



**Sidekick Charity**

**Trustees' Annual Report**

Period From

06/04/24 to Period End 05/04/25

**Charity contact information**

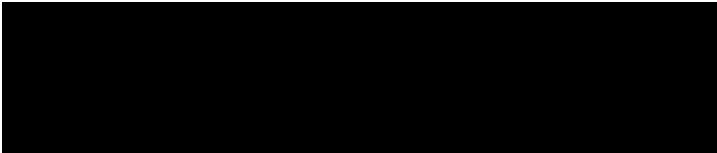


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Scottish Charity Number: SC050513

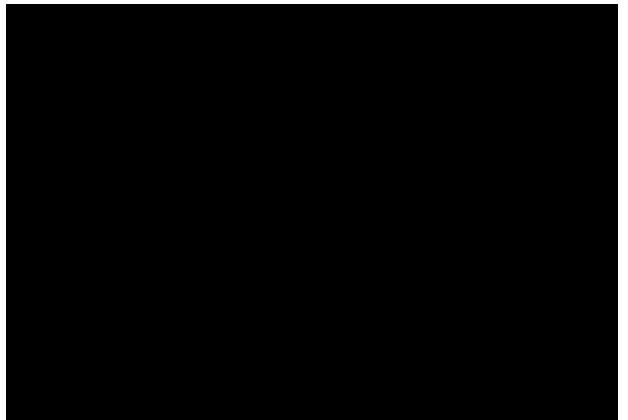
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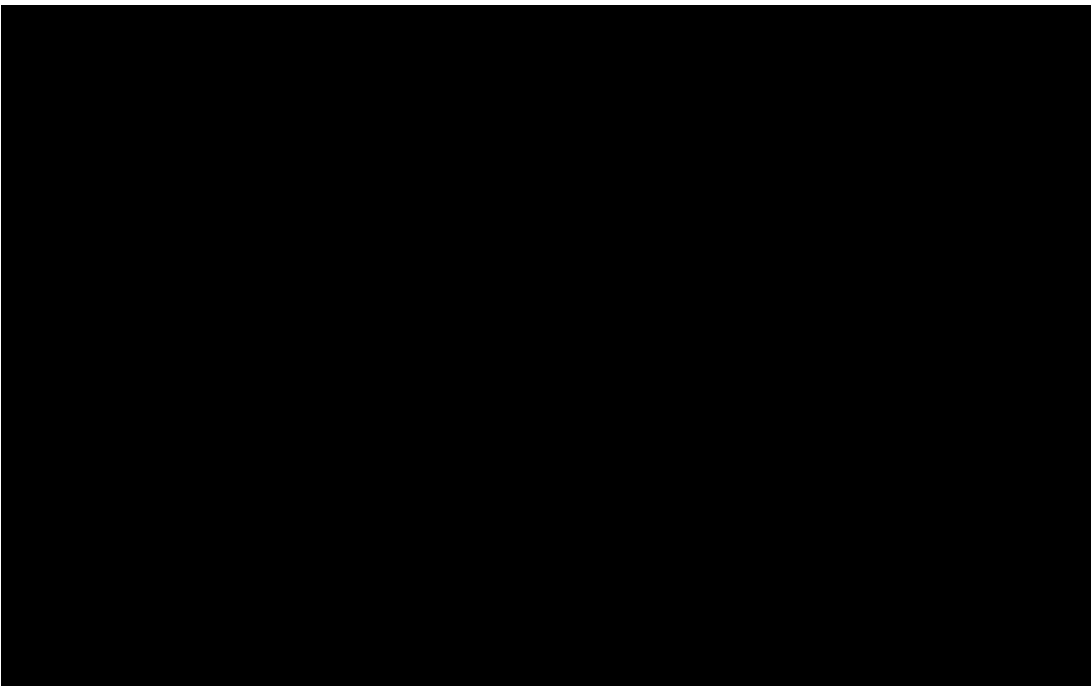


Website

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## Charity Trustees



## Objectives

Sidekick's registered objective is *to provide assistance to children, young people and adults resident on Islay and Jura that are affected by a learning need, emotional difficulty or disability.*

Sidekick's vision is for an *Inclusive Islay and Jura*. Sidekick's mission statement is *to develop projects and resources to enable people with additional support needs to enable people with additional support needs on Islay and Jura to live life to the full.*

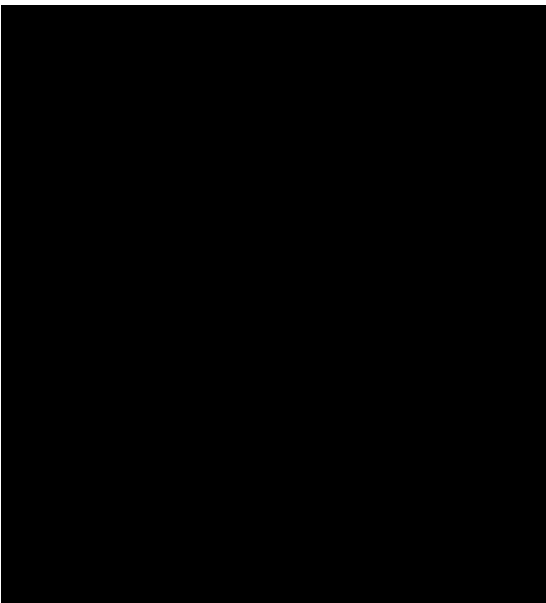
## Activities

### All terrain wheelchair.

We continue to have an all-terrain wheelchair available to hire for free with donations welcome. The wheelchair was very useful for a child who had a complex leg break, the wheelchair was hired out for around 6 weeks exclusively to this child. Our chair enabled the child and mum to get out more easily on daily walks.

### Bike shed at Dunlossit

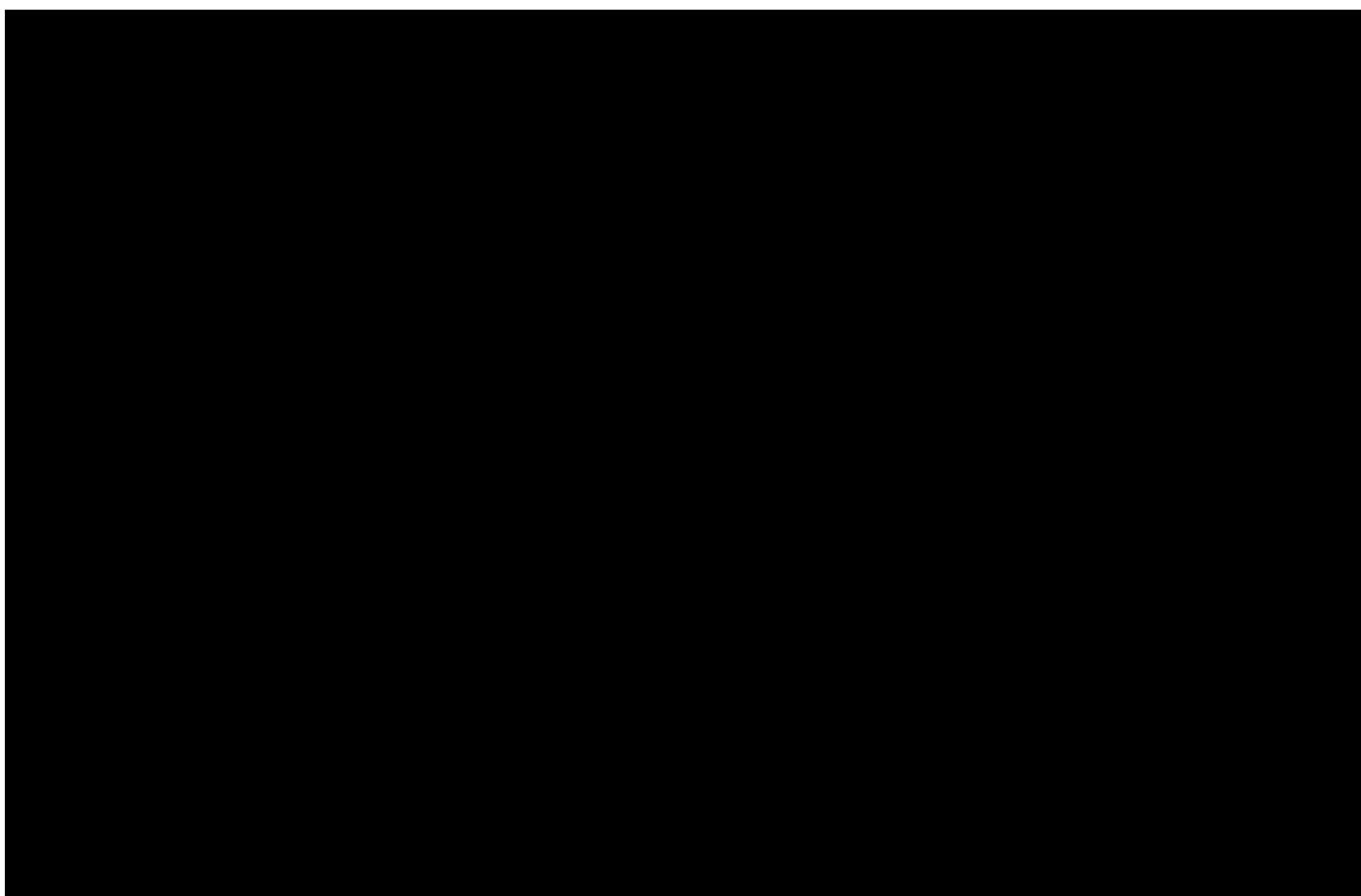
Through grant funding previously received from Cycling Scotland we were finally able to erect our bike shed at Dunlossit Estate (August 2024) to store our all-ability bikes in.



Dunlossit bike shed under construction.

### **Purchase of more all-ability bikes**

Once our shed was usable we were then able to purchase more bikes! 1 van Raam Easy Rider and 2 small Easy rider bikes were bought with money received from Cycling Scotland. 2 cycle leader standard bikes were purchased from with COOP grant money. Our all-ability bikes were used for Bike ability Instructor Training in our schools; this will enable children to use our bikes in the schools when teachers deliver the training to pupils.

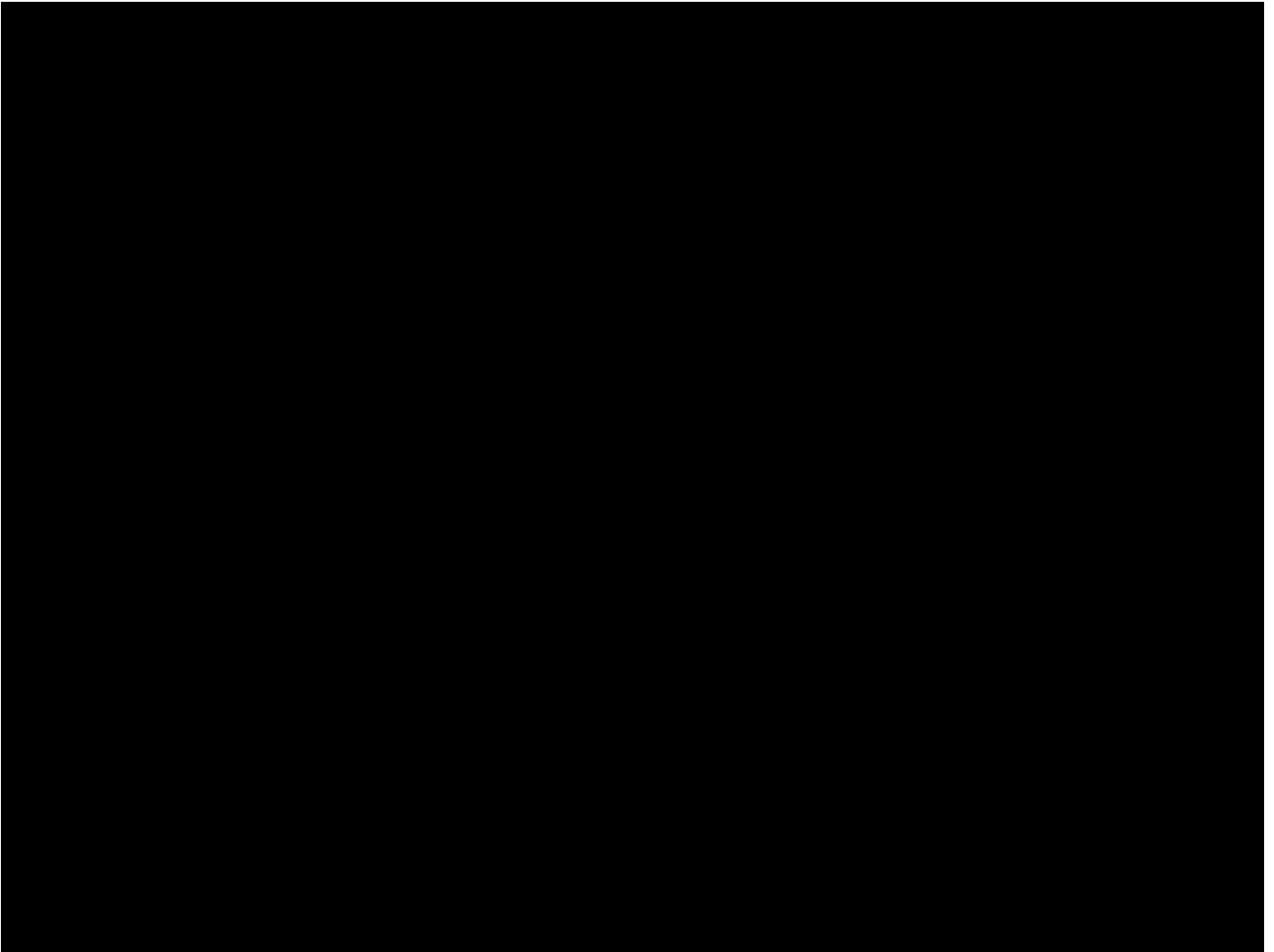


Teaching staff from across the island getting use to our all-ability bikes for bike ability training. Photo taken with the COOP who we received grant funding from.

### **Cycle Ride Leader Training September 2024**

In preparation for our bikes being used by Sidekick members 8 people were trained as cycle ride leaders with Cycling Scotland. This will enable members to have

inductions on our bikes by a cycle leader. Once inducted people can take bikes out for independent cycles or book led cycles.



Cycle Ride Leaders and trainer Cliff from Cycling Scotland.

### **Fundraising and Community Events**

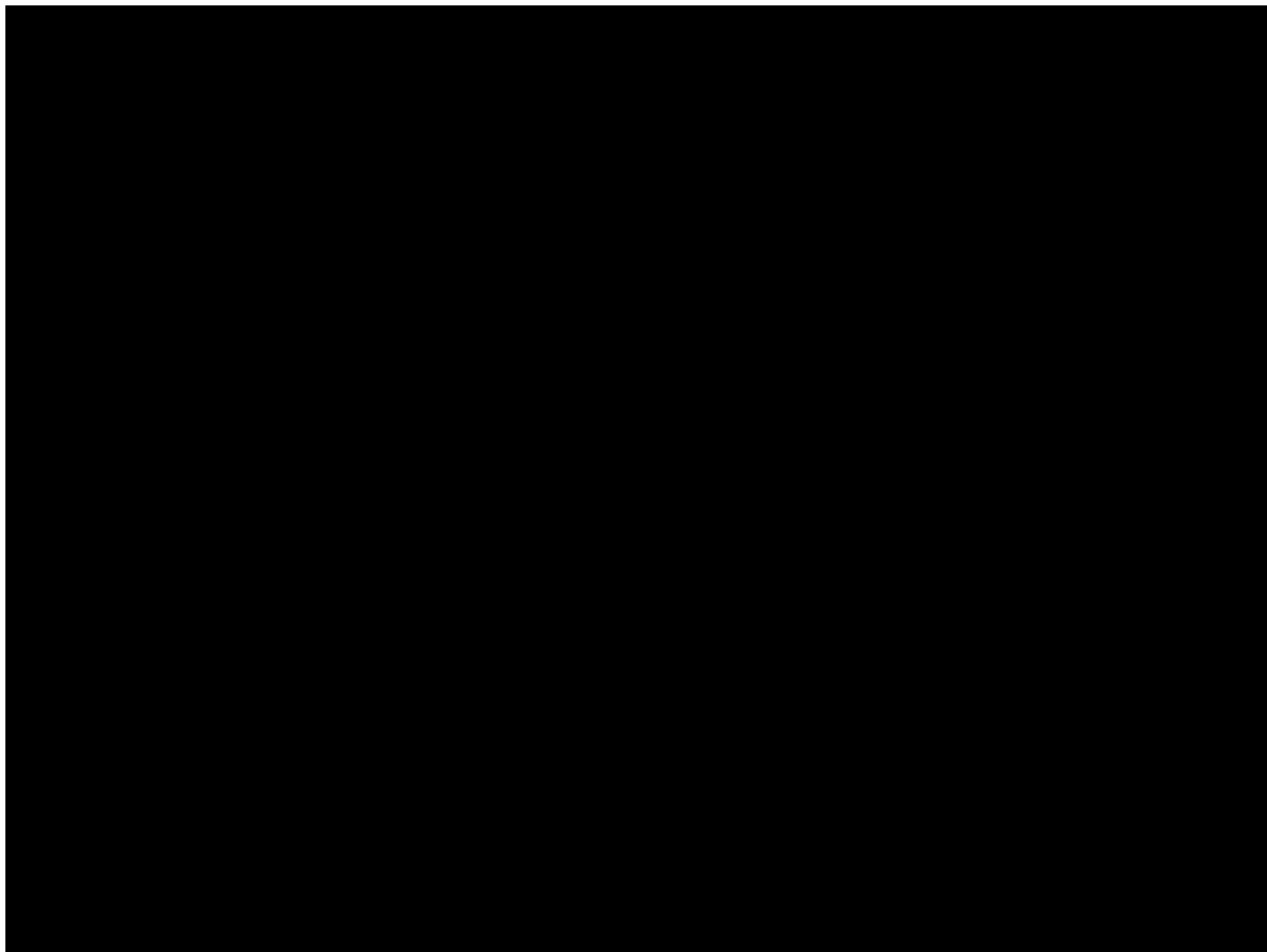
Sidekick has continued to actively fund raise and have a presence in the community; our merchandise continues to sell well and be a good source of revenue. We have participated in gala days and ran a few BBQs over the summer of 2024.

**Pop up café** In March 2025 Sidekick held their first pop up cafe, the aim of the pop-up cafe is to enable people who may normally struggle to socialise or work participate in running the cafe in a volunteering capacity.



## Structure, governance and management

**Constitution** Sidekick is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.



Sidekick trustees and volunteers during the Feis week on Islay and Jura.

**Trustee recruitment and appointment** We are beginning to have a steady cohort of trustees but welcome new faces onto our board as and when needed. We have a robust system of recruitment and appointment of new Trustees; for this we follow the Sidekick Trustee Recruitment Policy and Sidekick Code of Conduct for Trustees, supported by our Sidekick Trustee induction checklist.

## Achievements and performance

- Visible presence in the community, encouraging conversations and understanding of Additional Support Needs, including Neurodivergence.
- We have begun to make head way with installing our bike sheds and aim to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> bike shed up at Port Bàn soon (planning permission has been granted).

## Financial Review

Results for the financial year ending 05/04/25 are given on the OSCR statement of Receipts and Payments. Total fund for the given year was £30,297.10, with a spend of £34,541.28. This deficit is due to previous received grant money requiring spending. Our closing balance for the year was £37,279.83.

## Statement on Charity's Policy on Reserves

We will continue to ensure that we spend all ring fence money appropriately spent and will and keep in close communication with our grant providers

**Donated facilities and services:** Our bank balance remains healthy through fundraising, sales of merchandise, grants and the generosity of our community. We do have a considerable amount of ring-fenced money for our bike project to spend.

## FUTURE PLANS

**All Ability Cycle Project:** we aim is to have our all-ability bikes available for use for Sidekick members in the summer of 2025.

**Pop up cafe:** we would like to hold monthly pop-up cafes and have a cohort of volunteers for the cafe.

**Sensory room:** we will continue to explore suitable location and links to developing a sensory room in the future.

**Volunteer with IT skill set:** We continue to look for a volunteer to take on an active IT role for Sidekick.

## **Business Plans**

We have 3 long term projects at Sidekick, these being our all-ability bike project, pop up cafe and the development of a sensory room. Before moving forward with our sensory room it is vital that we ensure our bike project gets up and running.

## **Additional information**

**We continue to be grateful for the support Sidekick receives from the local community and the interest people are taking in supporting positive change for our community members who have additional support needs.**

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name: [REDACTED].

Designation chairperson, vice chairperson.

Date: 15/10/2025



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|----------------|----------|--------|----|--------|
| NAME           | SIDEKICK |        |    |        |
| CHARITY NUMBER | SC050513 |        |    |        |
| YEAR           | FROM     | 6.4.24 | TO | 5.4.25 |

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| OFFICIALS   |  |
| Chairperson |  |
| Vice Chair  |  |
| Secretary   |  |
| Treasurer   |  |

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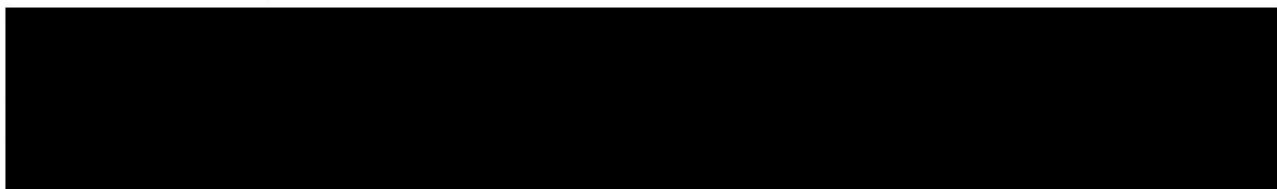
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| BANK BALANCES | Opening balance | £41,524.01 |
|               | Closing Balance | £37,279.83 |

CHARITY : **SIDEKICK**NUMBER : **SC050513**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

PERIOD : **06.04.24 - 05.04.25**

| RECEIPTS 24/25                          |                 | 23/24           |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Subscriptions                           | 0.00            |                 |
| Fundraising Events                      | 6650.46         |                 |
| Notebooks                               | 4966.21         |                 |
| Water Bottles                           | 490.00          |                 |
| Pop Up Café                             | 357.00          |                 |
| Donations                               |                 |                 |
| ACHA                                    | 500.00          |                 |
| Bruichladdich                           | 3700.00         |                 |
| Bowmore Distillery                      | 350.00          |                 |
| Coop                                    | 7039.45         |                 |
| CMAL                                    | 1500.00         |                 |
| Dramfool                                | 350.00          |                 |
| Other                                   | 2910.00         |                 |
| Legacy                                  | 1350.00         |                 |
| Other Income                            | 133.98          |                 |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                   | <b>30297.10</b> | <b>76763.52</b> |
| PAYMENTS 24/25                          |                 | 23/24           |
| Bikes                                   | 18440.93        |                 |
| Infrastructure                          | 6766.73         |                 |
| Fundraising Events                      | 3842.97         |                 |
| Notebooks                               | 2232.00         |                 |
| Water Bottles                           | 1698.00         |                 |
| Pop Up Café                             | 120.00          |                 |
| Donations                               | 1000.00         |                 |
| Admin                                   | 109.69          |                 |
| Other                                   | 330.96          |                 |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                   | <b>34541.28</b> | <b>44333.86</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD :</b> | <b>-4244.18</b> | <b>32429</b>    |

**BALANCES 24/25**Opening Balance : **41,524.01**      Closing Balance : **37,279.83**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE**

**CHARITY :** SIDEKICK

**NUMBER :** SC050513

**RECEIPTS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

**PERIOD :** 6.4.24 - 5.4.25

**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 Trustees Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended). The charity trustees consider that 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 examiners 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

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.

