



Newtongrange Silver Band SCIO

Annual Report &
Financial Statements
2023



The Trustees have the pleasure in presenting their report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Reference information

Charity name

Newtongrange Silver Band SCIO

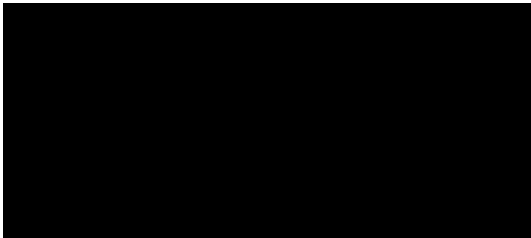
Charity number

SC045828

Incorporation date

23 July 2015

Registered address

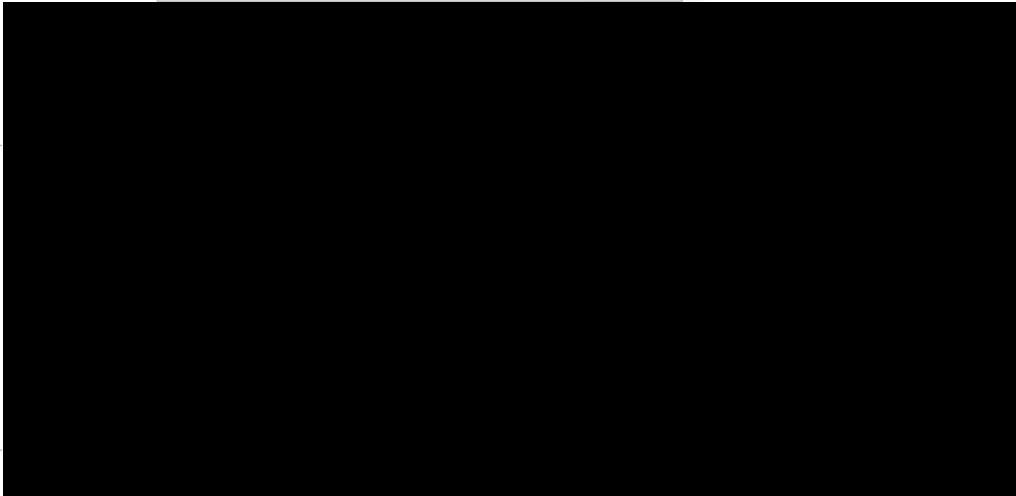


Charity structure

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Single-tier

Current trustees

Office bearers



Our objects and activities

Charitable purposes

We are established for charitable purposes only, and our principal objectives are:

- to advance musical education,
- to advance appreciation and knowledge of the arts, heritage, culture, and the science of brass bands; and
- to promote the brass band culture in Midlothian.

Area of benefit

We operate throughout the county of Midlothian and its surrounding areas.

Beneficiaries

Our services come with no restrictions and are available to be accessed by anyone who wishes. Whilst the list of people we promote our activities to is not exhaustive, it includes children, young people, older people, non-specific groups, members of the local community, and local brass musicians.

Activities

The main activities of the band centre on community entertainment. This involves performing concerts, participating in local area festivities, and participating in competitions. Most activities undertaken by the organisation are musical.

The organisation performs when requested in advance and when the organisation elects to do so. All activities are advertised either by the organisation or the external body contracting the organisation. Members benefit from musical education and the public benefit from the culture provided by performances. The presence of a brass band continues the development and appreciation of the heritage and the arts of the mining village of Newtongrange. The band is recognised as the most successful brass band in Midlothian, and we continue to be the flagship band of the area.

President's report

2023 could be seen as a less than successful year from a purely brass band contesting standpoint, yet the Band played in some new and innovative events, making the year a very interesting one.

We started the year with the full return of the Newtongrange New Year's Day March and Concert in the Dean Tavern: a welcome return to normality enjoyed by the whole of our community.

The Band then spent the next two months preparing for our performance of the test piece "A Day in the Life of a Knight" for the Scottish Championships. We were able to play a test performance of this work in Edinburgh's Usher Hall one week before the contest as part of a concert with 'Love Music' organisation. We accompanied the Love Music choir (the UK's largest community choir) in a blended live and online concert, putting us in front of a brand-new audience, who were very impressed by the sound of the Band. Whilst this was excellent preparation for the contest, sadly, despite an excellent performance in Perth, the Band were only placed 4th place, seeing us remain in the 1st section for another year.

In May, the British Open Spring Festival in Blackpool saw us relegated from the Senior Cup with a very disappointing 19th place on our performance of 'A London Overture'. Not a contest to dwell on... In June, the Band continued its community engagement, playing the annual Newtongrange Gala Week Concert and at the Gala Day itself, accompanied by members of our Junior Band. The Junior Band, helped by a few Senior Band members, also played at the village's celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III.

In August, following the success of the Love Music concert in the

Usher Hall, the Band were asked to take part in Glasgow's 'Surge Music Festival'. This saw our involvement in a piece of street theatre with a 'Dia de los Muertos' theme, called 'Beautiful Bones'. Players from the band, with faces painted and bright coloured boiler suits adorned, played in concerts in the centre of Glasgow whilst being attacked by "wolves" and eventually overcoming the four trombonists of the apocalypse(!): a truly unique experience which saw us collaborating closely with the Cooperation Band.

The band returned to rehearsals in September to give our Autumn Concert at the National Mining Museum (NMMS) in Newtongrange. We played an excellent programme to a full house and were delighted to present Lifetime Membership of the Scottish Brass Band Association (SBBA) to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all of whom had served the brass band movement for over 50 years. A successful 6th place at the Scottish Challenge Shield playing [REDACTED] challenging test piece 'Lowry Sketchbook' followed, before rounding off the year with a series of Christmas concerts. At our local concert, we were delighted to once again present SBBA Lifetime Memberships, this time to [REDACTED] as well as presenting the inaugural award for 'Best Section' in memory of [REDACTED] which went to our solo cornet section.

All in all, a positive year, with some confounding negative points to overcome. We reached out to new organisations and other brass bands; these new relationships will help us build on the Band's excellent musical reputation.

As ever, we'd like to acknowledge the support received from the Dean Trust and McDougall McQueen solicitors, as well as the local community of Newtongrange.

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President

Financials

Independent examiner's report

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Report to the Trustees of Newtongrange Silver Band SCIO, registered charity number SC045825 on the accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

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 Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirements 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these 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 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, 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.

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30 - 09 - 2024

Name

Professional qualification: ACMA

Address:

2023 overview

During the year, the SCIO recognised income of £31,703 (2022: £24,510) and expenditure of £31,818 (2022: £29,241). Therefore, a deficit was recognised of £116 (2022: £4,731), which was wholly attributed to unrestricted funds. No activity was recorded on restricted funds.

Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations	-	11,218	11,218	13,031
Charitable activities	-	17,900	17,900	9,899
Other	-	2,585	2,585	1,580
	-	31,703	31,703	24,510
Expenditure				
Direct costs	-	24,374	24,374	22,047
Support costs	-	7,444	7,444	7,193
	-	31,818	31,818	29,241
Net income	-	(116)	(116)	(4,731)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	-	(116)	(116)	(4,731)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds at 31/12/22	100	11,598	11,698	16,429
Total funds at 31/12/23	100	11,482	11,582	11,698

Reserves policy

At the close of the year the SCIO held reserves of £11,582 (2022: £ 11,698) of which £11,482 is unrestricted. The SCIO does not currently have a reserves policy as, at present, it has no significant ongoing overhead commitments. However, this will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank	3	9,501		9,273	
Debtors	4	3,439		2,765	
			12,940		12,038
Liabilities					
Creditors	5	1,358		340	
			(1,358)		(340)
Net assets			11,582		11,698
Funds					
Unrestricted	6	11,482		11,598	
Restricted		100		100	
			11,582		11,698

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

President

Notes to the financial statements

1 Balance of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. The Trustees may also place restrictions upon funds that are received / raised without condition if they deem it to be in the interest of furthering the Charity's objects.

3 Cash at bank

	Senior	Junior	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 31/12/22	8,925	348	9,273
Movement	(114)	341	227
Balance at 31/12/23	<u>8,811</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>9,501</u>

4 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	22	1,035
Prepayments	3,418	1,730
	<u>3,439</u>	<u>2,765</u>

5 Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,208	885
Accruals	610	-
Purchases on account	(460)	(545)
	<u>1,358</u>	<u>340</u>

6 Funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Senior band		
Unrestricted	11,943	11,364
Restricted	100	100
Junior band		
Unrestricted	(460)	234
	<u>11,582</u>	<u>11,698</u>

Future outlook

Heading into 2024, the Band aims to build on the learnings of 2023, putting the poor results behind us, and focussing on building new-found relationships. We aim to participate in both Scottish and National brass band contests and will continue to place our engagement with the local and surrounding areas at the centre of what we do.

The Trustees intend to build on the following headline strategies, adopted and detailed in our 2022 Annual Report:

- Embracing new technologies
- Brand development
- Player pathway
- Flexible music-making
- Collaboration
- Broaden governance structures
- Heritage project
- Patrons' scheme

The Trustees maintain the intention to source funds to finance the purchase of a new set of instruments and uniforms as most of the current stock are becoming “tired”, due to being in excess of twenty years old. We recognise the complexity of sourcing funding to fulfil this goal but are committed to working creatively to ensure its attainment, particularly when the links to wider strategies are considered, e.g., our brand development and player pathway strategies.

Furthermore, having invested in the internals of our bandhall quite considerably over the last couple of years, we now aspire to seek funds to have the exterior of the property renovated to a similar standard, making the outward appearance more appealing to potential building users. We continue to hold funds received from the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes for this purpose.

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