

# Douglasdale Recreation, Environment, Access and Leisure Group

Scotland · Charity number SC047566

## Details

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Known as	Douglasdale REAL Group
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-07-11
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	87 Brownhill Avenue Douglas South Lanarkshire ML11 0PE
Website	<a href="http://www.douglasdalerealgroup.com">www.douglasdalerealgroup.com</a>

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** '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:** DRG has been active in the Douglas area since 2012, initially as an unincorporated body and as a SCIO since 2017. The group has conducted path improvements, organised village clean-ups, and provided and maintained flowers and plants throughout the village. We also supply hanging baskets annually on Main Street and Ayr Road in Douglas. In an innovative fund-raising event DRG organised 'Gig in the Grounds' starting as a one-day event, becoming two days and then since 2019 it became three days due to the popularity of it and more bands wanting to play. It is a music and history festival, family fun day attended by many from the local community and further afield. In 2023 we took ownership of Douglasdale Community Woodland through an asset transfer from South Lanarkshire Council. The purchase of Douglasdale Community Woodland has improved this large piece of biodiverse infrastructure for all the local communities and has created new employment opportunities with more planned.

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

**Objectives:** The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are: the advancement of heritage and culture through the preservation of local rural areas, increasing awareness to and interest in local history, talent and traditions through education, entertainment and partnership

working. the advancement of citizenship or community development through the encouragement of voluntary and community activity, capacity building in local groups, regeneration of local amenities and assisting disadvantaged and hard to reach groups. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement through 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 to encourage walking, cycling, equestrian and other pursuits. and the advancement of such other similar charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined by the Trustees.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** South Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£69,977	£60,066	-	2
2024-07-31	£77,610	£83,366	-	1
2023-07-31	£3,277	£61,422	-	1
2022-07-31	£103,168	£18,344	-	0
2021-07-31	£10,194	£13,092	-	0

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# Accounts

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Douglasdale Real Group  
Financial Statements  
For the accounting period ended  
31<sup>st</sup> July,2025

## Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July,2025

Charity Name	Douglasdale Recreation, Environment, Access & Leisure Group	
Other names charity is known by	Douglasdale REAL Group	
Registered Charity Number	SC047566	
Charity's Principal Address	87 Brownhill Avenue, Douglas, South Lanarkshire ML11 0PQ	
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Chair Person	Kenneth Young
	Secretary	Paula Sked
	Treasurer	Jason Mitchell
Names of the trustees for the charity	Kenneth Young Linda Mitchell Paula Sked Scott Johnstone Lillian Clark Bryan Frame	

The organisation is constituted in terms of a community group, run by an executive management committee, elected by the members.

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

- Type of governing document                      Constitution
- How the charity is constituted                      SCIO
- Trustee selection methods                              Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at The Annual General Meeting

#### The purpose of the Douglasdale REAL Group is the advancement

- of heritage and culture through the preservation of local rural area, increasing awareness to, and interest in, local history, talent and traditions through education, entertainment and partnership working
- of citizenship or community development through the encouragement of voluntary and community activity, capacity building in local groups, regeneration of local amenities and assisting disadvantaged and hard to reach groups
- of environmental protection or improvement through 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 to encourage walking, cycling, equestrian and other pursuits
- of other such similar charitable purposes as may, from time to time, be determined by the Trustees.

# Trustees' Annual Report 2024-2025

## Principal Activities and Achievements

### Trustees' Annual Report 24-25

#### Community Events

We successfully organised 2 annual catch and release fishing competitions at Policies Loch, thanks to the kind permission of D&A Estates. Due to the weather and the poor turn out in Aug 24 we held another in Dec 24. This event continues to bring together fishing enthusiasts and strengthens community bonds.

#### Environmental Improvements and Maintenance

We held a village clean-up event attended by more than 30 volunteers of all ages. Personal protective equipment, litter pickers, as well as hot drinks and refreshments were provided for everyone who contributed to tidying up our community.

The Polish War Memorial area was cleared and tidied in preparation for the annual service, ensuring the occasion was marked in a respectful environment.

At Douglas Primary School, we carried out weeding, tidied up the polytunnels, and maintained the raised beds, supporting the school's horticultural activities and providing a pleasant environment for pupils and staff.

We continued our yearly tradition of installing hanging baskets along Main Street and Ayr Road, bringing vibrant colour and life to these key thoroughfares throughout the summer months.

#### Community Engagement and Fundraising

Gig in the Grounds/Family Fun Day 2025 was a highly successful three-day fundraiser, providing an affordable family festival for local residents and visitors. The well attended event exceeded expectations and was well received, not only by the local community but also by the many visitors who attended and stayed in the campsite for the weekend. Bringing a welcome boost to the local economy, with many of the campers visiting the local shops, eateries and pub.

#### Woodland Development

Our Community Woodland Development Officer had a varied and busy year, continuing to record, measure, and monitor biodiversity in the woodland. We observed fourteen species of butterfly, with numbers expected to increase following the hydro-seeding of native wildflower seeds along the railway verges as part of the SPEN reinstatement works connected to the Hagshaw Hill repowering project.

Ongoing woodland management and maintenance were carried out, helping to ensure the woodland remains rich in biodiversity and accessible to all. We hosted a SPEN corporate volunteer day, with volunteers contributing eighty hours to removing tree guards and stakes enabling the trees to grow to their full potential. We removed all plastic waste from the woodland floor.

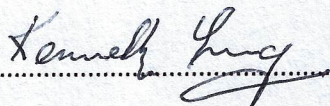
### Active Travel

Construction has commenced on the new NCN74 active travel path. Over the past year DRG, as the designated authority responsible for ongoing maintenance of the Poniel to Douglas section, has conducted meetings and participated in events related to the Project.

### Reserves Policy

The trustees believe that around one month of annual expenditure is a appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected expenditure.

Approved by the Executive Management Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> April,2026

 ..... Chair Person : Kenneth Young

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY,2025

**Independent Examiner's Report** to the Trustees of Douglasdale Real Group, registered charity number SC047566

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July,2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

### 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) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended ) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44) (1) (c) of the 2005 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 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 connection with my examination, no **other** 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 Regulations, and  
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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 .....

27<sup>th</sup> April,2026

Gerard J. Ingram AFA

Ardoch House, Lesmahagow ML11 0HJ

Douglasdale Real Group

Statement of Balances - As at 3st July,2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cash & Bank Balance at Start of Year	-13,069	35,618	22,549	86,450
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year	-9,875	19,786	9,911	-5,756
Cash & Bank Balance at End of Year	<u>-22,944</u>	<u>55,404</u>	<u>32,460</u>	<u>80,694</u>

Represented by:

Bank Balance at End of Year	-23,944	55,404	31,460	80,694
Cash Balance at End of Year	1,000	-	1,000	-
	<u>-22,944</u>	<u>55,404</u>	<u>32,460</u>	<u>80,694</u>

## Statement of Receipts and Payments - For the year ended 31st July,2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
Commercial activities	3	205	0	205	160
Fundraising activities	4	4,691	45,839	50,530	67,215
Loans		0	0	0	1,000
Gig in the grounds - 2024		11,949	0	11,949	9,235
Gig in the grounds - 2025		1,878	0	1,878	0
Wayleave		1,815	0	1,815	0
Servitude receipt		3,600	0	3,600	0
		<u>24,138</u>	<u>45,839</u>	<u>69,977</u>	<u>77,610</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Group activities	5	0	10,119	10,119	65,686
Management and administration cost	6	18,653	12,587	31,240	12,464
Gig in the grounds 2024	7	9,157	889	10,046	5,216
Gig in the grounds 2025	8	6,203	2,458	8,661	0
		<u>34,013</u>	<u>26,053</u>	<u>60,066</u>	<u>83,366</u>
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year		<u>-9,873</u>	<u>19,786</u>	<u>9,911</u>	<u>-5,756</u>

Douglasdale Real Group

Notes to Financial Statements - year ended 31st July, 2025

1 Funds

The group maintains a single undesignated fund for all its transactions

2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The Trustees did not receive remuneration during the year

No Trustees received expenses during the year

		2025	2024
3	<u>Commercial Activities</u>		

	Fishing tickets	205	160
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4 Fundraising Income

	Grants	50,530	74,915
	Donations	0	300
	Loans	0	1,000
	Gig in the grounds - 2024	11,949	1,235
	Gig in the grounds - 2025	1,878	0
	Wayleave	1,815	0
	Sevitube receipt	3,600	0
		69,772	77,450

5 Group Activity

	Purchase of workshop	0	25,000
	Purchase of sound system	0	37,886
	Legal / consultancy fees	0	2,800
	Landscaping/planting Douglas	8,343	0
	Culvert piping woodlands	1,776	0
		10,119	65,686

6 Management and Administration Costs

	Rent	0	585
	Accountancy fees	450	720
	Insurance	2,660	833
	Plants and hanging baskets	1,000	1,000
	Sundry expenses	748	121
	Wages, paye and pensions	12,482	8,705
	Signage	0	500
	Training	390	0
	Equipment purchases	10,412	0
	Fuel for machines	698	0
	Loan repayments	2,400	0
		31,240	12,464

7 Gig in the grounds 2024

Advertising	0	300
Printing	902	294
Deposit for inflatables	1,600	400
Marque	1,705	1,979
Portaloo	0	1,392
Tickets	0	131
Simup card reader	0	167
Face painter	0	200
Licences	0	363
PA rental	1,087	0
Food and drink	3,177	0
Axe throwers	240	0
Deliveries	334	0
Sundries	50	0
General fuel	312	0
Generator hire	639	0
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8 Gig in the grounds 2025

Printing	406	0
PA rental	1,030	0
Portaloo	1,392	0
Deposit for inflatables	1,500	0
Archery activity	400	0
Marque hire	2,073	0
Food and drink	783	0
Event licence	384	0
Insurance	582	0
Licence	51	0
Wifi	60	0
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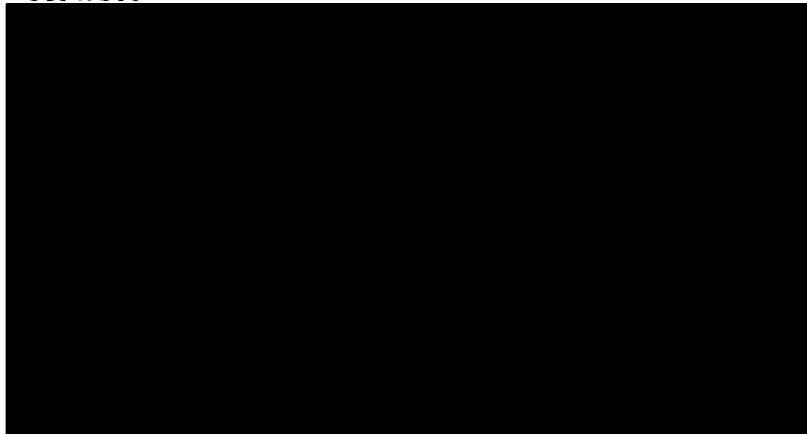
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**31<sup>st</sup> July,2024**

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## Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July,2024

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## **Chairman's Annual Report 23 - 24**

Our principal activities and achievements for the year 23 to 24 have been:

The annual catch and release fishing competition at stable lake by the kind permission of D&A Estates.

The maintenance of the James Gavin Memorial site was carried out, including litter removal, cleaning and polishing of the memorial plaque, as well as planting flowers in the large, raised bed areas. Additionally, 12 planters on Main Street were refreshed with new compost, plants, and flowers.

At Douglasdale Community Woodland we organised a volunteer corporate day for SPEN staff to remove hundreds tree guards and stakes enabling the young trees to grow to their full potential and removing plastic from the woodland floor.

Douglasdale REAL Group volunteers spent the day removing tree guards and stakes, litter picking and sowing wildflower seeds.

The purchase of a community sound system on behalf of 6 local groups which was funded by REF and CDG Community Fund.

The clearing of the Polish War Memorial area prior to the service.

New sign put in place at Douglasdale Community Woodland.

Yearly hanging baskets in Main Street and Ayr Road.

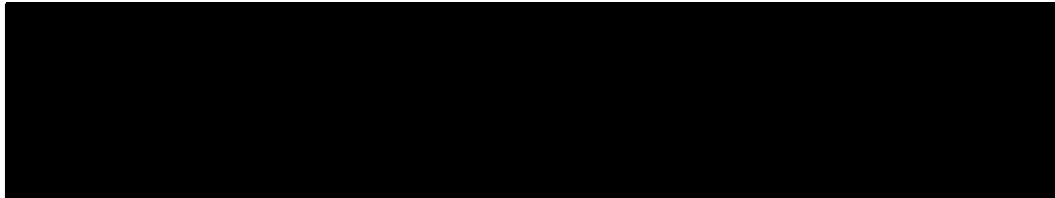
A village clean-up/litter pick was organised for Douglas and Glespin which was well attended by a large group of volunteers.

Gig in the Grounds/Family Fun Day 2024 was another highly successful three-day fundraiser. This event exceeded all expectations, offering an affordable family festival for both local residents and visitors.

## **Reserves Policy**

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Approved by the Executive Management Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> April,2025



## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY,2024

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14<sup>th</sup> April,2025

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Statement of Balances - As at 31st July, 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash & Bank Balance at Start of Year	-4,800	33,105	28,305	86,450
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year	-8,269	2,513	-5,756	-58,145
Cash & Bank Balance at End of Year	<u>-13,069</u>	<u>35,618</u>	<u>22,549</u>	<u>28,305</u>
 Represented by:				
Bank Balance at End of Year	-13,069	34,618	21,549	86,450
Cash Balance at End of Year	-	1000	1,000	-
	<u>-13,069</u>	<u>35,618</u>	<u>22,549</u>	<u>86,450</u>

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - For the year ended 31st July,2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
Commercial activities	3	160	-	160	150
Fundraising activities	4	300	66,915	67,215	1,577
Loans		1,000	-	1,000	1,550
Gig in the grounds		1,235	8,000	9,235	-
		<u>2,695</u>	<u>74,915</u>	<u>77,610</u>	<u>3,277</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Group activities	5	-	65,686	65,686	58,089
Management and administration cost	6	10,964	1,500	12,464	3,333
Gig in the grounds	7	-	5,216	5,216	-
		<u>10,964</u>	<u>72,402</u>	<u>83,366</u>	<u>61,422</u>
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year		<u>-8,269</u>	<u>2,513</u>	<u>-5,756</u>	<u>-58,145</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements - year ended 31st July, 2024

1 Funds

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2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

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No Trustees received expenses during the year

	2024	2023
<b>3 <u>Commercial Activities</u></b>		
Fishing tickets	<u>160</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>4 <u>Fundraising Income</u></b>		
Grants	74,915	1,477
Donations	300	100
Loans	1,000	1,550
Gig in the grounds - ticket sales	<u>1,235</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>77,450</u>	<u>3,127</u>
<b>5 <u>Group Activity</u></b>		
Purchase of woodlands	-	53,200
Purchase of workshop	25,000	-
Purchase of sound system	37,886	-
Legal / consultancy fees	<u>2,800</u>	<u>4,889</u>
	<u>65,686</u>	<u>58,089</u>
<b>6 <u>Management and Administration Costs</u></b>		
Rent	585	1,620
Accountancy fees	720	-
Heat and light	-	86
Insurance	833	112
Plants and hanging baskets	1000	929
Hall hire	-	500
Sundry expenses	121	86
Wages, paye and pensions	8,705	-
Signage	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,464</u>	<u>3,333</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements - year ended 31st July,2024

7 Gig in the grounds

Advertising	300	-
Printing	294	-
Deposit for inflatables	400	-
Marque	1,979	-
Portaloo	1,392	-
Tickets	121	-
Simup card reader	167	-
Face painter	200	-
Licences	363	-
	<u>5,216</u>	<u>-</u>