

Dalrymple, Skeldon and Hollybush Project

Scotland · Charity number SC046688

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2016-07-07

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address Dubbs Cottage
5 Main Street
Dalrymple
East Ayrshire
KA66DF

Website <https://dashcommunity.co.uk/> <https://dashcommunity.co.uk/>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: DASH is a grassroots organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of local residents. We aim to build a stronger, more connected community.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: The advancement of citizenship or community development. The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£154,604	£144,685	-	0
2024-07-31	£123,816	£132,059	-	0
2023-07-31	£73,600	£58,379	-	0
2022-07-31	£25,098	£30,562	-	0
2021-07-31	£9,917	£25,661	-	0

Accounts

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Registered charity number	Charity name Dalrymple Skeldon and Hollybush Project						
On the accounts of the charity for the period		SC046688						
		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
		1st	August	2024		31st	July	2025
Set out on pages		(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*]							
	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							
Signed**:	[Redacted Signature]					Date:	3/11/25	
Name:	[Redacted Name]							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS SCOTLAND							
Address:	[Redacted Address]							

*Please delete the words in the brackets on the following page

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at those matters which have come to your attention on the

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

The treasurer has confirmed there is
no restriction on the property purchased
by grant funding.

Statement of Financial Activities for the Period ending 31st July 2025

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Funds	Funds		
Donations received	2,063	10,100	12,163	2,569
Grants	7,288	82,630	89,918	81,000
Receipts Charitable Activities				
Doonfest	33,694	0	33,694	
Doon The Hub	6,882		6,882	10,298
DaSH	839		839	
Fundraising Activities	5,074	2,966	8,040	14,532
Dalrymple Lottery	0	3,067	3,067	
Total Receipts	55,840	98,763	154,603	123,816

Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Funds	Funds		
Cost Charitable Activities				50,292
Doonfest		40,736	40,736	
Doon the Hub	15,556		15,556	13,696
DaSH	10,967		10,967	
Better Dalrymple		23	23	
Fundraising Costs	408	86	494	1,422
Purchase of equipment	925	0	925	1,649
Dalrymple Lottery	0	2,407	2,407	0
Wetlands	0	0	0	65,000
Governance Costs	990	2,586	3,576	

Total Payments	28,846	45,838	74,684	132,059
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Surplus/ (Deficit)	26,994	52,925	79,919	(8243)
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Transfers – Capital	0	(70,000)	(70,000)	0
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Transfers – General	(9203)	9203	0	0
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Total	17,791	(7,871)	9,919	(8243)
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Statement of Balances as at 31st July 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Opening reserve	22,488	9,626	32,114	40,357
Surplus/Deficit	26,994	52,925	79,919	(8,243)
Closing funds	49,482	62,551	112,043	32,114
Less Transfer -Capital	70,000	(70,000)	0	0
Transfer -General	(9,203)	9,203	0	0
	110,279	1,754	112,033	32,114

*All restricted funds are held in cash

Balance Sheet	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fixed Asset	70,000	0
Current Assets – Cash in Bank		
Bank of Scotland	6,421	23,715
Bank of Scotland 2	1,005	0
Bank of Scotland Hub	8,727	8,399
RBS Doonfest	19,273	0
RBS2 Doonfest	5,947	0
RBS Lottery	660	0
Petty Cash	0	0
Total Assets	112,033	32,114

Cash Flow

Bank of Scotland

Opening cash at 1st August 2024

Bank	32,114
Income	154,604
Expenditure	(144,685)

Total	42,033
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Closing Cash as at 31st July 2025

Bank of Scotland	6,421
Bank of Scotland 2	1,005
Bank of Scotland Hub	8,727
RBS	19,273
RBS 2	5,947
RBS Lottery	660
Petty cash	0

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Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st July 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

These Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charities and trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Account (Scotland) Regulation 2006 (as amended)

Accounts have been prepared for the 12- month period to 31st July 2025

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity. During the year, the charity received donations of £2,063, raised £5,074 from fundraising activities and £41,415 from charitable activities and received £7,288 in grants.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the Donor or when funds are raised for a specific purpose. This year, we received grants of £14,200 for Doonfest. We were also awarded £65,000 from East Ayrshire Council to enable us to purchase Dalrymple Church Hall so it could continue as a community facility. Of the Corra Foundation grant of £5250, £5156 was used to finalise the purchase of the Church Hall. East Ayrshire Council also awarded us £1,000 as a contribution to the first years' energy costs.

We were also awarded £2,430 by The National Lottery Community Fund towards surveys conducted prior to the purchase of the hall. We also received £10,100 in donations £2,966 from fundraising activities. There were no receipts from charitable activities.

During 24/25 two separate Bank Accounts was set up for Doonfest and all funds relating to Doonfest were transferred into these accounts.

3 Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the period 2024/2025.

4 Fixed Assets

Fixed assets comprise of Dalrymple Church Hall purchased on 18th July 2025. Land and buildings are held at the market valuation at the date of purchase. No depreciation has been recognised on land and buildings as the Trustees believe this to be the residual value of the property. The Trustees confirm that there is no impairment to the land and buildings at the date of signing of the accounts.

Significant repairs and additions are capitalised where they are believed to increase the market value of the property above the residual value.

5 Donations	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donations Received	2063	10100	12163	2569

6 Grants Received	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
East Ayrshire Council				
Doon the Hub	5,188		5,188	0
Property Purchase		65,000	65,000	0
Doonfest		5,000	5,000	0
Energy Costs		1,000	1,000	11,000
Dalrymple Lottery	600	200	800	0
Lottery		9000	9,000	0
National Lottery Comm Fund		2,430	2,430	0
Coalfields Regeneration	500		500	5,000
Arnold Clark	1,000		1,000	0
EB Scotland				30,000
East Ayrshire Council Wetlands				20,000
East Ayrshire Council Wetlands				15,000
Totals	7,288	82,630	89,918	81,000

7 Restricted Funds	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing
	Balance				Balance
Corra Foundation	5,250	0	156	(5,000)	94
PB EAC	23	0	23		0
Doon The Hub	4,353			(4,353)	0
EAC Energy	0	1,000	0		1000
National Lottery Comm Fund	0	2,430	2430		0
East Ayrshire Council Land	0	65,000		(65,000)	0
East Ayrshire Council Doonfest	0	5,000	5,000		
Dalrymple Lottery	0	200	200		0
National Lottery Awards	0	9,000	9000		0
Doonfest	0	13,066	26,622	13,556	0
Dalrymple lottery	0	3,067	2,407		660
Totals	9,626	98,763	45,838	(60,797)	1754

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Annual report to OSCR
July 2024 – July 2025

**DALRYMPLE
SKELDON AND
HOLLYBUSH
PROJECT (DASH)**



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Dalrymple,Skeldon and Hollybush Project

Other names known by: DaSH

Charity number: SC046688

Charity's principle addres

Names of the charity trustee **Trustees' Annual Report**

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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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Either at Annual General Meeting or by agreement of all Trustees during the year.

Type of governing document

Constitution (modelled on the SCVO model constitution)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The charity continues to work within the local area in bringing more social activities, new areas of recreation, new social hub and food larder and continued valued work with agencies to ensure we are maximising our effect to help those locally who are affected by current economic extrinsic factors.

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

Introduction

2024/25 has seen continuation challenges arising from the ongoing cost of living crisis. With the rise in inflation, energy and food prices, many communities and families still struggle to make ends meet. The larder continues to be available for the community with a good source of everyday items at affordable prices as well as access to some free food and sundries. Following on from this the Hub has now been running for three years on a Thursday morning. This provides a warm social space as well as access to free hot drinks, snacks a warm space and company. The hub has very much established itself with our older members of the community and the social Interactions have been seen as a lifeline to some.

In discussion with other stakeholders there was a need identified for access to warm space and food at weekends, from this the Brunch Club has evolved. Every Saturday morning local members of the community of any age can attend. On offer are hot breakfast items as well as cereals, fruit, pastries and hot drinks. The uptake has been quite overwhelming with an average of 35 attendees weekly; it is an enormous amount of work and one that has been undertaken by a small band of volunteers.

Key to the success of the charity are of course are the volunteers; from running the larder, attending the hub and providing the fare, to, cooking the breakfasts at the brunch club. None of these activities and all the others the charity undertakes would happen without the dedicated volunteers. Most of our volunteers have undertaken training as well to ensure all safety measures are met. Their endeavours have aided our community and continue to provide a valued service to residents both from a social perspective and for easing the cost of living.

All the activities above take place within the church hall: unfortunately in late 2023 the Church Of Scotland listed hall for disposal thus putting at risk the only viable community space in the area. The Charity at this point recognised the dire need to retain the hall so therefore looked at raising funds to buy the building. This turned out to be a stressful and protracted negotiation with many hours spent trying to raise monies. We were working with the Scottish Land Fund when the Church of Scotland decided to move on to an open sale due to the length of time application was taking. Through East Ayrshire Council officers and local Councillor an application was submitted to the Renewable energy fund and was successful in securing 65k of funding, with the charity raising the other 5k for purchase price of 70k. We recently had the official opening of the renamed Village Hall and will now endeavour to start works on the essential repairs that are required. However, we, as a charity are excited for the future of the hall and also extremely thankful for the grant and especially to those that made the acquisition possible

Community garden and Wetland Project

Work was completed on the garden in August 2019, and since then has been an exceptionally well used community asset. The Wetland project was completed in 2022 and won the Scotland Loves Local Award in 2023 for climate change.

Volunteers remain the mainstay of the maintenance of the Community Garden and Wetland area from planting to grass cutting- to pruning to hedge cutting, every aspect of the upkeep is done by volunteers, who we cannot thank enough. There is now a sub group within the charity that look after all the outside spaces and plantars that we maintain; this group is very much responsible for making

our village look as colourful and bright with flowers and shrubs throughout the year. Planting is an ongoing job with the wetland about to have two hundred small trees planted, these were gifted from the Woodlands Trust. Like every charity we are always looking for more people to come on board and help and it remains a key aim that we encourage more volunteers to join us.

Recreational activities

As mentioned earlier the Food Larder and Hub are providing residents with a social setting for morning coffee, chats and various activities.

In July 2025 Doonfest took to the stage again and provided a weekend of fantastic live music and workshops. The event, despite the biblical rain, saw over 1500 attend Friday evening and all day Saturday. This is a family friendly grassroots not for profit music event which is attended by all ages, a great accolade to the organisers who bring in musical talent to cater for all tastes. Headliners this year were Scottish multi award winning group The Bluebells who literally saw the event finish in style – the marquee was jumping to their music. The main stage performers this year certainly were varied and all from Scotland – again to showcase or national talent. Free workshops ranged from samba drumming to song writing workshops, from cycle your own milk shake to silent disco, from birds of prey to alpacas, there was literally something for everyone. The main stage hosted Possibility Screams for young teenage singer songwriters and we were also delighted to have young members playing from the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra.

The music event continues to grow with visitors now coming from many other areas of the country, but its heart remains community; the charity will continue to ensure that the event remains free for workshop activities and a small charge for concerts. A core aim of Doonfest was to break down social barriers be inclusive and inspire new generations, something we will endeavour to keep doing. I cannot thank all our volunteers enough as this is a huge event to put on , not just on the day but fund raising, planning, merchandising, preparing field, booking acts, rotas – and that is just the tip of the iceberg. Doonfest is unique but it requires funding and that will always remain the key challenge for keeping the event alive going forward.

Other events have taken place including race night, cocktail making night, Christmas Wreath making, up close and personal music nights and our annual Easter egg hunt, every one of them bringing different areas of the community together.

Fundraising and grants

The Food Larder, Hub and Bruch Club have received

- Coalfields Regeneration fund £500
- East Ayrshire Council £5187
- Arnold Clark £1000
- WG Edwards £1126

Doonfest

- Lottery Community Fund £9000
- Renewable Energy Fund £5000

Dalrymple Skeldon and Hollybush General Activities

- Renewable Energy Fund £65000
- East Ayrshire Council £1000
- Community Lottery fund £2430

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has a policy of holding a minimum of £500 in reserves.

Details of any deficit

At the end of the year, the charity has no deficits.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

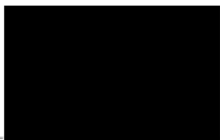
None

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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DALRYMPLE SKELDON AND HOLLYBUSH PROJECT (DASH)

Full name(s)

Position

Date

	16/10/2025	24/10/2025

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