

Lothians RAYNET SCIO – Trustees’ Annual Report

Period: 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Reference Information:

Charity Name: Lothians RAYNET SCIO

Charity Number: SC045546

Administrative information:

Address for day-to-day correspondence:

12 Juniper Park Road, Edinburgh, EH14 5DX.

Current Trustees:

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution:

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was accepted by members on 12th January 2015. Lothians RAYNET SCIO was granted charitable status by OSCR on 10th April 2015.

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held around October. Under the constitution there must be no less than three and no more than seven elected trustees.

Management:

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of Lothians RAYNET SCIO. There are no paid employees.

The trustees are aware of their responsibilities for Health and Safety. All members of Lothians RAYNET SCIO have insurance under the group insurance provided by RAYNET-UK.

The management committee are the charity’s trustees, plus elected members. Membership of the management committee is open to all members of the group. The management committee are responsible for the day to day running of the group.

Objectives and Activities:

Charitable Purpose:

The principal purpose of Lothians RAYNET SCIO is to assist the UK statutory and voluntary emergency and rescue service, public utilities, and the local and national government with emergency radio communications in times of need.

Additionally, to promote training and development of members radio communication skills and abilities, and to protect human life and property by providing radio safety communication for outdoor events.

Activities:

The activities of Lothians RAYNET SCIO are concerned with raising skills and expertise levels within the group so that members are competent to perform their volunteer role with safety and professionalism.

Achievements and Performance:

Lothians RAYNET SCIO has Mutual Aid Memoranda of Understanding with Lothian 4X4 Response and have supported this organisation during the period in The City of Edinburgh, West, Mid and East Lothian, Falkirk, Stirling, Clacks, and the Scottish Borders. Lothians RAYNET SCIO is also party to national Memoranda of Understanding with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and the British Red Cross Society.

Lothians RAYNET SCIO has participated in exercises and events involving User Services. During the period many members of the group benefited from, mostly on-line, training, including emergency radio communications, FEEDNET, operating control, planning, and risk assessment.

Activities continue to be quite severely curtailed by the impacts of Covid-19. More events were undertaken in the past year than the previous one. The Group supported two SERC events, Kirkton Manor and Mount Lothian. The Edinburgh Riding of the Marches and the Long Distance Walkers Association, Cairngorms Challenge were also supported.

Financial review:

An important source of funding is through donations from members, User Services or outside organisations. These donations are in recognition and acknowledgement of the provision of radio communications support.

Receipts for the period on the unrestricted fund were £1,671. Payments for the period on the unrestricted fund were £1,920. The closing balance as of 30 September 2024 was £4,766.32.

There are no restricted funds.

There were costs involved with the activities of the Group, mostly to support the DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) activities and other communication activities. There is also a cost for the storage, maintenance, and insurance of the caravan which is used as a mobile control centre. Insurance cover was continued for the year.

Reserves Policy:

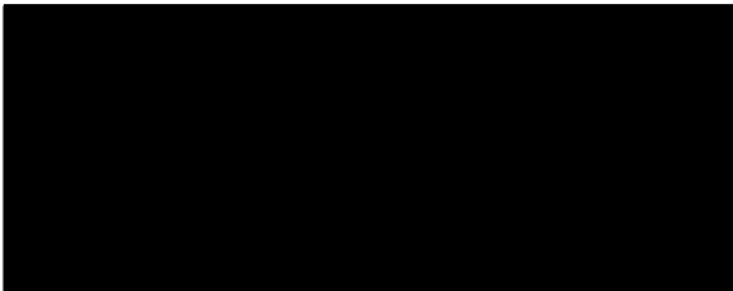
The trustee's policy is to maintain, wherever possible, reserves of no less than £3,000. This reserve is to allow replacement of any critical radio equipment which fails, and to cover running costs if Lothians RAYNET SCIO is mobilised.

Plans for Future Periods:

The trustees intend to continue the development and training associated with DMR. Additionally emergency response exercises will be organised across the geographic area that Lothians RAYNET SCIO support. It is hoped that in the coming year the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 will ease, and Lothians RAYNET SCIO will be able to support more events.

Exercises to include our remote members will continue to be planned using Microsoft Teams, and similar technology.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Lothians RAYNET SCIO

Enter charity name below

Enter SC No. below

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	10	2023

to

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
30	09	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	564
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	498
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	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	1,062
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	1,062
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,719
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,719
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	492
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	492
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	492
Total payments	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	2,211
Net receipts / (payments)	(249)	-	-	-	(249)	(1,149)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(249)	-	-	-	(249)	(1,149)

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Section B Statement of balances

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Categories

Details

B1 Cash funds

	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 £
Cash and bank balances at start of year	5,015				5,015	6,164
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(249)				(249)	(1,149)
					-	
Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	4,766	-	-	-	4,766	5,015

B2 Investments

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Market valuation

Last year

	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total	-	-

B3 Other assets

Details

Life PO4 Lithium Batteries
FEEDNET
PMR (private mobile radio)
DMR Repeater & Duplexer
Caravan

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (if available)

Current value (if available)

Last year

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
General	492	300	492
General	192	-	50
General	114	-	50
General	837	600	837
General	1,000	400	500
Total	2,635	1,300	1,929

B4 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due

Last year

	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (estimate)

Last year

	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total	-	-

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

25/10/24

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

To assist UK statutory and voluntary emergency and rescue services etc with emergency radio communications.

C2 Grants

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C3a Trustee remuneration

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)

X

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid

£

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

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

X

C4b Trustee expenses - details

Number of trustees

£

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C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship

Nature of transaction

Transaction
amount (£)

Balance
outstanding at
period end (£)

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C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
General	1,671				1,671	564
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	564

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
General	-		-	498
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	498

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

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Additional analysis (2)

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5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - other name of fund below General	Unrestricted fund 2 - other name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - other name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - other name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	564
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	498
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	1,062
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	1,062
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,719
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,719
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	492
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	492
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	984
Total payments	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	2,211
Net receipts / (payments)	(249)	-	-	-	(249)	(1,149)
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(249)	-	-	-	(249)	(1,149)
Nature and purpose of funds						

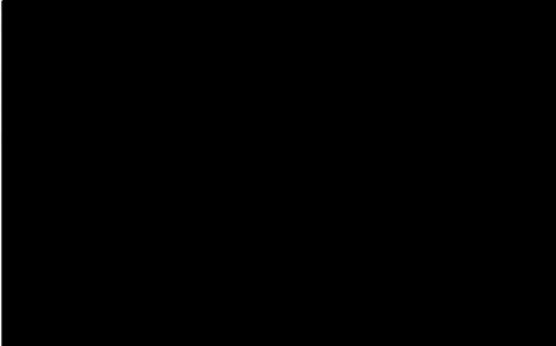
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6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	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						

APPENDIX 3

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name LOTHIANS RAYNET						
Registered charity number	SC045546						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	OCTOBER	2023	to	30	SEPTEMBER	2024
Set out on pages	1 to 6					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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.</p>						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>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.</p>						
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed:					Date:	28 October 2024	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							