

Mey Highland Games (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC048940

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2019-01-07

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 53 Broadhaven Road
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Website www.meyhighlandgames.com

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations','It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education','the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science','the promotion of equality and diversity','the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The charity has the purposes of promoting equality and diversity by holding the Mey Highland Games providing an inclusive platform for all incorporating para-athletes and those injured as a result of military service.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','People with a particular ethnic or racial origin','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4 The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 The promoting of equality and diversity by holding the Mey Highland Games providing an inclusive platform for all incorporating para-athletes and those injured as a result of military service. 4.2 The advancement of Education by working in partnership with the community to support the teaching of Highland Sports to young people in Caithness. 4.3 To support those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in Caithness by allocating grants from the organisations surpluses. 4.4 To promote the culture of Caithness by encouraging visitors to the Mey Games and where possible taking the games on tour nationally and internationally providing a Caithness cultural experience and access for all to adaptive Highland Sports.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£40,451	£35,601	-	0
2024-01-31	£22,784	£52,053	-	0
2023-01-31	£60,260	£45,685	-	0
2022-01-31	£2,500	£2,784	-	0
2021-01-31	£0	£3,355	-	0

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CS003766

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC048940

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025
for
Mey Highland Games (SCIO)

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Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 January 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name

Mey Highland Games (SCIO)

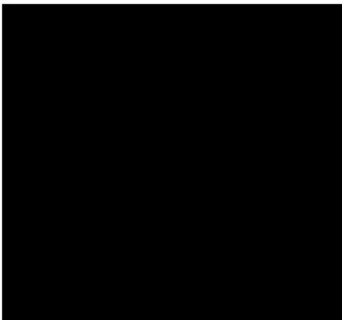
Charity Number

SC048940

Address

Mackays Hotel
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Current Trustees



Bankers

Bank of Scotland
PO Box 1000
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Independent Examiner



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Report of the Trustees **For the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CONSTITUTION

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 7th January 2019.

Membership

Membership is open to any individual aged 16 or over who supports the objects of the SCIO. Employees of the organisation are not eligible for membership.

General Structure

The structure of the organisation consists of:

The Members - who have the right to attend member's meetings (including any Annual General Meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the Board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.

The Board - who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example the Board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation. The people serving on the Board are referred to in the constitution as Charity Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The organisation's purposes are the promoting of the quality and diversity by holding the Mey Highland Games providing an inclusive platform for all incorporating para-athletes and those injured as a result of military service. The advancement of Education by working in partnership with the community to support the teaching of Highland Sports to young people in Caithness. To support those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in Caithness by allocating grants from the organisations surpluses. To promote the culture of Caithness by encouraging visitors to the Mey Games providing a Caithness cultural experience and access for all to adaptive Highland Sports.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

This year marked a further significant step forward in our community engagement efforts. The Mey Highland Games successfully hosted an increased number of participants and had a good attendance of spectators from across the region and beyond.

The event once again features traditional sporting competitions, including caber tossing, hammer throwing and the extremely popular tug-of-war. In addition, we showcased local music, dance and crafts.

Our commitment to fostering local talent was highlighted by the increased entry for the junior chanter and piping competition and the introduction of a freestyle section encouraging the next generation of Pipers, this also assists with upholding our rich cultural heritage.

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Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 January 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We thank our sponsors and the local community for the ongoing financial support received. We continue to reinvest in the local economy by hiring members of the community to provide supporting roles to ensure the event is well organised and complies with all legislation. This reinforces one of our aims of community support and economic development. Increased sponsorship monies received has helped achieve a surplus for the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those unrestricted funds not invested in Fixed Assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice and to cover administration, fund raising and support costs without which the charity could not function.

The Reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient reserve which will enable the charity to withstand the financial effects of 1 or 2 years of events that would adversely affect the running of the Games, the need for reserves sufficient to withstand financial risks such as suppressed visitors and any other income for any reason including bad weather, the need for investment in facilities and equipment.

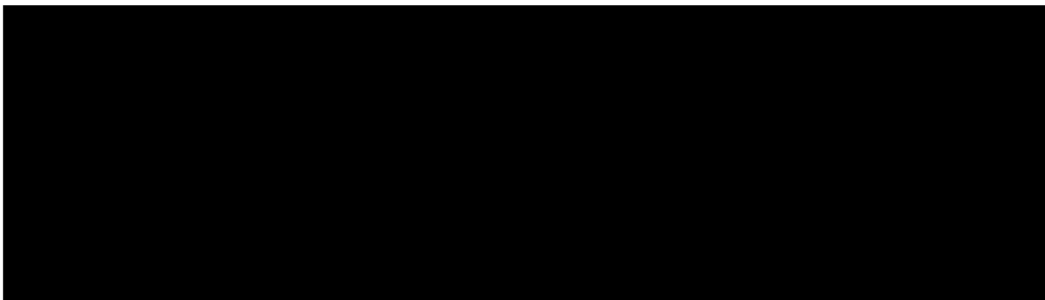
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial period. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time.

This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Mey Highland Games SCIO
Scottish Charity registration number SC048940

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025 which are set out on pages five to eight.

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 by the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010.

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 was 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 which 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, 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



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Date 27th June 2025

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Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 31 January 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Donations and legacies	2	22,260	-	22,260	4,227
Charitable activities	3	18,191	-	18,191	18,557
		<u>40,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,451</u>	<u>22,784</u>
PAYMENTS					
Costs of charitable activities	4	34,725	-	34,725	51,717
Governance costs		876	-	876	336
		<u>35,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,601</u>	<u>52,053</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>4,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>(29,269)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Date 26/6/25

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Statement of Balances

31 January 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
BANK AND CASH BALANCES				
Balance at 31 January 2024	16,644	-	16,644	45,913
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	4,850	-	4,850	(29,269)
Balance at 31 January 2025	<u>21,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,494</u>	<u>16,644</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 January 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Nature and Purposes 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 may only be used for specific purposes.

Related Party Transactions

Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year.

Going Concern

The Trustees have formed a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and so continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
A & W Sinclair Limited	100	-	100	150
Achairn Energy Limited	2,000	-	2,000	-
Caithness Chamber of Commerce	500	-	500	-
D Steven & Son	250	-	250	150
Denchi Group	200	-	200	-
GMG Energy Limited	-	-	-	200
North Highland Initiative	250	-	250	-
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	15,000	-	15,000	-
Nuclear Restoration Services	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Scrabster Harbour Trust	250	-	250	-
Simpson Oils Limited	250	-	250	200
Thrumster Game Fair	250	-	250	500
Venture North	200	-	200	-
Wolfburn Distillery	140	-	140	100
Other donations	370	-	370	427
	22,260	-	22,260	4,227

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3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Gate receipts and floats	13,629	-	13,629	17,252
Dancing competition entry fees	2,359	-	2,359	-
Stall bookings	2,203	-	2,203	1,260
Sale of merchandise	-	-	-	45
	<u>18,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,191</u>	<u>18,557</u>

4 COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Equipment	526	-	526	12,199
Prize money and floats	7,763	-	7,763	10,576
Judges fees	1,100	-	1,100	940
Security	840	-	840	720
First Aid	300	-	300	300
Sound System	200	-	200	-
Trophies and medals	1,399	-	1,399	357
Hire of marquees and equipment	6,916	-	6,916	4,828
Music	350	-	350	350
Merchandise	428	-	428	3,535
Website and computer costs	6,272	-	6,272	6,878
Printing	1,138	-	1,138	1,552
Carriage and delivery	-	-	-	1,618
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	317
Travel expenses	474	-	474	200
Administration fees	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Cleaning	-	-	-	79
Donations	2,350	-	2,350	2,320
Miscellaneous expenses	330	-	330	624
Subscriptions	301	-	301	-
Bank charges	38	-	38	324
	<u>34,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,725</u>	<u>51,717</u>

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Examiners fee	876	-	876	336