



THE PEOPLE'S PROJECT (SCIO)

TRUSTEES REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST JULY 2024

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER:- SC050335


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The People's Project (SCIO)

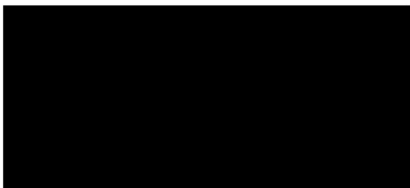
Trustees report **for the year ended 31st July 2024**

Reference and administrative details

Scottish charity number	SC050335
Other names known by	The People's Project (Dumfries)
Registered office	Three Crowns Court Dumfries DG1 1HU
Independent Examiners	 Carson & Trotter Chartered Accountants 123 Irish Street Dumfries DG1 2PE
Bankers	Bank of Scotland 91 High Street Dumfries DG1 2BN

Trustees

The trustees who have served the charity during the year and since the year end were as follows:



Appointment and training

The Charity's trustees are appointed or re-appointed by the board at the annual general meeting each year. All trustees were appointed on incorporation of the SCIO.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in its Constitution. The SCIO was incorporated on 30th July 2020. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on 30th July 2020.

Charitable Purposes

- To give people of all ages the opportunity to make a difference to their town and the lives of other people locally.
- To create an eco-friendly environment, making Dumfries and Galloway the cleanest place in the UK and a top tourist destination.
- To develop the history and natural environment of Dumfries and Galloway.
- The provision of recreational facilities

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Achievements and performance

2023/2024 has been another busy and successful year for The People's Project, Dumfries. We have added to our list of volunteers and have expanded our projects to enhance areas of our town and also across Dumfries and Galloway.

Our Main Projects in 2024

We have:

750th Anniversary of the Birth of Robert the Bruce

The People's Project collaborated with the Medieval Bruce Heritage Trust to celebrate the above project as the Bruce family has strong links with our region. There were celebrations across Dumfries and Galloway with Bruce connections, culminating in a Medieval Market and Fayre in Dumfries town centre and a re-enactment encampment with associated activities at Castledykes Park on 13 and 14 July the weekend nearest Bruce's birthday.

The People's Project volunteers were involved in many aspects of the celebrations:

- Membership of the Steering Group, planning, fund raising
- Membership of Logistics Group, organising the Medieval Market and the Re-enactment at Castledykes Park
- Responsibility for making props, liaising with local businesses and HM Prison Dumfries
- Maintaining Castledykes Park ensuring it was looking its best
- Creating a stall for the Medieval Market, manning other stalls at the Medieval Market e.g. stocks, face in hole boards etc
- Advertising
- Litter picking and weeding areas around the town

Castledykes Park

- Continued to work collaboratively with the council by weeding, cutting back, planting and mulching
- Extra work at Castledykes to ensure it was looking its best for the Robert the Bruce celebrations

Market Square, Maxwelltown Dumfries

- Maintained the seated area, flower beds and surrounding area as well as weeding the car park, also organised hanging baskets for residents and businesses
- Ensured the Square was looking good for visitors to our town for the Bruce celebrations liaising with the Wheatley Group and D & G Council.

Galloway Street and Lower Glasgow Street

- Provided some hanging baskets for some businesses
- Worked with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to weed the seated area and gardens in the car park.

Old Bridge House Museum Seated Area

- Maintained the flower planters with museum staff now watering the planters.
- Maintained the seated area by keeping it weed and litter free
- Maintained the rose bed
- Cleared the river walkway of weeds

Devorgilla Bridge

- Maintained the flower tubs at the steps of the bridge

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Dumfries Museum

- Worked with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to weed the gardens, pathways and steps at Dumfries Museum.

Whitesands and Other Planters

- Maintained the planters on the Whitesands, The Stoop and Morrison's roundabout.

Friars Vennel

- Financed the hanging baskets in The Vennel, next year we are sponsoring flower tubs rather than hanging baskets.

Midsteeple Garden

- Assisted other parties in creating the Midsteeple Garden

The People's Project Plant and Seed Share

- Our plant and seed stalls at Dumfries Market were well attended this year with people both bringing and taking seeds and plants. Many different community groups collected plants as well as nurseries and individuals.

Remembering Together Dispersed Memorial Forest

- Assisted to plant the Dumfries section of 400 trees, representing one for every person who died of Covid in the region.

Bulb Planting

- 28,000 bulbs were planted on the Annan and Lockerbie Road verges at the entrances to the town, to brighten up the entrances to the town.

The Solway Coastal Pathway

- Continue to support financially the salary of the project manager and ancillary works. The pathway continues at a pace at various sections across the region.

The Star of Caledonia

- Involvement in the proposed creation of the Star of Caledonia at the Scottish border near Gretna.

New Website/Social Media

- We have created a new website, allowing us to reach out to more people and organisations, creating more postings on FaceBook, many asking for assistance.

Funding

- The People's Project calendar of Dumfries and Galloway for 2024 was our main source of funding.
- We occasionally receive donations.
- £250 from Volunteering Matters to spend on pollinating plants for Market Square.
- Dumfries and Galloway Council has provided us with a variety of gardening stools and other equipment.

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The Future

The People's Project Dumfries will be creating a memorial area on Brooms Road in collaboration with the British Legion.

Financial review

The accounts show a net deficit for the year of £44,004 (2023: deficit £18,035). Reserves at the year end were £15,838, all of which were unrestricted.

This report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31st October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The People's Project (SCIO)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

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 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 the independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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

a. 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

b. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Carson & Trotter
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 19th November 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st July 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations	2	56,440	-	56,440	40,384
Fundraising income	3	11,305	-	11,305	10,768
Bank interest received		149		149	-
Total receipts		67,894	-	67,894	51,152
<u>Payments</u>					
Fundraising expenditure	4	4,161	-	4,161	4,113
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	107,737	-	107,737	65,074
Total payments		111,898	-	111,898	69,187
(Deficit) for year		(44,004)	-	(44,004)	(18,035)

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances
as at 31st July 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances	59,843	77,879
(Deficit) for the year	(44,004)	(18,036)
Closing balances	<u>15,838</u>	<u>59,843</u>
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	<u>15,838</u>	<u>59,843</u>
	<u>15,838</u>	<u>59,843</u>

The charity has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

Approved by the trustees on 31st October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Chair

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st July 2024

1. Basis of accounting

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

2. Donations received

	2024	2023
	£	£
General donations	56,440	40,384
	<u>56,440</u>	<u>40,384</u>

All income is unrestricted.

3. Fundraising income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Calendar sponsorship	3,500	4,750
Calendar sales	7,805	6,018
	<u>11,305</u>	<u>10,768</u>

All income is unrestricted.

4. Fundraising expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Calendar expenses	4,161	4,113
	<u>4,161</u>	<u>4,113</u>

All expenditure is unrestricted.

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Insurance	349	334
Sundry expenses	1	366
Repairs and maintenance	66	-
Planter expenses	1,786	90
Printing and advertising costs	12,540	324
Postage and stationery	88	7
Star of Caledonia expenses	3,000	-
Castledykes Park expenses	20	8,584
Friars Vennel expenses	-	3,446
D Arts expenses	1,000	-
SW Scotland Coastal Trail expenses	70,000	25,000
Galloway St expenses	-	5
Castle Douglas Park expenses	-	568
Dalbeattie Primary School expenses	-	6,000
Market Square expenses	16	25
Rbt The Bruce Anniversary expenses	5,565	-
Sundry	30	-
Donation - Troqueer Primary School Garden	-	3,710
Donation - Queen of the South Food Banks	450	5,425
Donation - Scotlands Garden Scheme	250	250
Donation - St Michaels School	1,925	-
Donation - Linda Norgrove Foundation	1,000	-
Donation - The Usual Place	1,000	2,000
Donation - Maggie Fleming Animal Hospice	-	500
Donation - The Stove Network	-	1,000
Donation - Wigtown Festival	-	240
Donation - Turkey Earthquakes	-	250
Donation - Nithcree Exservicemen	-	150
Donation - Dress Slow Fashion Tartan	-	500
Donation - Dress Scotland	-	1,800
Donation - Youth Matters Conference	-	500
Donation - Electric Theatre Workshop	-	4,000
Donation - Linda Norgrove Foundation	1,500	-
Donation - Solway Skating Club	1,000	-
Donation - Roan's Shelter at the Kipp	3,000	-
Donation - Save Sandyhills	1,000	-
Donation - Guid Nichburris Festival	1,000	-
Donation - Myeloma UK	1,000	-
Bank charges	151	-
	<u>107,737</u>	<u>65,074</u>

All expenditure is unrestricted.