

Melrose Football Club SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC052538

Details

Known as	Melrose FC
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-05-10
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address
The Engine Room
Gibson Park
Melrose
TD6 9RY

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', '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: Melrose FC is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit community football club that delivers the opportunity for junior and youth football participation from age 5-16+ for young people who live in Melrose and the surrounding area. We deliver football training and match play to our junior membership through affiliated organisations including the Scottish Youth Football Association, Scottish Women's Football and the Scottish Borders Junior Football Association.

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

Objectives: 4 The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Leaderdale and Melrose also including Melrose Gate and Galashiels (the 'Community'), who want to participate in playing football with the following purposes: (a) To serve the community by contributing to the improvement of recreational, environmental, health and emotional opportunities to children, young people, adults and families by increasing participation in football - engendering a love of the game for all players. (b) The advancement of community participation in sport as players, coaches, officials, volunteers and supporters regardless of age, race, religion and gender. (c) To provide, develop, manage and promote recreational facilities and related recreational activities available to the whole community, improving the quality of life for all involved and providing opportunity. (d) To advance the education of young people, children and adults by providing opportunity to participate in the playing and teaching of community football, developing their mental and

physical capabilities and so enable them to improve their quality of life. (e) The advancement of community development and relationships by operating a community based and run football club which makes a positive social impact in Melrose and across the whole of the Scottish Borders. (f) The promotion of any other charitable purpose which may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes and in furtherance thereof.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Scottish Borders
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£74,732	£58,429	-	2
2024-08-31	£74,313	£51,376	-	0

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2025

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Melrose Football Club
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Scottish Charity No: SC052538

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for the year ended 31st August 2025

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Melrose Football Club
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Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended 31st August 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Trustees	Gregory Simpson	Chairperson
	Alan Milne	Treasurer
	Edward Jackson	Vice Chairperson & Secretary
	Garry Fraser	
	Lachlan Munro	resigned 21/11/2025
	Claire Taylor	resigned 21/11/2025
	Robert Jahoda	
	David Bain	
	David Fortune	
	Piers Marais	

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MELROSE FOOTBALL CLUB SCIO

Trustees Annual Report

Objectives

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- (d) To advance the education of young people, children and adults by providing opportunity to participate in the playing and teaching of community football, developing their mental and physical capabilities and so enable them to improve their quality of life.
- (e) The advancement of community development and relationships by operating a community based and run football club which makes a positive social impact in Melrose and across the whole of the Scottish Borders.

Summary of the main activities September 2024 to August 2025

Melrose FC is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit community football club that delivers the opportunity for junior and youth football participation from age 5-16+ for young people who live in Melrose and the surrounding area. The Club also supports the opportunity for adults to play recreational and competitive football through Melrose Adult Football.

Melrose Football Club SCIO has provided football training and match play to our junior membership through affiliated organisations including the Scottish Youth Football Association, Scottish Women's Football and the Scottish Borders Junior Football Association. Registered player numbers have remained healthy over this reporting period at approximately 325, including approximately 110 girls.

Our 2013 boys team successfully transitioned from junior to youth football, although our 2010 squad folded. The 2020 intake on the boys side in August 2025 was comparatively low but we expect the team to grow in the next reporting period.

Our girls' section has continued to attract girls from around the Borders and we are now the largest girls' football club in the Borders. We formed a new G16 team and maintained teams at G8, G10, G12 and G14. The G6 intake has been comparatively high.

Melrose FC is currently maintaining 7 junior boys teams, 2 youth boys teams, 5 junior girls teams and 2 youth girls teams. We have also provided the structure for men and women's recreational football with two sessions for men per week and one session for women serving approximately 70 adult players.



In a new initiative in this reporting period, Melrose FC has pioneered a unique football offering in the Borders with sessions for neurodivergent children aged 5-12. Melrose FC Fun Football has been supported by the SFA, Team United, SportedScotland and McDonalds.

A pilot block ran from April to June 2025, and we have now secured funding for a permanent offering in the next reporting period. We currently have 33 children registered to take part in Fun Football and are welcoming new players every month. In October 2025, post this reporting period, Melrose FC Fun Football was awarded "Best Para Football Project 2025" at the Scottish Football Association Grassroots Awards.

Additionally, our Coach Development Officer, Garry Fraser, has been shortlisted for ScottishPower Women's Football Awards for Youth Coach of the Year.

This continued success of Melrose FC is testament to our volunteer coaches and their dedication and commitment. Other achievements in this period include:

1. We have achieved funding from Scottish Borders Council for Project POWER UP: the refurbishment and extension of our Headquarters to include two new changing rooms. Funding has also been secured from the William Hill Trust, the Scottish Football Partnership Trust, the Fallago Fund and ClubSport. We will be applying for match funding from the SFA when the facilities fund application window opens in 2026.
2. Our 2012 team participated in the Blackpool Cup after a significant fundraising effort by Club, players and parents. A successful tournament for the team has provided lasting memories for the players.
3. To meet our commitment to the community and encourage more sport for more people in Melrose, we have advertised the offerings of other sports clubs in Melrose through our newsletter including Peebles netball.
4. We have worked closely with Melrose Rugby Club to develop a positive and cooperative relationship to encourage the sharing of facilities, coordination of events and minimise competition over players and training venues. We have been a pivotal player in achieving SCIO status for The Greenyards Sports and Heritage Foundation, known as 'The Greenyards Foundation' which seeks to enhance sporting and heritage facilities in Melrose. Melrose FC Chair Greg Simpson is a trustee of the new SCIO.
5. We are very grateful to our existing sponsors who help provide kit and equipment for our players including CGI, Ferguson Planning, pmgd and CSY Architects Ltd. We have brought new sponsors on board with the addition of MacVicars of Melrose butchers, GreenTweed Eco and BSPC.

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Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf

Signed by:

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 Alan Milne
 Treasurer

Melrose Football Club
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts				
<u>Grants & Donations</u>				
Donations	£ 9,313	£ -	£ 9,313	£ 26,165
Grants	£ -	£ 5,150	£ 5,150	£ -
Engine Room Upgrade Project	£ -	£ 6,460	£ 6,460	£ 10,000
<u>Fundraising</u>				
Sponsorship	£ 1,550	£ 4,000	£ 5,550	£ 2,185
Fundraising Receipts	£ 9,764	£ -	£ 9,764	£ -
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
Player Registration Fees	£ 31,328	£ -	£ 31,328	£ 27,559
Kit Sales & Merchandise	£ 1,617	£ -	£ 1,617	£ 1,557
<u>Trading Income</u>				
Café	£ 4,449	£ -	£ 4,449	£ 5,977
<u>Other</u>				
Rental Income	£ 350	£ -	£ 350	£ 600
Bank Interest	£ 37	£ -	£ 37	£ 270
Sundry Income	£ 714	£ -	£ 714	£ -
Total Income	£ 59,122	£ 15,610	£ 74,732	£ 74,313
Payments				
<u>Grants & Donations</u>				
Engine Room Upgrade project	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 19,821
<u>Fundraising</u>				
Blackpool Cup	£ 11,611	£ -	£ 11,611	£ -
Scottish international games	£ 1,625	£ -	£ 1,625	£ -
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
Pitch Hire & Ref Fees	£ 14,110	£ -	£ 14,110	£ 9,782
Coach & Team Playing Kits	£ 7,943	£ 2,500	£ 10,443	£ 9,403
Training Equipment, Balls & Other Stock	£ 5,952	£ 4,150	£ 10,102	£ 3,565
Football Association Fees, Training & H&S	£ 4,027	£ -	£ 4,027	£ 2,190
Other	£ 2,058	£ -	£ 2,058	£ 3,215
<u>Trading Expenditure</u>				
Café & Clubhouse (Engine Room) Running Costs	£ 3,811	£ -	£ 3,811	£ 3,400
<u>Governance Costs</u>				
Accountancy fees	£ 642	£ -	£ 642	£ -
Total payments	£ 51,779	£ 6,650	£ 58,429	£ 51,376
Funds Transfers	£ 16,460	-£ 16,460	£ -	£ -
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	£ 23,803	-£ 7,500	£ 16,303	£ 22,937

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Statement of Balances
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total		Total	
	£		£		2025		2024	
	£		£		£		£	
Funds reconciliation								
Opening cash at bank and in hand	£	12,937	£	10,000	£	22,937	£	-
Surplus/(deficit) for year	£	23,803	-£	7,500	£	16,303	£	22,937
Closing cash at bank and in hand	£	36,740	£	2,500	£	39,240	£	22,937
Bank and cash in hand								
Co-operative Bank - Current Account	£	14,163	£	-	£	14,163	£	22,897
Co-operative Bank - Savings Account	£	22,577	£	2,500	£	25,077	£	40
Total Bank/Cash	£	36,740	£	2,500	£	39,240	£	22,937

Assets	£	-	£	-
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Liabilities				
Independent Examination fee	£	672	£	642
	£	672	£	642

Approved by the Trustees on 29-05-2026 | 12:45 BST
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Signed by:

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Alan Milne
Treasurer

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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 and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are of a general nature and have no conditions attached. Unrestricted funds may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for restricted purposes.

3 Related party transactions

There were no trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 (2024: £nil).

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Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31st August 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025.

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

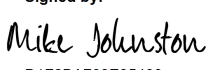
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than disclosed below

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.

Signed by:


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Mike Johnston BA CA
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Dated: 29-05-2026 | 11:57 BST

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the period
10th May 2023 to 31st August 2024

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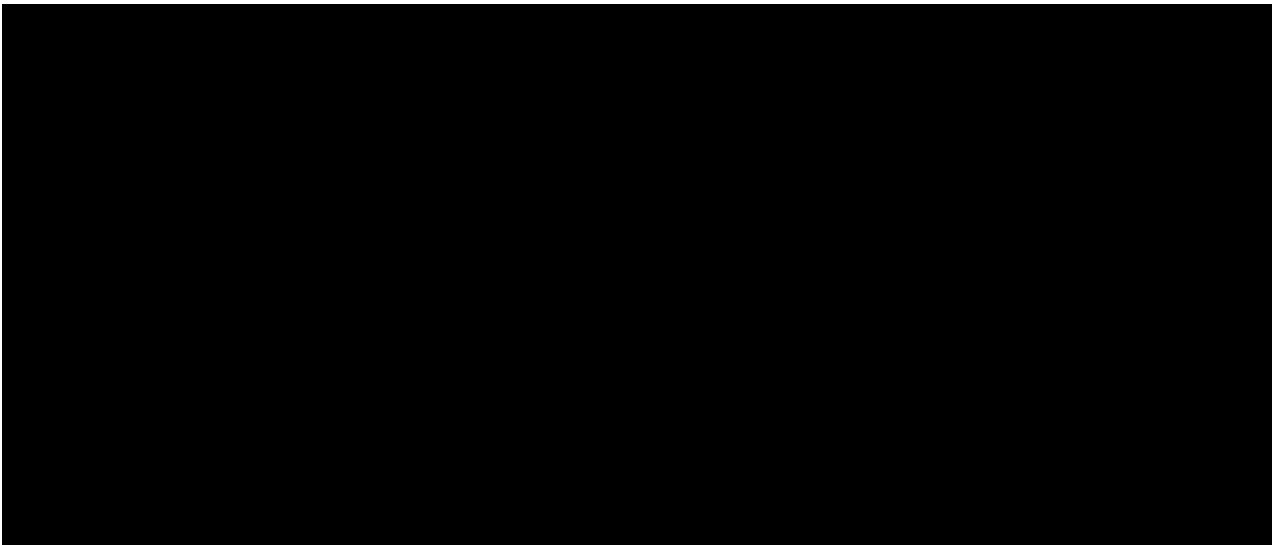
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Reference and Administrative Details
May 2023 to 31st August 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the charity for period 10th May 2023 to 31st August 2024.



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MELROSE FOOTBALL CLUB SCIO Trustees Annual Report

Melrose Football Club SCIO was incorporated on 10th May 2023 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Objectives

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Summary of the main activities 23/24

Melrose FC is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit community football club that delivers the opportunity for junior and youth football participation from age 5-16+ for young people who live in Melrose and the surrounding area. The Club also supports the opportunity for adults to play recreational and competitive football through Melrose Adult Football.

Melrose Football Club SCIO has provided football training and match play to our junior membership through affiliated organisations including the Scottish Youth Football Association, Scottish Women's Football and the Scottish Borders Junior Football Association. Registered player numbers have remained healthy at approximately 300, including approximately 100 girls.

Both our girls and boys sections have grown over this reporting period. Our 2012 boys team successfully transitioned from junior to youth football and with the addition of a new 2019 squad we now have one extra boys squad. Our girls section has continued to attract girls from around the Borders and we are now the largest girls' football club in the Borders.

Melrose FC is currently maintaining 7 junior boys teams, 2 youth boys teams, 5 junior girls teams and 1 youth girls team. We are planning to set up a new G16 team in 2025 to cater for older girls.

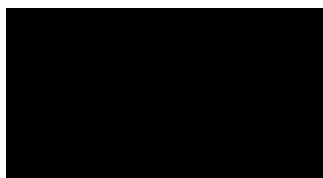
We have also provided the structure for men and women's recreational football with two sessions for men per week and one session for women serving approximately 70 adult players.

This success is testament to our volunteer coaches and their dedication and commitment.

Other achievements in this period include:

1. We have achieved planning permission and building warrant for Project POWER UP: the refurbishment and extension of our Headquarters to include two new changing rooms.
2. We have developed partnerships with the SFA, SBJFA and Team United with the ambition to deliver a football programme for neurodiverse children. This has included grants from Sported Scotland and the SFA to prepare for the programme. We have facilitated training session for coaches from Melrose and clubs across the Borders with Team United and SBJFA to understand the requirements of catering for neurodiverse children.
3. We were awarded ClubSport Ettrick and Lauderdale Club of the Year 2023. Gary Fraser was awarded ClubSport Ettrick and Lauderdale Coach of the Year 2023 and Scottish Football Association South East Best volunteer in Girls and Women's Football.
4. We have delivered Phase One of our new club culture encompassing player and parent surveys and a club-wide approach to coaching. The survey showed high levels of satisfaction from both player and parents who appreciate the Club's inclusive approach.
5. For 2024/25, we have instituted a coach induction programme to refresh learning for existing coaches and to instil club wide culture and coaching standards.
6. To meet our commitment to the community and encourage more sport for more people in Melrose, we have advertised the offerings of other sports clubs in Melrose through our newsletter including Melrose Rugby Club, Melrose Waverly Tennis Club, Melrose Cricket Club and Melrose Golf Club.
7. We have worked closely with Melrose Rugby Club to develop a positive and cooperative relationship to encourage the sharing of facilities, coordination of events and minimise competition over players and training venues. This includes representation on a working group developing a new approach to sports coordination in Melrose and enhancement of facilities known as 'The Greenyards Foundation'.

Approved by the Trustees on 20/05/2025 and signed on their behalf



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Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the period 10th May 2023 to 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	2024
			£
Receipts			
Player Registration Fees	£ 27,559		£ 27,559
Café	£ 5,977		£ 5,977
Kit Sales & Merchandise	£ 1,557		£ 1,557
Fundraising/Donations/Grants/Sponsorship	£ 28,350		£ 28,350
Engine Room Upgrade project		£ 10,000	£ 10,000
Rental Income	£ 600		£ 600
Bank Interest	£ 270		£ 270
Total Income	£ 64,313	£ 10,000	£ 74,313
Payments			
Pitch Hire & Ref Fees	£ 9,782		£ 9,782
Coach & Team Playing Kits	£ 9,403		£ 9,403
Training Equipment, Balls & Other Stock	£ 3,565		£ 3,565
Football Association Fees, Training & H&S	£ 2,190		£ 2,190
Café & Clubhouse (Engine Room) Running Costs	£ 3,400		£ 3,400
Engine Room Upgrade project	£ 9,821	£ 10,000	£ 19,821
Other	£ 3,215		£ 3,215
Total payments	£ 41,376	£ 10,000	£ 51,376
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	£ 22,937	-	£ 22,937

Statement of Balances
for the period 10th May 2023 to 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total	
	£		£		2024	
					£	
Funds reconciliation						
Opening cash at bank and in hand		-		-		-
Surplus/(deficit) for year	£	12,937	£	10,000	£	22,937
Closing cash at bank and in hand	£	12,937	£	10,000	£	22,937

Bank and cash in hand						
Co-operative Bank - Current Account	£	12,897	£	10,000	£	22,897
Co-operative Bank - Savings Account	£	40		-	£	40
Total Bank/Cash	£	12,937	£	10,000	£	22,937

Assets					£	-
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Liabilities						
Independent Examination fee					£	642
					£	642

Approved by the Trustees on 20/05/2025 and signed on their behalf



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Independent Examiner's Report
for the period 10th May 2023 to 31st August 2024

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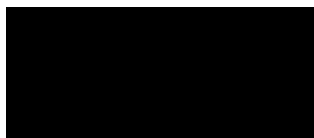
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Dated: 20/05/2025