

Enabling Projects in Clackmannanshire Supporting Communities

Scotland · Charity number SC045576

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2015-04-28
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 111 Glasgow Road
Stirling
FK7 0PF

Website epicochils.org.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', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: EPIC was set up as a SCIO to build on the interest in the environment in Clackmannanshire following the development of the Diamond Jubilee Way along the Ochil Hills. Donations were sourced at the wind farms owned by EDF and Clackmannanshire Council. An SLA with the Conservation Volunteers to whom EPIC donate have developed successful volunteer sessions and extended Pollinator and Forestation Projects which have attracted more schools and community groups.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The advancement of heritage or culture through the preservation of local rural areas, community hubs, historic buildings and traditions through educational programmes, partnership working, service delivery and facilitating access to funding. Preservation of such buildings, recreational amenities and access to the natural environment enhances the area for local resident as well as visitors to the area. The advancement of citizenship or community development through the encouragement of voluntary and community activity, assisting and capacity building in voluntary groups and local charities, regeneration of local amenities and, though assisting other groups and through its own activities, assisting disadvantaged and hard to reach groups. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement through education in ecology, conservation and caring for the environment, increasing awareness of and interest in environmental matters and the delivery of specific projects to preserve local natural heritage and habitats, protect biodiversity and

explore alternative energy. The advancement of education in ecology, conservation and the environment in schools as well as training, facilitation and capacity building within organisations and the delivery of volunteer training programmes. and The promotion of such other similar charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Clackmannanshire
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£48,657	£104,902	-	0
2024-03-31	£106,630	£111,464	-	0
2023-03-31	£54,836	£55,758	-	0
2022-03-31	£53,206	£54,201	-	0
2021-03-31	£52,945	£36,388	-	0

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Accounts

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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	1 st	April	2024	To	31 st	March	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Enabling Projects in Clackmannanshire, Supporting Communities
Other names charity is known by	EPIC
Registered charity number	SC045576
Charity's principal address	Oakfield, 111 Glasgow Road
	St Ninians
	Stirling
	Postcode FK7 0PF

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)
1		Chairperson / Trustee		
2		Treasurer / Trustee		
3		Trustee		
4		Secretary / Trustee		
5		Trustee		
6		Trustee		
7		Trustee	22 nd February, 2024	EPIC Trustees Board
8		Trustee	7 th January, 2025	EPIC Trustee Board
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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
	01/04/2024 – 07/01/2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), EPIC has a 2-tier organisational structure.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The minimum number of Trustees is three.
There is no limit on the number of EPIC Trustees.

Trustees may be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting.
Trustees may be appointed by the Board of Trustees at any time.

Trustees are required to resign after three years but may be re-elected.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of citizenship or community development.

The advancement of education.

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

1. To work with local schools to improve awareness and importance of the local environment and the benefits of including outdoor education.
2. To work in partnership with local communities and landowners to improve recreational access to the local natural environment, protecting and developing its biodiversity.
3. To attract and develop the skills of groups of volunteers who can assist with the local heritage ensuring funding by EPIC supports maintenance of projects implemented by the Ochils Landscape Partnership (OLP).

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Achievements and performance

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

EPIC Trustees meetings with TCV have become more focused on the link between the aims, the level of volunteering and the success or otherwise of EPIC's projects. Vital EDF Burnfoot Windfarm donations were levelling out and reducing. For many years there was a plan supported by EPIC donations to open the Menstrie Woods which had suffered from substantial weather damage. EPIC donated £6,000 to have a new gate built in the wall into the woods. Future Forests passed on a £1000 award to support the EPIC/TCV's project to reopen the woods. Many daily TCV volunteers developed a high level of skills in building stairs in the woods. A large number from the Ochil villages came to the opening day. This showed their support when EPIC Trustees stay committed financially and in time to such a large environment project.

The Pollinator and the spread of the Northern Brown Argus Butterfly is still exciting school children on count days.

One of the difficult elements is the rising level of water and the erosion of the banks of the River Devon which has torn large "islands" from the banking. The Core Path No. 181 in Dollar required the landowner to move his barriers by 5 metres to safeguard livestock, walkers and anglers. EPIC donated £10,000 for a special built bridge and £755 for gates. The TCV volunteers added stairs to improve the core path by the Devon River and link to the new access bridge which is much sturdier and better placed than in the past. EPIC have invested in future stability!

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Unfortunately, the SLA annual funds that had been agreed in 2019 to EPIC from Clackmannanshire Council had been stopped in 2024-2025 without explanation. EPIC's letter and invoice for 2024-2025 was ignored and no SLA payment was paid. EPIC was allocated substantial support by a local EDF windfarm but reduced the annual level of reserves. Recently EPIC identified historic donations to ensure that they can support their TCV partners with adequate reserves.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

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	Treasurer
Date	28 th November, 2025	28 th November, 2025

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	April	2024		31st	March	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		28,922			28,922	86,630
Legacies					-	
Grants		19,735			19,735	20,000
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	-	48,657	-	-	48,657	106,630
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	48,657	-	-	48,657	106,630
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		104,902			104,902	111,213
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	251
					-	
A3 Sub total	-	104,902	-	-	104,902	111,464
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	104,902	-	-	104,902	111,464
Net receipts / (payments)	-	(56,245)	-	-	(56,245)	(4,834)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	(56,245)	-	-	(56,245)	(4,834)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
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))	-	56,245	-	-	56,245	4,834

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

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

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

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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C2 Grants

	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

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)	
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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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					-	
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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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	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Nature and purpose of funds						

EPIC SC045576 Expenditure 1st April, 2024 to 31st March, 2025

Recipient	Purpose	Document	Value	Date
Transfer to TCV	Pollinator project	TCV Invoice 33027421	19,735.00	12 April 2025
Transfer to C.C.	Naturescot projects	Naturescot Remittance268-06	10,000.00	03 June 2024
Transfer to TCV	1 st Quarter 2024-25	TCV Invoice C11876 33027947	16,000.00	08 July 2024
Menstrie Centre	Pay Trustee Meeting	Centre Booking Invoice 0039	30.00	17 July 2024
Transfer to TCV	Devon River Bridge	TCV Invoice C11876 33028301	10,000.00	19 Sept 2024
Menstrie Centre	Pay Trustee Meeting	Centre Booking Invoice 0039	30.00	07 Oct. 2024
Hiscox Insurers	Trustees Liability Ins.	Hiscox Policy Notice 952253	136.16	07 Oct 2024
Transfer to TCV	2 nd Quarter 2024-25	TCV Invoice C11876	16,000.00	11 Oct 2024
Transfer to TCV	3 rd Quarter 2024-25	TCV Invoice C11876 33026676	16,000.00	16 Dec 2024
Menstrie Centre	Pay Trustee Meeting	Centre Booking Invoice 0039	30.00	24 Dec 2024
Transfer to TCV	4 th Quarter 2024-25	TCV Invoice C11876	16,000.00	05 Mar 2024
Menstrie Centre	Pay Trustee Meeting	Centre Booking Invoice 0039	30.00	06 Mar 2024
Transfer to TVC	2 Devon Core Gates	TCV Invoice C11876	775.00	06 Mar 2024
Hiscox Insurers	Trustees Liability Ins.	Hiscox Policy Notice 952253	136.16	24 Oct 2024
		Total Expenditure 2024-2025	£104,902.32	

EPIC SC045576 Income 1st April, 2024 to 31st March, 2025T

Item	Source	Document	Value	Date
Pollinator Funding	Clacks Council	Clacks Council Creditor 99999	19,735.00	11 April 2024
Burnfoot Remittance	EDF Energy	Rowan Remittance 4606 0188 K	21,511.00	29 April 2024
Trustees Ins. Rebate	Hiscox Insurers	Hiscox rebate (error claim)	136.16	24 Oct. 2024
Rowan onshore Giro	EDF Energy	Remittance 4606 1515K	7,273.67	31 Oct 2024
		Total Income 2024-2025	£48,656.66	

Balance forward	Virgin Bank Account	£119,934		
Funds at Bank on 31 March 2024	Balance + Income -Expenditure	£107,954.81 + 48,656.66 -104,902.32	Balance £51,709.15	31 March 2025





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Disclosure section

Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed**:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Charity name: Enabling Projects in Clackmannanshire

SC045576

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1	April	2024	to	31	March	2025

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 achieved.

*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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