



## **Eskmuthe Chair's Report – 2024/2025**

It's been a landmark year for Eskmuthe Rowing Club - one that's combined incredible success on the water with major milestones on land.

### **Rowing**

Over the last 12 months a massive 326 rows have been posted for members to sign up to. This is a major achievement by the coxes and we owe them all a huge thanks.

Almost one hundred of these rows (96) were social or technique rows. Sadly almost a third (29%) of these rows were cancelled due to weather and 4% were cancelled due to not enough sign ups.

Of the training rows, around 10% were cancelled due to the weather. But unfortunately for the Worlds Training Rows, around a quarter were cancelled due to the weather.

Our new look website has regular updates about all the amazing rows:

<https://www.eskmutherowingclub.org.uk/blog>

### *Racing*

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly SkiffieWorlds 2025 in Stranraer, where Eskmuthe fielded more crews than ever before and delivered some of our strongest performances to date - finishing in 15th place overall and seeing our amazing under 19 mixed crew bringing home our first ever medal. Every crew gave their all, and the teamwork, spirit and determination shown throughout the week were outstanding. The club's camaraderie — on and off the water — was second to none, and the experience will inspire us for years to come as we look ahead to 2028.

At other events, Eskmuthe also made an impact. We took home medals at a range of regattas including Alnmouth, Queensferry, Boatie Blest, North Berwick and Loch Tummel, and built on friendships with clubs across Scotland and beyond. The 2025 season also saw more members than ever before taking part in regattas, race days (at Fisherrow, Portobello and North Berwick) from seasoned racers to new rowers trying competition for the first time.

Another highlight was taking on the world in the international "5 Miles From Home" challenge, with nine crews stepping up to the feat of endurance. This dedication alone won Steddie an award for the boat that did the most distance as we had more entries than any other club! The virtual event, involving around 100 coastal rowing clubs of all boat types, saw Eskmuthe's Open crew finish 16th and the 50+ crew 17th, an outstanding achievement against seasoned competition. Our fastest crew clocked in at 52:45.

### *Social and expedition rowing*

Despite a few outings being lost to weather (again!), we've managed some memorable rows, such as the Bass Rock row and taking part in the Newhaven Festival where we helped launch their new boat.

We also staged new rower days to try and build the membership - including one that coincided with the Fisherrow Harbour Festival.

We now have a new tower available to help ensure we can look to do more expeditions in the future.

Reviewing the data from TeamApp has suggested that if both boats are available, we can currently support a maximum of 2 social / technique rows a day at weekends (any more than this and we see them struggling to fill). Coxes will continue to keep an eye on how quickly different types of rows fill to ensure we cater for everyone.

### *Our regattas*

Our regattas are always an amazing spectacle where the whole club comes together to welcome crews to Musselburgh.

With weather forcing us to call off racing on the first attempt, a massive effort by the club ensured the biggest cake sale the Harbour has ever seen, with local community members welcoming the chance to come and look "behind the scenes" of the new boatshed. The event raised more than £2,000.

At our rescheduled regatta, we managed three-races on the Back Sands, raising nearly £2,000 (including the evening beer sales), despite being cut short by strong winds.

### **Membership**

The club now has around 90 active members, with new joiners across social, fitness, expedition and race squads. We're also working on strengthening our on-boarding process, with regular "new rower" sessions.

### **Boatshed**

After years of hard work, the Eskmuthe Boatshed has finally come to life. The building is complete, water is connected, and the finishing touches are being made as we tackle final snagging issues. The boatshed has already transformed the way we store, maintain and look after our boats — and has opened the door to new partnerships and community links. We have already hosted the Riverfly project and the Musselburgh Sports Hub meetings in the space.

We're exploring ways to further make the space available for other local groups, ensuring it becomes a shared community asset as well as our home.

### **Boats and Equipment**

This year, we painted Steddie inside and out ahead of the Worlds, including new footrests, rowlocks and oar upgrades. Honesty is now undergoing a total overhaul to install new footrests and give the inside a makeover. Thanks go to everyone who's helped with sanding,

painting, lifting, fixing and generally keeping our skiffs in top shape.

### **Training and Rowfit**

Our Rowfit and ERG sessions have gone from strength to strength, helping rowers build fitness year-round. Wednesday training at the Pleasance has become a regular fixture, and outdoor sessions on the Links continue whenever the weather allows. These sessions have been key in preparing our crews for a demanding race calendar and longer rows.

Taking the ERGs to the next level, our u19 girls are also now competing against the leading private schools and rowing clubs in the Scottish Schools Rowing Championships, with incredible first round results of 3rd and 5th.

We have now received an Aldi Sports Fund Grant to go towards the cost of rowing machines and we hope to fundraise for the remaining balance.

### **Socials and Fundraising**

Eskmuthe has again lived up to its reputation for epic social nights. This will also be helped by being able to host events with an alcohol licence. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped raise funds for the boatshed, boat maintenance and club development.

### **Governance and Development**

The Committee has worked hard behind the scenes to strengthen governance and clarify roles. We've also improved how we handle health and safety, encouraging members to report any concerns via the new online form, and ensuring our risk management remains robust.

We have also run two surveys to gauge members' views on the Worlds' organising and the Selection Panel - with the current arrangements enjoying overwhelming support from members. The results from these are being used by the Committee to plan for the future.

### **Looking Ahead**

Next year will be about consolidation, using the momentum from Stranraer and the new boatshed to bring even more people into rowing, develop our boats, crews and coxes, and build stronger links with our community and neighbouring clubs.

### **Thanks**

Finally, a massive thank you to every member who's rowed, coxed, coached, organised, sanded, baked, fundraised, or just turned up with a smile and made Eskmuthe what it is.

Special thanks to the committee and trustees for their ongoing hard work and to those standing down this year for their commitment and contribution to the club.

It's been another incredible year — one of achievement, teamwork and progress. Here's to calm seas, fair winds and even more Eskmuthe adventures in 2026.

### **Eskmuthe Trustees:**



**Useful links**

World's Review:

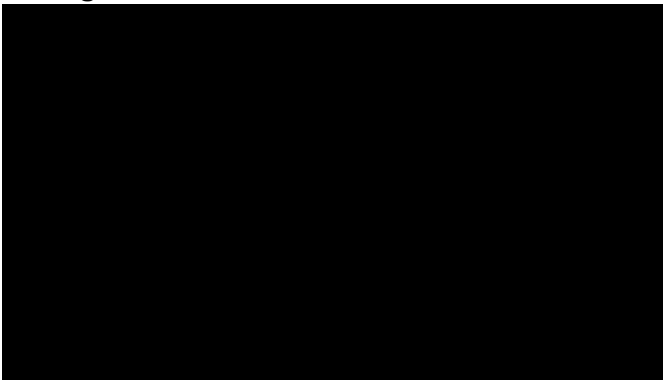
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Selection Panel Review:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DbDjAmTGWgmefh5yBNTCQQQoeiO-QymSMb6jQq-MUPE/edit?usp=sharing>

Trustees Code of Conduct:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bo6D7arv4BCHG6dzq4JlDmlbET-sP848TZnxxKyuWiw/edit?tab=t.0>

**Signed**

## Eskmuthe Rowing Club

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Mo	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

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## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	17,542	9,882			27,424	5,979
Legacies					-	
Grants		10,000			10,000	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts	13,117	8,100			21,217	85,431
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-			-	
Rents from land & buildings	-	-			-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	620	-			620	-
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>27,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,262</b>	<b>91,410</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-			-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-			-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>27,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,262</b>	<b>91,410</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading payments	31,520	47,351			78,871	176,858
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	1,288
Grants and donations	17,542	2,016			19,558	1,972
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>49,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,429</b>	<b>180,118</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>49,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,429</b>	<b>180,118</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(17,783)</b>	<b>(21,385)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(39,167)</b>	<b>(88,708)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(17,783)</b>	<b>(21,385)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(39,167)</b>	<b>(88,708)</b>

## 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	21,591	21,385			42,976	131,684
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(17,783)	(21,385)			(39,167)	(88,708)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	3,808	-	-	-	3,808	42,976
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	N/A			
		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	Boats & Equipment	General Unrestricted Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Boatshed	Boatshed	300,000	300,000	
		Total	310,000	310,000	10,000

	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

			16 December 2025



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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 £
Give as you earn					-	58
Eskmuthe regatta		4,895			4,895	-
East Lothian Council payment made in error	17,542				17,542	-
Regattas		4,987			4,987	-
					-	5,921
					-	-
					-	-
	-				-	-
					-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,542</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,424</b>	<b>5,979</b>
	reference	reference	-	-	reference	-

**2 Grants**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
East Lothian Council Community Fund		10,000	10,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>
	-	-	-	-

**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 £
Club Kit	620				620	-
Lifejackets					-	-
		-			-	-
		-			-	-
		-			-	-
		-			-	-
	-				-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>-</b>
	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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 £
Equipment such as covers for the boat, varnish, glue					-	1,288
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,288</b>
	-	-	-	-	-	-



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## Additional analysis (2)

## 5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below General fund	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
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	17,542				17,542	58
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants	-				-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-				-	8,171
Gross trading receipts	13,117				13,117	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	620				620	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>8,229</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>8,229</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading payments	31,520				31,520	4,195
Investment management costs	-				-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-				-	-
Grants and donations	17,542				17,542	-
Governance costs:	-				-	-
Audit / independent examination	-				-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>4,195</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>4,195</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(17,783)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,783)</b>	<b>4,034</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(17,783)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,783)</b>	<b>4,034</b>

## Nature and purpose of funds

General Funds - the purpose of the general fund is to support the club with the day to day running costs. This includes covering costs of repairs and maintenance of 2 St Ayles Skiffs, berthing fees, membership fees of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association, attendance at regattas around Scotland and the North of England. Unfortunately Musselburgh Common Good fund paid £17,542 into our bank account by mistake. This payment was paid back within a few days.

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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
	Boatshed					
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	9,882				9,882	5,921
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants	10,000				10,000	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading receipts	8,100				8,100	77,260
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	27,982	-	-	-	27,982	83,181
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	27,982	-	-	-	27,982	83,181
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-			-	-
Gross trading payments	47,351	-			47,351	173,951
Investment management costs	-	-			-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-			-	-
Grants and donations	2,016	-			2,016	1,972
Governance costs:	-	-			-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-			-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-		-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-		-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	49,366	-	-	-	49,366	175,923
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	49,366	-	-	-	49,366	175,923
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	(21,385)	-	-	-	(21,385)	(92,742)
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	(21,385)	-	-	-	(21,385)	(92,742)

## Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted Funds - We have been accumulating money from our own club members fundraising activity to be allocated to the build of our own boat shed over the last few years (see previous comments). This year we received another £10,000 from ELC Communities fund and £4,103 from Musselburgh Area partnership to pay for the bathroom and move us further towards completion.

# APPENDIX 3



**Report to the trustees/members of**

**Registered charity number**

**On the accounts of the charity for the period**

**Set out on pages**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Charity name <b>Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club</b>						
Registered charity number <b>SC046504</b>						
Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	04	2024	to	31	03	2025
Set out on pages 1,2,3,4,5,6					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	

**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 (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.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

- 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

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Name:**

**Date:**

11/12/2025

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

**Address:**

\*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.