

Bonnie Peebles SCIO

Report & Financial Statements

Year to 31st March 2025



Registered Charity No SC052220

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Introduction

Bonnie Peebles was formed in 2006 as a small group of local volunteers under the umbrella of Peebles Community Council to take over some of the gardening duties previously undertaken by the local authority. A change to the status of Bonnie Peebles came about in 2020, when the Community Council and the Bonnie Peebles committee decided that it was perhaps more appropriate that the two organisations should separate, and that Bonnie Peebles would be affiliated to the Peebles Community Trust.

In 2022 Bonnie Peebles received a large bequest and it was decided to apply for charitable status. After parting from Peebles Community Trust, Bonnie Peebles set out their own Constitution and applied to set up as a single tier SCIO. This was granted to Bonnie Peebles on 4th January, 2023.

Objectives

The objectives of Bonnie Peebles are to advance citizenship or community development by working to keep Peebles a pleasant and attractive place to live in or to visit. We achieve this by planting summer and winter flowers and bulbs; plant shrubs and trees in appropriate places and commission artworks to commemorate events or people significant to the town.

Achievements in the past year

We have again had a very successful year with our fundraising projects. We held quiz nights in February and November and coffee mornings in April and September. Each event was very well attended and again people were very generous. We have also received many donations from the public who appreciate the work we do. We have had photographs and articles published in our local magazine and newspaper informing the public of our work in the town.



The four seats which Bonnie Peebles SCIO commissioned last year were installed at our sensory garden. Local business man, [REDACTED] and his men placed the seats for us. The installation was completed without cost to us as part of their work for the community. A new waste bin was also purchased by us and placed at the sensory garden.



Small signs were placed at the entry to Peebles War Memorial informing people that the Memorial Garden is planted and maintained by Bonnie Peebles SCIO volunteers. We also replaced four urns within the War Memorial as the old ones were becoming unsafe.

Our garden in the Northgate has also received some attention with the water feature being repainted and the unsightly black bin replaced with a new bin which matches the water feature. Our plans for this year are to replace the seating in this garden.

We bought 15,000 crocus bulbs to be planted in October. 1,000 were planted at Hay Lodge Park and with the help of Peebles Young Farmers, 14,000 were planted on the Edinburgh Road. The display looked very effective and we hope to purchase more this year to perhaps complete this large area.

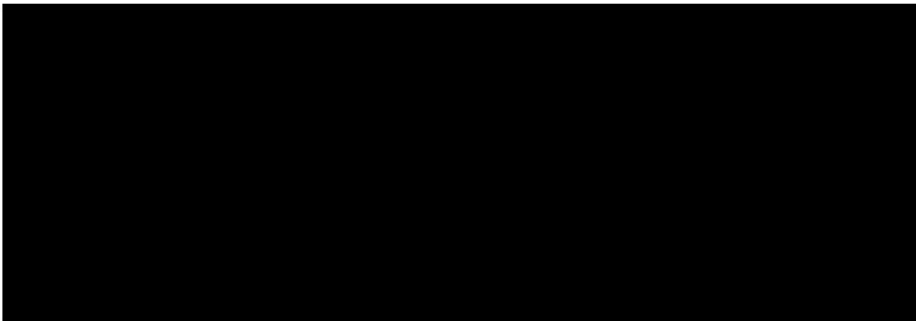


Another project which we have undertaken has been to refurbish a horse plough which was kindly donated to Bonnie Peebles. This has now been installed at what were our rose beds with the help of [REDACTED] who provided a flatbed trailer for transportation. Again, [REDACTED] helped by lifting the topsoil and delivering it locally where we can source it for our gardens. Six tonnes of gravel has also been delivered and spread and large stones placed. We have purchased a variety of plants which will hopefully help birds, bees and butterflies.

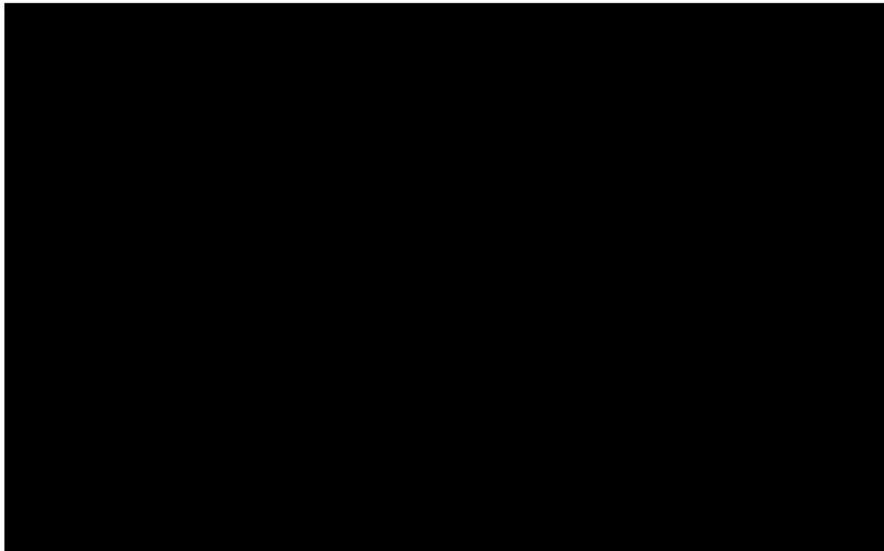
Our winter plants were lifted and relocated with some again given to Peebles Golf Club. The tulip bulbs were all dried, cleaned and packed ready for autumn planting. 5,000 summer plants were delivered and planted within 2 days by our volunteers. Due to a wet summer no watering was needed. We again placed 10 hanging baskets on the High Street, 8 hanging baskets within the War Memorial and filled 7 flower containers. The baskets and containers had to be watered and a rota for watering was organised; this seemed to work well.

Summer plants were lifted in October. 4,460 winter plants, 15,200 bulbs and 5 shrubs were all planted ready for spring.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all our volunteers, who work with enthusiasm, and the people of Peebles for their continued financial support, encouragement and goodwill without which we could not continue.



Charity Trustees



There were no changes in Trustees throughout the year.

Bonnie Peebles, SCIO

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the Year to 31st March 2025

	Total Year to 31/03/2025	Total Year to 31/03/2024
Receipts		
Coffee Morning	£2,413.11	£1,974.85
Collection Boxes	£766.03	£685.18
Donations	£1,265.17	£1,474.88
Quiz Nights	£891.00	£1,063.00
Bequest from the late Sandy Anderson	£30.00	£5,402.63
Income from Investments		
Bank Interest	£3,454.57	£2,579.36
	£8,819.88	£13,179.90
Payments		
Bank Charges	£76.35	£44.73
Fundraising Expenses (Quizes & Coffee Morning)	£390.19	£309.80
Insurance - Public Liability	£171.19	£146.93
Plants & Materials	£8,536.79	£7,160.83
Projects	£5,411.91	£14,364.74
Suzuki Pick Up (including Motor Insurance) & Equipment	£746.30	£4,718.02
Miscellaneous	£408.59	£250.17
	£15,741.32	£26,995.22
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(£6,921.44)	(£13,815.32)

Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2025

Funds Reconciliation	Total as at 31/03/2025	Total as at 31/03/2024
Cash in Hand plus Cash at Bank - 1st April 2024	£118,472.90	£132,288.22
Receipts & Payments Surplus/(Deficit) - Year to 31st March 2025	(£6,921.44)	(£13,815.32)
Cash in Hand plus Cash at Bank - 31st March 2025	£111,551.46	£118,472.90
Bank & Cash Balances - 31st March 2025		
Royal Bank of Scotland plc	£61,551.46	£118,472.90
United Trust Bank	£50,000.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand	£0.00	£0.00
All funds are Unrestricted	£111,551.46	£118,472.90

Other Assets

Other assets within the control of the Charity Trustees are a small pick up van and water bowser with an estimated worth of c. £5,000

Notes to the Accounts - For the Year to 31st March 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. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Restricted funds (currently nil) may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. The Trustees are diligent about tracking restricted funds and only use them in line with donor restrictions. Where costs exceed available restricted funds they are subsidised by unrestricted funds.

3 Donations Received

Donations include institutional and personal donations together with their associated gift aid.

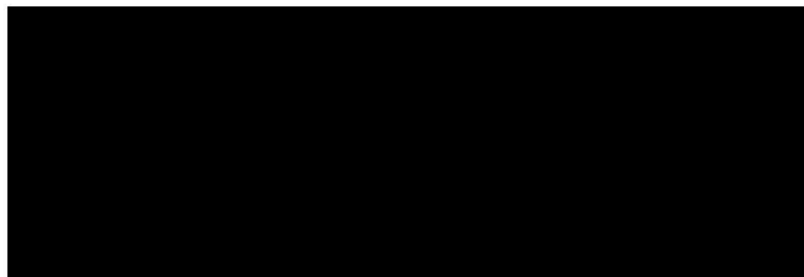
	<u>Year to</u> <u>31/03/2025</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31/03/2024</u>
4 Restricted Fund Grants Received		
None	£0	£0
5 Outstanding Restricted Fund Grants		
None	£0	£0

6 No remuneration was paid to a Charity Trustee or any person connected with a Trustee (2024: £0)

7 No Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses. (2024: £0)

8 There were no transactions or balances with Charity Trustees or their connected persons in respect of years ending 2024 or 2025.

Declaration: The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bonnie Peebles SCIO

I report on the closing accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 and 6

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charity and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these 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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - b. 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.

