

Portobello Timebank (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC050023

Details

Known as	Portobello Timebank
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-03-10
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	9A John Street EH15 2EB
Website	www.portobellotimebank.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development'

What the charity does: The overarching aims are to increase social interaction between individuals in the community and to promote feelings of self-worth. To that end: - Portobello Timebank generates opportunities for people in the community to use their skills to help each other in numerous ways, in exchange for a nominal 'currency' based on time spent. - As well as 1:1 transactions between individuals, members may earn time credits by engaging in our organised Litter Picking and local Conservation activities, which also benefit the environment and thus the wider community. - The Timebank partners with other local organisations with a similar ethos, by loaning members' skills

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

Objectives: 4 The organisations purposes are: 4.1 the advancement of citizenship or community development

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,484	£1,261	-	0
2024-03-31	£1,423	£1,725	-	0
2023-03-31	£1,754	£729	-	0
2022-03-31	£5	£413	-	0
2021-03-31	£5	£303	-	0

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Accounts

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Portobello Timebank (SCIO)
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC050023
Charity's principal address	[Redacted]

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	[Redacted]			
2	[Redacted]			
3	[Redacted]			
4	[Redacted]			
5	[Redacted]			
6	[Redacted]			
7	[Redacted]			
9	[Redacted]			
1				
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Reference and administration details

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

Type of governing document

The sole governing document is the Constitution of Portobello Timebank (SCIO) as adopted on 10 March 2020

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of Portobello Timebank, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To advance citizenship and community development and the promotion of civic responsibility by providing a local time bank service for the community in Portobello.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The overarching aims are to increase social interaction between individuals in the community and to promote feelings of self-worth. To that end:

- Portobello Timebank generates opportunities for people in the community to use their skills to help each other in numerous ways, in exchange for a nominal 'currency' based on time spent.
- As well as 1:1 transactions between individuals, members may earn time credits by engaging in our organised activities such as litter picking, local conservation and community gardening, which also benefit the environment and thus the wider community.
- The Timebank also organises talks and walks on topics of interest to members, and several Timebank groups have been formed to help members with similar interests to share knowledge and skills.
- The Timebank partners with other local organisations with a similar ethos, by loaning members' skills.

Achievements and performance

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

There were a total of 304 exchanges of services from individual time bank members equivalent to 711 hours.

Services offered ranged from decorating, minor repairs, IT support, tool sharpening, garment fixing, lifting, cooking, buddying, garden tidying, dog walking, teaching various skills and goods exchanges.

Members also continued to receive community hours for volunteering in community projects like the Community Fridge, Belfield Friday Cafe and community clean ups.

These exchanges contributed to creating a great sense of community and in some cases supporting vulnerable members.

The Timebank's activities once again were varied last year. We held:

- 3 talks in Bellfield: Water of Leith Bridges, How to Dress Better for your Body Type and Life Planning for 2025 - all these have been well attended, allowing members to learn something new, and provided a chance for networking over coffee and cake.

- 2 historic walking tours including a walk around Portobello in May to point out and explain various plaques and points of interest and in September a walk along the Water of Leith to explore its bridges.

- 6 Craft along sessions: needle felting and mending woollen garments, Christmas wreaths, origami Christmas window stars, and making fabric brooches. Apart from the social aspect of these sessions, they gave members the opportunity to learn new skills.

- 5 events contributing to keeping our community beautiful including: weeding and planting at Joppa Pans and Joppa shoreline; litter picks, path clearing in collaboration with other volunteer groups at various locations including Brunstane Burn, Magdalen Glen and the Christian Path. This contributes significantly to enhancing our community spaces. Huge gratitude is extended to our dedicated participants.

- Birdwatching and nature appreciation: many meet-ups, especially in the autumn and between February and June at locations such as Figgate Park for birdsong in spring; Musselburgh lagoons to see the waders and ducks; Bawsinch for a mix of songbirds and mammals; the New Hopetoun Gardens for winter gardens and woodland birds. We also had a couple of nature events at Bawsinch with forest-bathing in July and learning how to create a Land Art Mandala in October, giving members the opportunity of a quiet time for contemplation within the forest.

- A few pub meet-ups and coffee mornings, the former in the evening have proved popular with those not free to socialise during daytime.

- The weekly French Group continues to be popular. Members enjoyed discussions on various subjects from arts, the seasons, childhood memories and how to relax, with some sessions on grammar and tricky pronunciation.

Our fundraising events included:

- Afternoon tea/coffee fundraiser in April with tombola, games, plant sales tool sharpening and a vast spread of cakes with half the proceeds shared between the Portobello Dog and Cat Home and the Disaster Emergency Committee.

- We supported the Northfield and Willowbrae Community Centre by providing refreshments and baking at their environment fair in September and sharing the proceeds 50:50.

- Carol singing in December: a popular event with timebankers; this year proceeds went to Portobello Old People's Project

Through our various fundraising activities, we distributed £679 to four local group and charities.

We also had a potluck supper and speed networking at our AGM in October and an open committee meeting in January to encourage members to see the workings of the committee and recruit new members.

Our new website was launched in February, thanks to the dedication of a couple of our members.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to maintain a reasonable cash balance above £100 in order to give us flexibility. We are not aiming to build a cash balance above £5000 in the foreseeable future.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

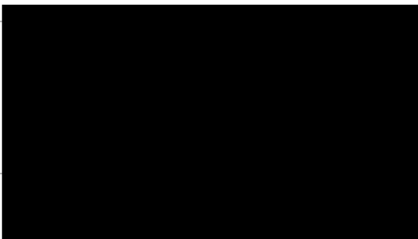
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Declaration

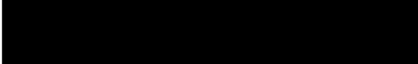
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)



Position (e.g. Chair)

Treasurer



Date

29/09/2025



**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**
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**Report to the
trustees/members of**

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

Charity name Portobello Timebank (SCIO)						
Registered charity number SC050023						
Period start date					Period end date	
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
31	03	2024	to	31	03	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. 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 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 that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's
statement**


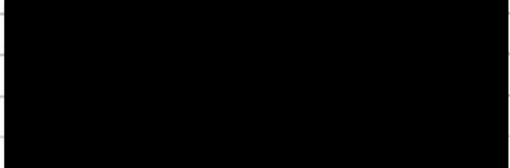
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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 the accounts to be reached.

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

	Date: 29/09/2025
FORMERLY A FELLOW OF THE CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS - NOW RETIRED	
	

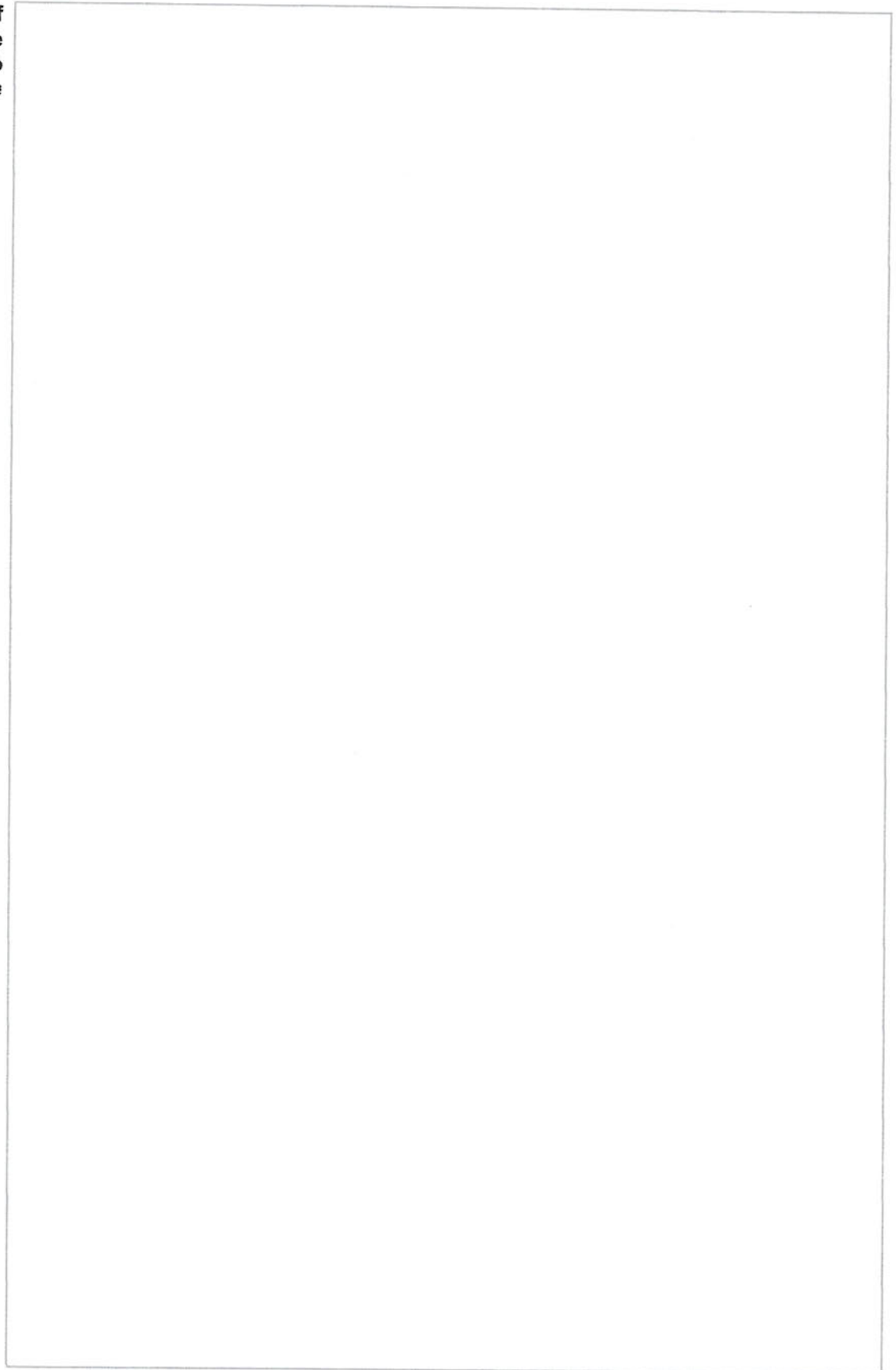
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APPENDIX 3

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**

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PortobelloTimebank (SCIO)

SC050023



Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		1	April		2024		31

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 £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	200				200	58
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,251				1,251	1,299
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	33				33	4
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						63
					-	
A1 Sub total	1,484	-	-	-	1,484	1,423
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,484	-	-	-	1,484	1,423
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	67				67	89
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	256				256	514
Grants and donations	679				679	955
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	259				259	167
					-	
A3 Sub total	1,261	-	-	-	1,261	1,725
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,261	-	-	-	1,261	1,725
Net receipts / (payments)	223	-	-	-	223	(303)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	223	-	-	-	223	303

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	3,514				3,514	3,816
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	223				223	(303)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	3,737	-	-	-	3,737	3,513
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	1

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
			29/09/2025

* Please note - OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

To advance citizenship and community development and the promotion of civic responsibility and volunteering by providing a local time bank volunteer service for the community in Portobello. By increasing the membership of the timebank and promoting more swaps between members we aim to advance citizenship and community development. In order to do this we undertook a number of events such as running coffee mornings, supporting other local community events, organising talks on various subjects, tool sharpening events as well as promoting more community interaction through time "swaps" between members. We also undertook a number of group activities, such as litter picking sessions as well as conservation events helping our local parks improve biodiversity and their accessibility.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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Authority under which paid

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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Number of trustees £

C4b Trustee expenses - details

Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Outgoing Treasurer	Reimbursing transactions	101	0
Time Bank member	Reimbursing transactions	18	0
Trustee	Reimbursing transactions	68	0
Outgoing secretary	Reimbursing transactions	38	0
Time Bank member	Reimbursing transactions	25	

C6 Other information

The long standing treasurer and secretary resigned during the year

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 £
Porty apple	200				200	39
amazon smile					-	19
					-	
					-	
Total	200	-	-	-	200	58
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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 £
Talk - refreshments					-	63
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	63
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 £
Talks and events- room booking	194				194	362
Talks &Event - expenses	62				62	7
Plants					-	145
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	256	-	-	-	256	514
	-	-	-	-	-	-

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	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
Receipts						
Donations	200				200	58
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
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Purchase of investments					-	
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Net receipts / (payments)	223	-	-	-	223	(303)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	223	-	-	-	223	(303)

Nature and purpose of funds

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

Restricted fund 1
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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

Receipts	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2	Restricted fund 3	Restricted fund 4	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Receipts from asset & investment sales	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2	Restricted fund 3	Restricted fund 4	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-

Payments	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2	Restricted fund 3	Restricted fund 4	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Payments relating to asset and investment movements	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2	Restricted fund 3	Restricted fund 4	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-

Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds