

Royston Wardieburn Community Centre SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC052361

Details

Known as	RWCC SCIO
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-02-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	11 Pilton Drive North Edinburgh EH5 1NF
Website	https://roystonwardieburn.wordpress.com/

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', '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: RWCC SCIO acts as a community hub, providing facilities to deliver community education, services for all ages and stages in the local community and activities outwith community education. We provide space for lets (our main income source) and provide facilities for elected members, Edinburgh Council and the NHS partnership. We address food poverty by providing low cost community lunch and pantry.

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

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 To advance education and provide or assist in the provision of facilities, for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, where such provision or assistance in provision- 4.1.1 is in the interests of Social Welfare. 4.1.2 is made with the object of improving the conditions of life of the members of the community in the area of benefit. and for these purposes to associate with the City of Edinburgh Council (hereinafter referred to as 'the Council'), voluntary organisations and inhabitants in the area of benefit, and. 4.1.3 To co-operate with the Council and its successor in office in establishing, maintaining and managing any Community Centre situated in the area of benefit which is provided or grant aided by the Council in so far as it is established, maintained and managed for the attainment of object 4.1 of the association.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£99,912	£36,837	-	0
2024-03-31	£11,840	£28,422	-	0

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Accounts

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	1 October 2024 to 9 December 2024
	1 October 2024 to 10 December 2024
	1 October 2024 to 7 November 2024

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Royston Wardieburn Community Centre Scio has been a SCIO since 27 February 2023. It is governed by a constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited from the management committee membership and elected at the AGM. Membership is open to all persons 18 years and over who live, work or attend full-time education within the local area. Those between the age of 15 and 18 and fulfil the previous criteria can become youth members.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To advance education and provide or assist in the provision of, facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, where such provision or assistance in provision:

- i) Is in the interests of Social Welfare
- ii) Is made with the object of improving the conditions of life of the members of the community in the area of benefit; and for these purposes to associate with the City of Edinburgh Council, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in the area of benefit.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

RWCC acts as a community hub, providing facilities to deliver community education, services for all ages and stages of the local community and activities outwith community education. We provide space for commercial lets (our chief source of income). We are also charged with providing facilities for the local schools, the NHS and elected members as requested. This is free of charge under arrangements these organisations have made with City of Edinburgh Council. Our social responsibility remit is to provide the low-cost pantry and community meals which are paid for by the Management Committee.

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Achievements and performance

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

RWCC SCIO is on a better financial footing due to reaching agreement with our biggest user. We have also been exploring how we can open up the Sports Hall for events and more birthday parties. Finding a solution to maximise our earnings opportunities is difficult when you have to accommodate council training and events, and NHS usage of our facilities. The latter use the building free of charge due to an agreement with City of Edinburgh Council.

The Management Committee has also been forced to become very good at applying for grants and extra funding in order to deliver a range of activities to our community without dipping into our reserves on a regular basis. We are very aware that City of Edinburgh council is contemplating making changes to their support for community centres which may have devastating consequences. City of Edinburgh Council is beginning to push its money challenges onto the very communities they are supposed to serve. The same ones that also pay council tax for council services.

As is the case in so many charities and local organisations, we need volunteers to deliver some of our services. We are grateful to all our volunteers, including the trustees, who continue to help us run the Centre.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

With liabilities taken into account our reserves, funds freely available to meet the running costs of the Centre are £46,719.00. We had a surplus of £60,840.00. Our restricted fund balance is £14,121.00.

The Trustees are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the community centre. This includes fabric, furnishings and equipment. The Committee aims to keep funds in reserve for programme development and to meet any unforeseen costs. Taking that into account the Committee have agreed that a minimum of £15,000 should be kept as reserves at any one time, which we have achieved again this year.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

APPENDIX 2

Other optional information

New bank account with Bank of Scotland

We contributed to the OSCR survey on charity bank accounts and recognised many of the challenges listed as we encountered them ourselves. It took the Bank of Scotland six months to open our account, mainly because one of our long-standing trustees has no photo id and the banking systems are simply not able to understand this. We also found that their requirements were not clearly stated and this resulted in misunderstandings which caused further delays. Another example of their incompetence was their inability to find our accountant on the ACCA register despite being provided with all the relevant information. It was a very frustrating process but eventually it was resolved.

Trustees

The RWCC trustees are all volunteers and half of the committee works and have their own family responsibilities. The time commitment required to serve as a trustee, even for a pretty straight forward charity like ours, is becoming demanding. We lost two new trustees because of this. Succession planning is becoming very difficult as people are reluctant or too busy to volunteer. We are aware that we can pay subscriptions to companies who will match prospective trustees with our organisation but the cost is not proportionate to our requirements.

Finding additional income

The office bearers have prioritised applying for grants to do the 'nice to have' things that we have planned for the centre. First of these was obtaining a Scotmid Community Grant to revamp the sensory room. It was repainted and new sensory toys were purchased along with some new beanbags to provide activities for the range of children and young people who need this provision.

We also obtained a Community Grant Fund grant of £1040.00 to design and print the Social History group's publication *Windows to our past: A collection of stories from north Edinburgh*. This publication was so popular that all 200 copies were snapped up and the local paper, *The Edinburgh Evening News* did a double page spread, two days running highlighting the stories and interviewing some of the authors.

Volunteers

Allied to the need for trustees we have an ongoing requirement to attract people to be 'general' volunteers either in the kitchen for community lunch and breakfast and the low-cost pantry and for groups like the Tots Group. To date we have been unsuccessful in attracting effective numbers. As in other organisations we have churn as people are moved into permanent housing in other parts of the city or they get jobs. This is an area of focus for the trustees as we will be restricted in the services and activities we can provide if we don't find new volunteers AND obtain good training for them to help make them feel valued and to equip them with skills that will lead to employment. While we have benefitted from some training offered by CEC under the Shared Prosperity funding available it has also been cancelled at short notice due to lack of interest and this is a source of frustration. Another issue is that the training proved by EVOC is of variable quality, which is not helpful if you have paid a few hundred pounds for it.

Networking and forming alliances and partnerships

As City of Edinburgh Council considers what its strategy for community centres is, we have been encouraged by CEC to embrace 'localism', which they define as community in its broadest sense. This appears to be doing even more with less; forming partnerships and networks with other groups and organisations in the area (particularly for bringing in funding), sharing resources and building relationships within the local third sector. Above all, we have to be able to articulate what our vision is and how we are going to deliver it within this newly defined context. This is something that the RWCC Management Committee will be grappling with over the next couple of months.

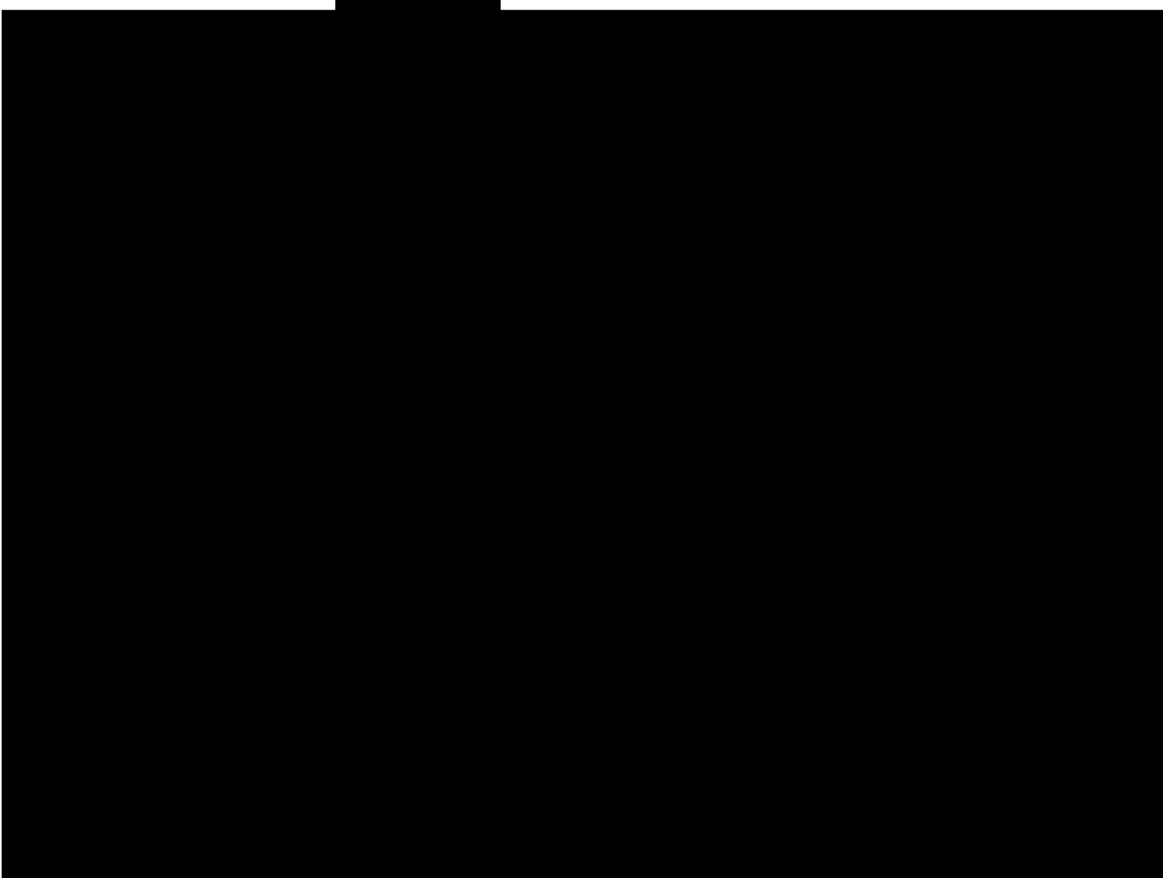
Reaching our community

This is our biggest challenge. We know some of the activities working people would like but we are unable to provide them as we need to get stable, long term lets to provide steady income. There is scope to provide more courses or classes though. We have tried, unsuccessfully, to get people into the centre to offer their suggestions as well as using our Facebook page. Finding time to devote people to this is very difficult as trustees have personal obligations to meet too.

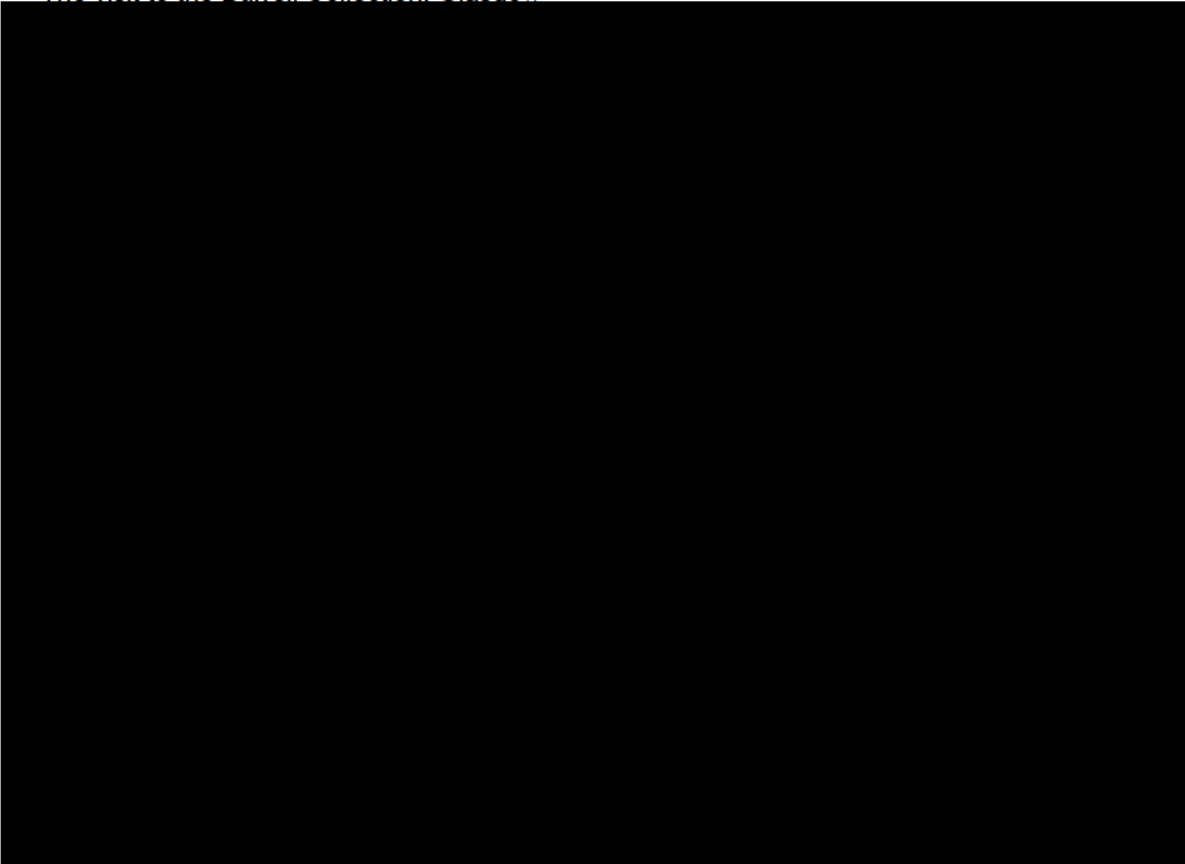
Our latest attempt to bring more people into the centre has been to engage with some of the local assisted housing developments and we will see if this is a good way to connect with different groups of people.

Community Education classes

These have continued: Social History group as described above and the Arts and Cultural Group. While numbers have declined due to the demographic who attend and the difficulty in reaching our community more widely, those who do come along, enjoy the curriculum.



The visit to the Burrell Collection, Glasgow



Declaration

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



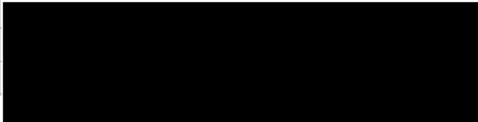
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
Date		

APPENDIX 3

OSCR

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of		Royston Wardieburn Community Centre SCIO						
Registered charity number		SC052361						
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		01	04	2024	to	31	03	2025
Set out on pages								
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 Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.						
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 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.						
Independent examiner's statement		<p>In the course of 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed:					Date:	09/09/2025		
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):		Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)						
Address:								


APPENDIX 3

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

[Empty disclosure box]

	ROYSTON WARDIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE SCIO						Enter SC No. SC052361	
	Receipts and payments accounts							
	For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	08	2024		31	03	2025	

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment	Permanent endowment	Total funds current	Total funds last period
Legacies					-	-
Grants		5,136			5,136	1,571
Receipts from fundraising activities	220				220	-
Gross trading receipts	-				-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	630				630	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	77,246	16,680			93,926	10,221
Donations	-	-			-	48
A1 Sub total	78,096	21,816	-	-	99,912	11,840
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,096	21,816	-	-	99,912	11,840
A3 Payments						
External lets	-				-	-
Gross trading payments	-				-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	22,052	14,121			36,173	27,922
Grants and donations	-	-			-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	500	-			500	500
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal and Insurance costs	-				-	-
Other	164	-			164	-
A3 Sub total	22,716	14,121	-	-	36,837	28,422
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Transfer to Bank of Scotland	-	54,250			54,250	-
A4 Sub total	-	54,250	-	-	54,250	-
Total payments	22,716	68,371	-	-	91,087	28,422
Net receipts / (payments)	55,380	(46,555)	-	-	8,825	(16,581)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-			-	-
Total funds brought forward	47,796	4,219			52,016	68,597
Surplus / (deficit) for year	103,176	(42,336)			60,840	52,015

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)
 Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objects. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. See funds analysis worksheets for the types of funds the Charity received during the year.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			Total	-

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) **x**

	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) **x**

		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information

ROYSTON WARDIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE SCIO						SC052361
Additional analysis (1)						
Analysis of receipts and payments						
1 Donations						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Gift/Donations	-	1,240			1,240	48
		-			-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	-	1,240	-	-	1,240	48
	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Grants						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £			to nearest £	to nearest £
Scotmid	-	2,655			2,655	-
CEC - grant					-	26
Corrie Winter Programme					-	35
Keeping Doors Open					-	-
U12 holiday					-	862
M.A.M.A RAG					-	-
Parent and Toddlers		1,241			1,241	314
M. Kingdom grant and CBAL grant TFC					-	333
Total	-	3,896			3,896	1,571
	-	-			-	-
3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Income from fundraising activities	220				220	-
External lets	-				-	-
Income from other charitable activities	630	-			630	10,221
Charitable activities income	-	-			-	-
Gross Trading receipts (Café)	77,246	16,680			93,926	-
Gift/Donations					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	78,096	16,680	-	-	94,777	10,221
	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-			-	333
MC	22,552	988			23,540	17,084
HAF Easter	-	1,040			1,040	-
Age Scotland	-	-			-	768
Community grant	-	-			-	110
Time for change	-	-			-	466
Edin Solar Ltd	-	577			577	-
CBAL grant	-	-			-	333
Other Charitable expenses	-	304			304	2,936
Parents and Toddler	-	1,215			1,215	324
Breakfast Club	-	820			820	3,991
National Gallery	-	178			178	
Scotmid Community	-	500			500	
Saturday Drop in	-	-			-	647
Corrie Winter Programme	-	-			-	390
Holiday Program	-	-			-	932
Keeping doors open	-	130			130	
Café salary	-	8,106			8,106	
M.A.M.A Rag	-	263			263	
Parents and Toddler	-	-			-	-
Fundraising cost	164				164	
CEC Community grant	-	-			-	108
Total	22,716	14,121	-	-	36,837	28,422

ROYSTON WARDIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE SCIO					SC052361	
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		
	Celidh band money	SSO cost transfer for Multi-cultural festival	CEC Youth talk	MC	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	-			-	-	-
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities		-		220	220	-
Gross trading receipts (Café)					-	-
Receipts from Charitable activities				77,246	77,246	-
External Lets			-		-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-		630	630	6,801
Sub total	-	-	-	78,096	78,096	6,801
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	78,096	78,096	6,801
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities				164	164	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	22,052	22,052	7,465
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination				500	500	-
Other costs				-	-	-
Legal & Insurance costs				-	-	-
Committee Expenses				-	-	-
External lets expenses			-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	22,716	22,716	7,465
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	22,716	22,716	7,465
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	55,380	55,380	(664)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	55,380	55,380	(664)
Nature and purpose of funds						
Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objects. The unrestricted funds received in the year and the way they are spent are analysed above.						

ROYSTON WARDIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE SCIO					SC052361	
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
	National Galleries	Scotmid Grant and Edin Solar, CEC grant	Parent and Toddler and Breakfast club	Café income and MC contributions, Keeping doors open, M.A.M.A Rag etc		
Receipts						
Donations	237	216		786	1,240	48
Trust Income			-		-	-
Grants	-	2,655	1,241		3,896	1,635
Receipts from fundraising activities				-	-	-
Gross trading receipts				16,680	16,680	3,420
Income from investments other than land and buildings				-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from charitable activities	-	-			-	-
Sub total	237	2,871	1,241	17,467	21,816	5,102
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	237	2,871	1,241	17,467	21,816	5,102
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities				-	-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	178	2117	2,035	9791	14,121	20,457
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination				-	-	500
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
AGM expenses					-	-
Sub total	178	2,117	2,035	9,791	14,121	20,957
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Transfer to Bank of Scotland				54,250	54,250	
Sub total	-	-	-	54,250	54,250	-
Total payments	178	2,117	2,035	64,041	68,371	20,957
Net receipts / (payments)	59	754	(794)	(46,575)	(46,555)	(15,854)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	59	754	(794)	(46,575)	(46,555)	(15,854)
Nature and purpose of funds						
Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when are raised for specific purposes. This year the Charity received some restricted grants and they are analysed above.						

