trustees progressed a change to the legal status of the existing Charity – Brunton Theatre Trust (SCO225422) from an unincorporated Trust to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). This change was approved by OSCR on 1 September 2014. The Trustees agreed that this was a more suitable legal entity for the Trust.

During 2023, following the recovery period from the Covid pandemic, work on the proposed transfer of services to the Trust Trustees including the plan for the transfer of assets over to the SCIO progressed slowly. The discussions involve complex issues. Such has been the complexity of the discussions that the work to transfer the assets has progressed at a much slower pace than anticipated.

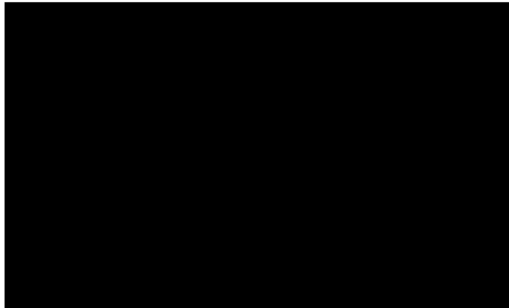
In March 2023 to add to the complexity of the issue, the Council discovered RAAC in the roof of the Brunton building. This necessitated a closure of the performance spaces in the building and a transfer of all Brunton Theatre Trust performances from The Brunton to a range of alternative venues in the county which although successfully implemented proved challenging to manage.

The Council had previously established a Project Team in order to agree the services to be delivered by the Trust and to progress the transfer of assets from the Council to the Trust. Due to the complexity of various legal and financial issues and then in 2024, the permanent closure of the Brunton building, discussions have been paused.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	28/11/2025	

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	July	2024		30	June	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year					-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

28/01/2025

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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£

		Total	

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

£

Authority under which paid

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

£

**Balance
outstanding at
period end (£)**

Nature of Relationship		Nature of transaction		period end (2)	

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	The Brunton Trust					
	Registered charity number	SC045087					
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	July	2024	to	30	June	2025
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement Independent examiner's statement	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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. 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. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 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, and - 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.						
Signed**: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:	[Redacted Signature]				Date:	28/11/2025	
	Whitelaw Wells						
	9 Ainslie Place						
	Edinburgh						
	EH3 6AT						

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose