

Wester Hailes Community Trust

**Scottish Charity No. SC046486
Annual Report & Financial
Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December
2024**

Wester Hailes Community Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

Wester Hailes Community Trust

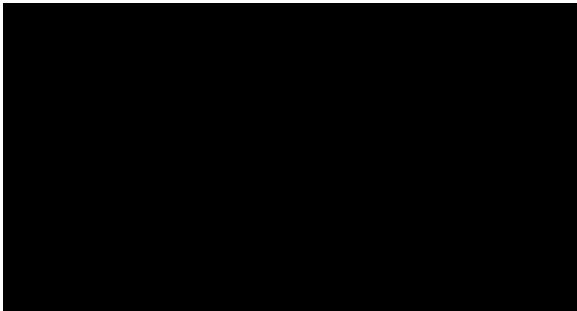
Charity No

SC046486

Address

WHALE Arts Centre
30 Westburn Grove
Edinburgh
EH14 2SA

Current Trustees



acted as Honorary Trustees.

Structure Governance & Management

Wester Hailes Community Trust is a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered Charity Number: SC046486. The Trust's constitution can be found on both our website and OSCR's.

At the first AGM, those members eligible to vote (under clause 47) may elect any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clauses 67 and 68 to be a charity Trustee. At each subsequent AGM all of the charity trustees elected/appointed under clause 70 shall retire from office - but shall then be eligible for re-election. The board may at any time appoint any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 67) to be a charity trustee provided that it does not exceed the maximum number of trustees as outlined in clause 65.

Management

The Management of the Wester Hailes Community Trust is overseen by its voluntary trustees. Capacity building and management of the Trust's activities and finances is managed by Community Development Workers (CDW) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are employed on a freelance basis. From September 2024 onwards [REDACTED] reduced their hours to 7 per week, requiring the hiring of an additional CDW. This post was briefly filled by another candidate albeit halted within the probationary period for a myriad of reasons within the Trust's remit. In early 2025 [REDACTED] was hired as the additional CDW, bringing exceptional locally led experience to the role. [REDACTED] works 14hrs per week while [REDACTED] continues to work 7hrs per week.

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 To advance citizenship and community development and to provide relief of those in need by reason of disadvantage in the Wester Hailes area of the City of Edinburgh by;

- 4.1.1. Facilitating local community events to encourage local residents to participate in, and inform, the activities of the Trust.
- 4.1.2. The development and direct delivery of projects that further the charitable purposes of the Trust.
- 4.1.3 Providing grants to organisations that support communities within Wester Hailes.
- 4.1.4 Providing grants to individuals that support activities that promote citizenship or community development in Wester Hailes.

Activities

The 2024 activities of the Trust continued to be guided by the 36 projects outlined by the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan (WHLPP). Significantly aiding this process was the Trust's successful 2024 funding bid for the National Lottery Community Led Fund which secured a total of £118,240 over the span of three years for project implementation and CDW support. These funds specifically support 9 WHLPP projects which the Trust put particular focus on the delivery of. These include: (21) Coordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services, (35) Capacity Building of the Wester Hailes Community Trust, (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces, (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces, (16) Local Centre, (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service, (19) Re-Parking, and (24) Canal Site Community Hub. The specifics of each of these projects and their progress can be found in Achievements & Performance.

Achievements & Performance

2024 was a year of continued growth for the Wester Hailes Community Trust, albeit with some structural changes due to the health of our Chair [REDACTED] and the availability of our Community Development worker, [REDACTED], who pursued [REDACTED] Master's degree and therefore required minimised hours. Vice-chair Trustee [REDACTED] frequently chaired meetings on chairperson [REDACTED] behalf. Up until September 2024 HA continued to provide freelance support for the Trust, managing the Trust's administration, community development, correspondences, finances, and project delivery. In September [REDACTED] returned to her studies whilst still working 7 hrs per week for the Trust. This left the Trust with a gap in CDW support until additional CDW [REDACTED] joined the team in February of 2025. Despite these structural changes, in the first half of 2024 [REDACTED] outreach efforts paired with the Trust's increased presence in the community as a result of the continued implementation of the WHLPP saw the Trust gain 6 new members, bringing the total number of members to 65, and Trustees to twelve, with board meetings occurring approximately every 6 weeks. The 2024 year was one of consistently quorate board meetings and a board of enthusiastic trustees dedicated to putting the LPP document into deliverable action with community skill building at their core. The Trust's 2024 activities began by partnering with Scotrail to adopt the Wester Hailes Rail Station. In line with LPP projects (1, 4, 7, 14, 31) this involved encouraging the collective ownership of the station, along with reinvigorating its greenspaces and improving safety. Future opportunities for this ongoing project include improving signage, mapping, and station infrastructure. In the Winter months of 2024 the Trust partnered with the Community Wellbeing Collective (CWC) to continue our dedication to ensuring there are warm spaces with a warm meal on offer every day of the week in Wester Hailes. In line with LPP projects (6, 7, 30) this entailed providing the CWC with funding to open up their space for 30 additional days they otherwise would have been closed. Working towards the delivery of LPP Projects (7, 16, 19, 31, 34, & 35), the Trust successfully secured a 40 ft shipping container to convert into the Wester Hailes Mobility Hub (WHMH). In developing the WHMH we hosted a series of community consultation events including a community mural development and design day in partnership with Edinburgh artist [REDACTED]. The interior renovation was made possible thanks to successful funding from the CEC Community Grants fund which enabled the Trust to commission the 'Lend a Hand' team, an initiative of local organisation Edible Estates to provide residents with construction skills and opportunities, to carry out the renovation. The Trust further partnered with the Edinburgh Tool Library and Cargo Bike Movement, securing the WHMH as a satellite outpost of the ETL, and the CBM as a partner loaning us two cargo bikes for free hire. In addition to this the Trust was successful in our application to the Mushroom Trust for funds to go towards a green roof for the WHMH - this is yet to be delivered but is scheduled for the Spring of 2026, and will work towards LPP Project 14. The WHMH was officially delivered to WH in August of 2024. Since then the Trust has been working closely with the community to encourage awareness of the hub and engagement in the successful delivery of its programming and operations. Central to this was the soft launch of the WHMH in tandem with the Trust organised and facilitated Wester Hailes Harvest Festival in October 2024. The event was the outcome of months of planning in partnership with a plethora of local community groups, and has been said by many to have been the most successful event in recent Wester Hailes' history as a day filled with activity and over 300 attendees. The success of the

was largely thanks to partial funding from the Edinburgh 900 fund which has further provided funding for an exhibition on the exterior of the WHMH featuring the history of Wester Hailes. All of the activities carried out and projects made progress on in 2024 were informed by the Trust's annual project planning meeting which ensured Trust consensus on which projects were being carried out that year and why. In addition to the Trust's 2024 delivery of projects and activities was the continued partnership with key stakeholders including our contacts at the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and the Scottish Government. Most prominently the Trust continued to meet frequently with our CEC rep Jen Blacklaw, in addition to hosting two successful Community Estates Improvement Programme meetings where we worked towards ensuring the community has a say over the CEC benefits that are spent within the neighbourhood, ultimately working towards LPP projects (4, 12, 14, 29, and 31). A further significant accomplishment in 2024 was the work of multiple Trustees who successfully re-established the Wester Hailes Community Council, LPP Project (36). Complementing these Trust activities and projects was the ongoing maintenance and facilitation of Trust operations, including maintaining membership, board meetings, Trust correspondences, and Trust finances. For lexicon clarity, in late 2024 the WHMH was renamed 'The Westside Shed' to better represent its multitude of offerings in addition to mobility matters.

Reserves Policy

WHCT is working towards its long term sustainability in the following ways:

Supporting increased community participation and ownership in the activities of the Trust.
Documenting the large impact of relatively small levels of funding to support future grant funding and relationships.
Documenting the progress made on each LPP Project and ensuring all Trust activities can be linked back to a LPP Project.
Maintaining relationships with all local organisations and stakeholders, keeping up to date on their LPP project progress, and actively identifying the ways in which we as organisations can work together to optimise our service to the community.
In addition to the above intentions, Trustees will continue to develop a suitable Reserves Policy, in line with best practice, to meet their governance responsibilities. At the present moment all of the Trust's funds are restricted funds dedicated to the delivery of specific Local Place Plan projects.

Plans for Future Periods

The exact nature of the Trust's activities is determined by the members of the Trust which consist of local people and representatives of Wester Hailes based organisations. For this upcoming year the Trust intends to continue building the membership and capacity of the Trust, including restructuring and reinvigorating the board, to better represent and serve the community. Our strategy for this is to meet local residents through our presence in the community while further providing skill building opportunities in the process - this could be achieved through the Wester Hailes Mobility Hub, general Trust programming and events, etc. Nearly three years on from the official registration of the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan, we further intend to hold 1:1 meetings with all LPP stakeholders to check in on their project progress, identify opportunities for future collaborations, etc. Given the Trust's limited capacity, we will emphasise our role as a Trust as a facilitator in the community. In addition to this, a handful of board resignations paired with new members and trustees has further prompted us to ensure the collective underpinnings of the Trust are solid. This has included reviewing our policies as a Trust, and ensuring Trustees are aware of their roles and responsibilities by providing training where desired, both of which we intend to continue into 2026 and onwards. Outwith these structural and operational goals for future periods, the Trust will continue implementing the 36 projects proposed by the finalised Wester Hailes Local Place Plan 2.0, with particular effort put into the 9 projects supported by the National Lottery Fund until 2027. Before applying for additional funding, we will further work to ensure our additional restricted funding (Mushroom Trust Fund, 2019/2020's funding from the University of Bristol) is spent as designated by the Trustees, and broader community where appropriate. As always the Trust plans to continue working closely with the City of Edinburgh Council, as well as making connections with other Edinburgh based communities pursuing Local Place Plans, such as Leith and Portobello. Through these WHLPP led objectives, the WHCT wishes to continue contributing to the vitality of Wester Hailes, making it a destination desirable for the dedicated, diverse, and deserving community that calls it home.

On behalf of Trustees:

Date: 30/09/2025

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts					
Donations		0	300	300	0
Grants	3	0	46,750	46,750	9,900
Funding Awards	3	0	0	0	3,300
Other Charitable Activities		0	0	0	0
Other income		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		0	47,050	47,050	13,200
Payments					
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	4	0	32,914	32,914	19,539
Total Payments		0	32,914	32,914	19,539
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		0	14,136	14,136	-6,339

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Statement of Balances - For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
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Funds Reconciliation

Cash at Bank & in Hand Brought Forward	0	11,029	11,029	17,368
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	0	14,136	14,136	-6339

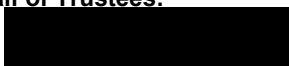
Cash at Bank & in Hand Carry Forward

0	25,165	25,165	11,029
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Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Deposit Account	25,165	11,029
Cash in Hand	0	0
	25,165	11,029

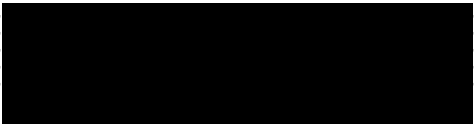
On behalf of Trustees:



Date: 30/09/2025

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7-Nov-24	194
19-Nov-24	195
9-Dec-24	196
12-Dec-24	197



ONLINE	-£5,000.00	£22,335.28
INCOME:	1,000.00	£23,335.28
INCOME:	2,270.00	£25,605.28
ONLINE	-£440.00	£25,165.28

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Notes to the Accounts - For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & payments 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 have to be used for the purpose for which they were given. During the year there were restricted funds, as shown in Notes 4 and 5.

3. Receipts

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations	300	0
Grants	46,750	9,900
Funding Awards	0	3,300
	<u>47,050</u>	<u>13,200</u>

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4 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Funding Awards	0	0
Project Fees	11,799	325
Management Costs	15,454	17,375
Office	293	820
Printing/Stationery	0	659
Catering	196	114
Travel	0	26
Professional Fees	4,154	170
Miscellaneous	1,018	50
	<u>32,914</u>	<u>19,539</u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of:

Wester Hailes Community Trust

Registered charity number SC046486

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	January	2024	to	31	December	2024
Set out in pages 1 - 4						

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 Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

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 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 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.

Signed		Date:	23 September 2025
Name:			
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Disclosure section