

**ELDER VOICE**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC048553**

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**



**ELDER VOICE**

Connecting People In The Community

**Elder Voice**

**Annual Report & Statement of Account**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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**Trustees Annual Report  
For The Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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**Charity Name:** Elder Voice

**Charity Number:** SC048553

**Registered Office &  
Principal Address:**

**Trustees:**

**Independent Examiner:**

**Bankers :** Bank of Scotland

## **Structure Governance & Management**

**Elder Voice was established in July 2018 as a Scottish Charity and governed by its constitution.**

**During the course of the current financial period Elder Voice applied for SCIO status which has been awarded and following the submission of the current financial year accounts will proceed with the process of winding up the existing charity and transferring its assets.**

**The management/organisation structure introduced in March 2020 together with staffing improvements demonstrated its capacity for growth and development of its services and expansion to Strathmore & The Glens widening the services available for older people in Eastern Perthshire. The charity has good governance, supported by experienced staff with good vision on the needs of the elderly has made excellent progress.**

## **Objectives & Activities**

**The charity's main objectives are to address the inequalities and barriers older people face in relation to services to match their needs in connectedness. The charity is community led by older people and is driven by feedback from its large client base to address solutions to their every day living in rural Perthshire.**

**The activities are planned, developed and implemented around isolation and loneliness and mental health inequalities and help older people live as independently as long as possible in their own homes.**

**During the year to March 2022 was a tumultuous time with COVID still playing a part and restricting face to face services but Elder Voice adapted its services and continued to provide the essential services such as Patient Transport (for hospital appointments), shopping service, supplying boost boxes (Malnutrition) and Befriending with a large membership benefiting from these services across the outreach areas and small villages situated in Strathmore. Two large socialising events were a huge success identifying that older people wanted socialising after the long COVID restrictions. The charity worked in collaboration with PKAVS, NHS, Social Care Partnership, Doctors Surgeries, Stronger Communities (P&K), Age Scotland, Community Transport Association, Perth & Kinross Transport, Sheltered Housing and Mental Health Team. Older People are consulted in our services and we undertake surveys due to age related issue such as mobility and lack of social media by our large client base.**

During the latter part of 2021/22 the charity made good progress in developments and secured a Minibus (fully wheelchair accessible) and a smaller Wheelchair Accessible vehicle for individual wheelchair trips (mainly for hospital).

We were also successful in our bid for Rattray Hall in September 2021. The hall had been on the market for several months, requiring upgrading but will in time be an asset for the community and for the charity to extend its services and develop.

Transport still plays a huge integral part in the delivery of all our services providing essential transport for medical appointments.

It has been a very busy year for the charity receiving an acknowledgement letter from HRH Lieutenant [REDACTED] for our hard work during COVID in supporting older people in Eastern Perthshire.

The charity was supported by Leader funding until November 2021 when the funding ended. This provided a good backbone for its development. The charity was short listed in the leader awards in August 2021 at a celebration in the Crieff Hydro Hotel.

Elder Voice will continue to focus its endeavours in addressing inequalities for older people and strive to provide a service of excellence in its delivery. The Trustees, Staff and Volunteers are all passionate about the services for older people and achieving the aims and objectives of the charity. We acknowledge that the success is down to the power of volunteering who without Elder Voice would not be able to provide the support to help so many older people live independent happy lives.

Approved by the Trustees on 24/11/2022 and signed on their behalf by

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Elder Voice**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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

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
  - 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.

