

# **NORTH BERWICK COASTAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

## **North Berwick Coastal Community Connections**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Charity Details**

The Charity was formed on 30 September 2020 and is constituted as an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**Name:** North Berwick Coastal Community Connections

**Registered Charity No.** SC050505

**Address:** The principal address of the charity is:

## **North Berwick Coastal Community Connections Trustees, annual report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

### **Charitable Purpose.**

The purposes for which the Charity is established are to advance the physical and mental health of people in the North Berwick Coastal area by addressing social isolation and loneliness.

Loneliness and Isolation continues to be a key issue today. We are proud to be able to provide safe space for anyone to be able to come and be together, to make new friendships and form new connections

To further these purposes for the public's benefit, we carried out the following activities:

- Receiving referrals from local General Practitioners, other health professionals and community organisations and agencies and individuals (including self-referrals).
- Assisting members to connect with local activities and organisations in order that they might engage and integrate into the community.
- Working with relevant agencies to help develop local initiatives to reduce loneliness and isolation. Establishing, operating and supporting peer groups and networks engaging people who are isolated or lonely, people who may need emotional support.
- Maintaining a register of local organisations and activities to which members might be connected.

### **Performance and achievements**

In January 2025 the charity was delighted to announce secured three years of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and North Berwick Trust. Further funding was procured from The Volunteer Centre East Lothian. This support will enable us to continue our important goal of fostering stronger connections within our coastal community and beyond. This funding represents a significant milestone for our charity. This investment underscores the importance of community-focused initiatives and of coming together

Our intergenerational work and stronger connections with a variety of community groups continue to be a priority. We are also fully committed to supporting our compassionate Community.

This year we have implemented changes in the way the service delivers one-to-one referrals, Our Milestones programme is for an initial period of 12 weeks provides people with prompts and ideas on how to connect with the local community

This year we encouraged people to drop into the office on a Wednesday morning to chat or find out more about our services, via this option we had a number of individuals self-refer to our services. Our experience here has led us to open a new dedicated drop in service in 2025.

We are fortunate to be part of a vibrant community and our mission has always been to have a community where no-one needs to feel isolated or lonely, by connecting people to local networks, activities and friendship. Thanks to future funding, we can continue to make that vision a reality for years to come

## **North Berwick Coastal Community Connections Trustees, annual report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

### **Staff**

- During the year, the charity employed 4 members of staff, (2 FTE) all on a part time basis as the organization has grown and responsibilities increased.
- The team consists of an Operations Manager, a One-to-One Services Co-ordinator, an Administration and Communications Co-ordinator and a Compassionate Community Co-ordinator.
- The Board wishes to extend its thanks to all members of staff for their hard work and professionalism shown during the year.
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### **Financial Review**

- A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:
- In the financial year 2024/2025 the Charity had an income of £72,583 (£74,875) and an expenditure of £85,059 (£82,493). Closing reserves are as follows:

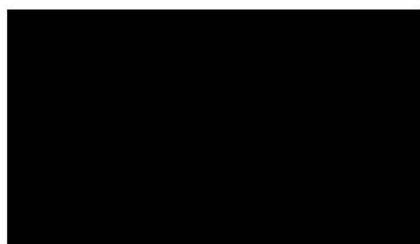
	Current Year	Previous Year
Un-restricted Reserves	£27,268	£39,994
Designated Funds	£ 15,841	£15,591

There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees propose to maintain the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure from the Unrestricted Reserves and have done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams


Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7th July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



# North Berwick Coastal Community Connections

## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of

## North Berwick Coastal Community Connections (NBCCC)

<b>Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Statements</b>	
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	North Berwick Coastal Community Connections SCIO
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC050505
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	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 Accounts regulations' ) 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 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	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 accounts.
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li><li>• to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or</li></ul> 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
<b>Signed:</b>	 <b>Date:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Relevant professional qualification</b>	Independent Examiners (ACIE)
<b>Address:</b>	

## North Berwick Coastal Community Connections

### Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Receipts and Funding</b>					
Grants and Awards					
	1	-	72,333	72,333	74,415
Donations	1	250	-	250	460
		250	72,333	72,583	74,875
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments for Charitable Activities	2	-	85,059	85,059	82,493
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		250	85,059	82,493	82,493
<b>Net receipts(payments)</b>		250	(12,726)	(12,476)	(7,618)
<b>Surplus(deficit) for the year</b>		250	(12,726)	(12,476)	(7,618)

## North Berwick Coastal Community Connections

### Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Cash and bank balances at start of year		15,591	39,994	55,585	63,203
Surplus / (deficit)		250	(12,726)	(12,476)	(7,618)
Cash and bank balances at end of year		15,841	27,268	43,109	55,585
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>£15,841</u>	<u>£27,268</u>	<u>£43,109</u>	<u>£55,585</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		£	£	£	£
At beginning of year		15,591	39,994	55,585	63,203
Surplus/(deficit) for year		250	(12,726)	(12,476)	(7,618)
<b>Fund Balances at end of year</b>		<u>£15,841</u>	<u>£27,268</u>	<u>£43,109</u>	<u>£55,585</u>

There were no Investments, Other Assets, Liabilities or Contingent Liabilities in the year

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



The accounting policies on the next page form part of these financial statements

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### Notes to the Accounts

#### 1. Receipts and Funding

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#### Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities

Included in Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities are:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Staff Remuneration		70,218	70,218	59,927
Printing		2,005	2,005	7,101
Computer & website		1,676	1,676	2,783
Rent		6,218	6,218	5,273
Counselling Services		-	-	880
Office Costs		-	-	2,157
Internet & Telephone		917	917	314
Advertising and Promotion		221	221	1,008
Insurance		450	450	405
Other Costs		768	768	1,552
Events		2,586	2,586	-
<b>TOTAL Expenditure</b>		<b>85,059</b>	<b>85,059</b>	<b>82,493</b>

#### 2. Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration for their services throughout the year nor any expenses involved in the performance of their duties. Neither were there any transactions between the charity and any charity trustee or person connected to a charity trustee.