

Morvern Games and Gala Week

Scotland · Charity number SC051236

Details

Known as	MGGW
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-09-06
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 3 Torr na Faire
Lochaline
Morvern by Oban
Argyll
PA80 5XS

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The charity was set up to mainly hold our Annual Highland Games, and a week of events, this provides the ability for the community to come together, and also for local businesses to showcase their services. Recently we were successful in getting funding to buy out the land that we hold the Games on and therefore hope to provide further facilities in the future.

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

Objectives: The Organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Organisation's Purposes are: 5.1 The advancement of citizenship or community development through the management of community land and associated assets, including the conservation of its natural environment, and providing environmental and recreational amenities and improved access for the benefit of the Community and the public 5.2 The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science through the facilitation of music, cultural and art events for the community and the public in order to further public awareness of the local environment, culture, heritage and history 5.3 the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities which will be available for use by members of the community and public

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£23,506	£14,118	-	0
2024-08-31	£42,497	£14,860	-	0
2023-08-31	£131,343	£125,467	-	0
2022-08-31	£28,220	£26,704	-	0

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Accounts

Morvern Games and Gala Week
Financial Statements and Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31st August 2025
Charity No: SC051236

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
For the year ended 31st August 2025
Trustee's Annual Report

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

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO

Charity No

SC051236

Address

3 Torr Na Faire
 Lochaline
 Morvern
 PA80 5XS

Current Trustees

Alasdair Nudds	Chair
Katrina Laurie	Treasurer
Megan Whyte	Secretary

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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Definition of Community

The "Community" being the Community of Morvern as defined by Morvern Community Council.

Appointment of Trustees

The number of Trustees shall be not less than 3 and the total number of Trustees shall not be more than 9.

- No more than 6 shall be elected as Trustees by the Ordinary Members;
 Ordinary Members are those individuals aged 16 and over who:
 - (a) are resident in the Community
 - (b) are entitled to vote at a local government election in a polling district that includes the Community or part of it; and
 - (c) support the Purposes.
- No more than 3 shall be co-opted; so to ensure a spread of skills and experience within the Board.

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
For the year ended 31st August 2025

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The Organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Organisation's purposes are:

- The advancement of citizenship or community development through the management of community land and associated assets, including the conservation of its natural environment, and providing environmental and recreational amenities and improved access for the benefit of the Community and the public.
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- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities which will be available for use by members of the community and public.

Activities

The Morvern Games and Gala Week committee hosts an annual event in Morvern each July, centred around the much anticipated Morvern Highland Games, at Knock Park, Lochaline. The Highland Games mark the start of the week's festivities and feature a packed programme of entertainment, including children's sports, adult athletics, heavy events, pipe band performances, Highland dancing displays, tug-of-war competitions and novelty events such as the 'wife-carrying race'. Visitors can also enjoy a lively market street with food, craft and charity stalls, refreshments, chainsaw carving street offers a variety of food, craft and charity stalls, refreshments, chainsaw carving demonstrations, a bouncy castle, live music and much more.

Following the Highland Games, the committee delivers a varied schedule of events and activities suitable for all ages throughout the week. These include duck races, clay pigeon shooting, afternoon teas, bowls, quiz nights, bingo, rodeo race nights, treasure hunts, mini Highland Games, heritage and nature walks, shinty, play sessions for under fives, live music, ceilidhs, raft races, water sports, flower festivals, sand mine tours, darts and many other activities.

The week is designed to bring people together while supporting and showcasing local groups, organisations, and businesses across Morvern.

Achievements and Performance

Over the last few years, the Highland Games have seen a notable rise in the number of participating stalls, attendees and participants. The committee has worked to facilitate this, by extending areas of the Games Field to create more space.

The charity has successfully used its experience and community connections to attract strong support from both local residents and visitors attending the Highland Games. This enthusiasm extended beyond the main event day, with activities throughout the week enjoying excellent attendance and bringing significant numbers of people to Morvern.

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For the year ended 31st August 2025**

Plans for the future

The Morvern Games and Gala Week committee looks forward to progressing to the next stage once all the documentation for the buyout has been finalised.

The committee greatly appreciates the feedback and suggestions gathered through the Local Place Plan process, which will compliment the views already collected through its own community consultations. This input will help guide future improvements and enhancements to Knock Park

Reserves policy

Where there is no specific policy, the charity aims to retain sufficient funds required to meet annual running costs.

Megan Whyte

23/05/2026

Megan Whyte
Trustee

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
For the year ended 31st August 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees and Members of Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st August 2025 which comprises the statement of receipts and payments, the balance sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 44 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent 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. The charity's 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 Account (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 seeking 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (i) 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 2005 Act and Regulations 4 of 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kirsty MacIntyre BA ACPA MICB PM Dip
 The Highland Bookkeeper Ltd
 2 Achnaha View
 Morvern PA80 5AB

Date 23/05/2026



Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended 31st August 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts	4				
Donations		5345	0	5345	3827
Grants		0	0	0	22352
Fundraising		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities		18161	0	18161	16318
Bank interest		0	0	0	0
Total receipts		23506	0	23506	42497
Payments	5				
Fundraising Cost		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities		13438	0	13438	14310
Governance Costs		600	0	600	550
Purchase of equipment		80	0	80	0
Total payments		14118	0	14118	14860
Net Receipts/(Payments)		9388	0	9388	27637
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Net Receipts/(Payments)		9388	0	9388	27637

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

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
Statement of Balances as at 31st August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Opening Cash at Bank and In Hand	29088	25391	54479	26842
Net Receipts/(Payments)	9388	0	9388	27637
Closing Cash at Bank and In Hand	<u>38476</u>	<u>25391</u>	<u>63867</u>	<u>54479</u>

Bank and Cash Balances

Santander	559	559
Bank of Scotland Account	<u>63308</u>	<u>53920</u>
	<u>63867</u>	<u>54479</u>

Other assets

Knock Byre	16472	16472
Storage Container	3300	3300
Knock Park	94698	94698
Tables	435	580
Gazebo	333	444
Computer Equip	108	161
	<u>115346</u>	<u>115655</u>

Liabilities

Independent Examination	600	600
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by;

Megan Whyte

Megan Whyte

Secretary

Date 23/05/2026

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO**Notes to the accounts****For the year ended 31st August 2025****1 Basis of accounting**

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

2 Nature and purpose 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. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees or any connected persons during the year (2024: Nil).

4 Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donations				
Gate donations	2482	0	2482	1807
Various Individuals/Companies	2863	0	2863	2020
	5345	0	5345	3827
Grants				
Scottish Land Fund	0	0	0	22352
	0	0	0	22352
Fundraising				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Sponsor/Adverts in programme	3465	0	3465	4585
Stalls	610	0	610	770
Raffle	1797	0	1797	2085
Bar Sales	10832	0	10832	8011
Gala Week Events	1333	0	1333	550
Misc	0	0	0	53
Merchandise sales	124	0	124	264
	18161	0	18161	16318
Bank interest				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO**Notes to the accounts****For the year ended 31st August 2025****5 Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fundraising costs				
Raffle	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable Activities				
Entertainment	2710	0	2710	2466
Drink/Food expenses	4976	0	4976	4390
Merchandise	0	0	0	387
Medals/Trophies	172	0	172	340
Marquee	0	0	0	880
Toilet hire	743	0	743	1800
Advertising/Printing	810	0	810	1057
Hall rental	175	0	175	212
Sundries	330	0	330	200
Licence/Ins/Rates	1096	0	1096	856
Field preparation	2281	0	2281	1263
Fuel/travel costs	133	0	133	383
Bank charges	13	0	13	76
	<u>13438</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13438</u>	<u>14310</u>
Governance costs				
Accounting costs	600	0	600	550
	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>550</u>
Purchase of equipment				
	80	0	80	0
	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>

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For the year ended 31st August 2024
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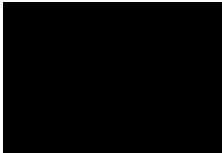
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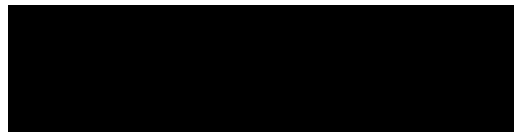
Charity No

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Address



Current Trustees



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For the year ended 31st August 2024

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Activities

The Morvern Games and Gala Week committee hosts an annual event in Morvern every July, featuring the highly anticipated Morvern Highland Games, which serves as the week's kickoff at Knock Park, Lochaline. The day's attractions include children's sports, adult athletics and heavy events, alongside performances by pipe bands, displays of Highland dancing, tug-of-war contests, and novelty races such as the 'wife-carrying race', and whisky barrel rolling. Additionally, a market street offers a variety of food, craft and charity stalls, refreshments, chainsaw carving demonstrations, a bouncy castle, live music and much more.

Following the Highland Games, the committee organises a diverse timetable of events and activities suitable for all ages, including a duck race, clay pigeon shooting, afternoon teas, Drimnin cinema showings, bowls, badminton, quiz nights, bingo, rodeo race night, treasure hunts, mini Highland games, heritage and nature walks, shinty, play sessions for children under five, live music, ceilidhs, raft races, water sports, a flower festival, sand mine tours, darts and a plethora of other activities. The aim is to ensure that all local groups and businesses can benefit from the week-long festivities.

Achievements and Performance

The Scottish Sea Farms Heart of the Community Fund has enabled the committee to enhance facilities at Knock Park, by providing a new marquee. Since the pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the number of stalls participating in our games, prompting the committee to ensure that the facilities can expand in tandem with the event's growth.

The charity has successfully leveraged its expertise to attract substantial support from visitors and locals attending the Highland Games. This support has been evident not only on the event day but throughout the week, with all activities enjoying strong attendance and drawing large crowds to Morvern. The charity organised several events and managed all logistics for the week, ensuring a wide range of enjoyable options for everyone.

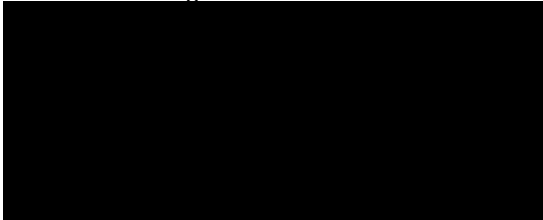
Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
For the year ended 31st August 2024

Plans for the future

The Morvern Games and Gala Week committee has had the opportunity to participate in the Local Place Plan board to outline future developments for Knock Park. This proposal has now been submitted to the Council, and the committee looks forward to the next steps once they receive all necessary documentation from their buyout. They are grateful for the feedback and suggestions received through the LPP in which can be added to the support received through their own consultations as they move forward with the enhancements to Knock Park. Discussions regarding quotations are underway, with the initial priority being to secure the boundaries of the acquired land.

Reserves policy

Where there is no specific policy, the charity aims to retain sufficient funds required to meet annual running costs.



19/05/2025

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
For the year ended 31st August 2024

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees and Members of Morvern Games and Gala Week
 SCIO**

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Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

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- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
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Date 15.05.25

The Highland Bookkeeper
 2 Achnaha View
 Morvern PA80 5AB

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO
Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended 31st August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts	4				
Donations		3827	0	3827	4499
Grants		0	22352	22352	106452
Fundraising		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities		16318	0	16318	20392
Bank interest		0	0	0	0
Total receipts		20145	22352	42497	131343
Payments	5				
Fundraising Cost		0	0	0	208
Charitable Activities		14310	0	14310	123306
Governance Costs		550	0	550	550
Purchase of equipment		0	0	0	1403
Total payments		14860	0	14860	125467
Net Receipts/(Payments)		5285	22352	27637	5876
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Net Receipts/(Payments)		5285	22352	27637	5876

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Statement of Balances as at 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Opening Cash at Bank and In Hand	23803	3039	26842	20966
Net Receipts/(Payments)	5285	22352	27637	5876
Closing Cash at Bank and In Hand	29088	25391	54479	26842

Bank and Cash Balances

Santander	559	559
Bank of Scotland Account	53920	26283
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Other assets

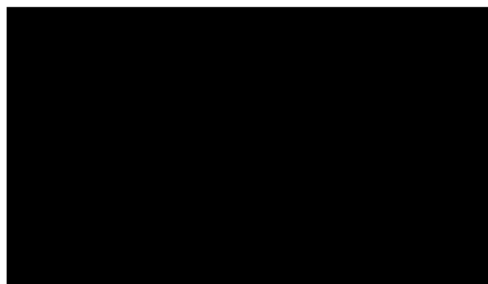
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Storage Container	3300	3300
Knock Park	94698	94698
Tables	580	725
Gazebo	444	555
Computer Equip	161	242
	115655	115992

Liabilities

Independent Examination	600	550
	600	550

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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by;



Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO**Notes to the accounts****For the year ended 31st August 2024****1 Basis of accounting**

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Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees or any connected persons during the year (2023: Nil).

4 Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations				
Gate donations	1807	0	1807	2535
Various Individuals/Companies	2020	0	2020	1964
	3827	0	3827	4499
Grants				
Lochaber Community Fund	0	0	0	300
Scottish Land Fund	0	22352	22352	105902
Edinburgh District Motor Club	0	0	0	250
	0	22352	22352	106452
Fundraising				
Quiz	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Sponsor/Adverts in programme	4585	0	4585	3685
Stalls	770	0	770	1054
Raffle	2085	0	2085	1931
Bar Sales	8011	0	8011	11964
Gala Week Events	550	0	550	1250
Misc	53	0	53	0
Merchandise sales	264	0	264	508
	16318	0	16318	20392
Bank interest				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

Morvern Games and Gala Week SCIO**Notes to the accounts****For the year ended 31st August 2024****5 Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Fundraising costs				
Raffle	0	0	0	208
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>208</u>
Charitable Activities				
Entertainment	2466	0	2466	3148
Drink/Food expenses	4390	0	4390	6236
Merchandise	387	0	387	313
Medals/Trophies	340	0	340	791
Marquee	880	0	880	200
Toilet hire	1800	0	1800	1763
Advertising/Printing	1057	0	1057	1088
Hall rental	212	0	212	530
Sundries	200	0	200	706
Licence/Insurance	856	0	856	748
Field preparation	1263	0	1263	8613
Fuel/travel costs	383	0	383	439
Bank charges	76	0	76	0
Scottish Land Fund	0	0	0	98729
	<u>14310</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14310</u>	<u>24930</u>
Governance costs				
Accounting costs	550	0	550	550
	<u>550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>550</u>