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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
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Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Thistle Ceremonies SCIO

SC051684

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)
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

SCIO Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All founder members were made trustees when the charity was formed. Any new acting trustees will be initially appointed and officially adopted at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

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**Summary of the main activities
in relation to these objects**

Our main activities include initial funds being donated by Thistle Ceremonies Trading Ltd. Their operating profit is donated direct to our Funeral Fund.

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Achievements and performance

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

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During this year we have supported in the funeral costs of one person, which also incorporated the cost of a celebrant. We donated £50 to the DEC relating to the Turkey earthquakes and a donation to Edinburgh Women's Aid.

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Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy
on reserves**

Any reserves will be held back for future assistance for those finding themselves in funeral poverty. Although reserves may build, the assistance can range from £175 to several thousands depending on the need of the client.

Details of any deficit

There are no deficits.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

There are no donated facilities or services.

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)


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Full name(s)

[Redacted]

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chair

Office Bearer

Date

4th February 2024

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
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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	9,910				9,910	2,050
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	419				419	15
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	10,329	-	-	-	10,329	2,065
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,329	-	-	-	10,329	2,065
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	7				7	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	516				516	10
Grants and donations	2,070				2,070	162
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	2,593	-	-	-	2,593	172
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,593	-	-	-	2,593	172
Net receipts / (payments)	7,736	-	-	-	7,736	1,893
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	7,736	-	-	-	7,736	1,893

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	-				-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	7,736				7,736	1,893
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	7,736	-	-	-	7,736	1,893
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	- 0	-	-	-	- 0	-

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

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

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

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

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Purpose of the funds is to support those finding themselves in funeral poverty. This may be to pay for a celebrant or to liaise with a Funeral Director to pay for all or part of the funeral cost. We look to donate at most 5% of donations to another Scottish charity.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Provision of funeral costs	Institution	1	1,560
Donation to Edinburgh Womens Aid	Institution	1	450
Donation to DEC-Turkey	Institution	1	60
Total			2,070

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)	NIL
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Authority under which paid £

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

C4a Trustee expenses

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

C4b Trustee expenses - details

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	reference	-	-	-	reference	reference

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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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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	9,910				9,910	2,050
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts	419				419	15
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	10,329	-	-	-	10,329	2,065
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,329	-	-	-	10,329	2,065
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
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Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	2,070	-	-	-	2,070	162
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,070	-	-	-	2,070	162
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	8,259	-	-	-	8,259	1,903
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	8,259	-	-	-	8,259	1,903
					cross ref error	

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	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						
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						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
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						
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						

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	Thistle Ceremonies Trading Ltd						
	Registered charity number	SC685977						
	Period start date					Period end date		
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Set out on pages	Three to five							
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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 (as amended). 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.</p>							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>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.</p>							
Independent examiner's statement	<p>During my examination, no matter has come to my attention.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 							
Signed:				Date:	16 April 2024			
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Management Accountants							
Address:								

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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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**