

**Edinburgh Quartet**

**Registered as a SCIO - Scottish Charity No. SC052621**

**Report of the Trustees**

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**for the Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

## **Edinburgh Quartet**

### **Trustees Report for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

This is the second Annual Report and Accounts for the Edinburgh Quartet SCIO.

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#### **Principal Address**

[REDACTED]

#### **Trustees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

[REDACTED]

Chair  
Secretary  
Board Member  
Board Member

#### **Trustees during the Period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

[REDACTED] was acting secretary until 30 September 2024 when [REDACTED] was elected Secretary in her place.

[REDACTED] elected Trustee on 2 December 2024.

The Board of Trustees is still seeking a Treasurer.

#### **Bankers**

The Bank of Scotland  
The Direct Business  
PO Box 1000  
BX2 1LB

#### **Independent Financial Examiner**

[REDACTED]

#### **Governing Document**

The governing document is the Constitution which became effective from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the date when the charity was established.

## **Organisational Structure**

The operation of Edinburgh Quartet is the sole responsibility of the Trustees who meet and correspond regularly during the year. The receipt and disbursement of funds are first approved by the Board of Trustees and then actioned by the Treasurer.

Edinburgh Quartet Trustees held 5 meetings during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025; all were 'virtual' meetings for practical geographical reasons.

## **Relationship with another Body**

The Edinburgh Quartet SCIO has no formal relationship with any other Charity.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

The Trustees are the members of committee, "appointed according to the skills, knowledge and experience required for the effective administration of the SCIO". New Trustees are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees. Under the current Constitution, all Trustees will be elected for a one-year term at the Annual General Meeting.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the SCIO are set out in the Constitution as follows:

- a) To promote, through the Edinburgh Quartet, the public's access to and appreciation of arts in general and in particular, music for string quartet,
- b) To promote concerts and other live, broadcast, recorded or streamed performances by the Edinburgh Quartet, in Scotland, UK, and overseas with special emphasis on serving geographically and socially isolated communities as well as ensuring that the string quartet genre continues to be a mainstay of artistic life,
- c) To support the Edinburgh Quartet's education of pupils, students, and/or adults, especially but not exclusively, with respect to the string quartet, thus inspiring a lifelong appreciation of this art form,
- d) To mentor musicians in the performance of music, by providing opportunities to perform with the Edinburgh Quartet,
- e) To encourage and support new musical compositions to be written for performance by the Edinburgh Quartet.

## Main Activities and Achievements during the Period

During the 2024–25 financial year, the Edinburgh Quartet SCIO continued to build on the organisational foundations established in its first year. The Quartet maintained its long-standing residency at Variations Scotland in Ullapool, which remains an important strand of its artistic and educational activity. The SCIO oversaw the appointment of [REDACTED] as Leader of the Edinburgh Quartet, marking an exciting new chapter for the ensemble, and welcomed [REDACTED] (Creative Carbon Scotland) to the board of trustees. [REDACTED] also joined the board as **Secretary**, strengthening the link between the artistic and governance aspects of the organisation.

Throughout the year, the trustees and Quartet members focused on forward planning and developing relationships with key partners. A concert for the **Friends of the Edinburgh Quartet** was planned to re-engage supporters and raise the Quartet's profile among patrons and donors. The Quartet also **established links with St Mary's Music School**, initiating discussions about future collaboration in education and performance.

In parallel, the SCIO began planning a **major multi-year project for 2026–27**, which will include two new commissions from Scottish and Welsh composers, three regional Scottish tours, education concerts in schools, and performances in Edinburgh and Glasgow. This strategic planning work laid the groundwork for forthcoming fundraising and funding applications, positioning the Quartet for an ambitious and sustainable period of artistic activity in the coming years.

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Edinburgh Quartet SCIO Chairman

30 October 2025

## Financial Review

The year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 has been quiet from a financial perspective but preparations have been made for a relaunch of the Edinburgh String Quartet and their associated 'Friends of the Edinburgh Quartet' scheme.

There have been no donations or income to the charity in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The administrative costs are legal fees associated with setting up the bank account for the charity and were more than covered by a specific donation made in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Other costs include a photoshoot of the current Edinburgh String Quartet lineup for publicity purposes and website and digital document storage charges for the year.

The primary financial objective for the coming year is to raise funds to allow the Edinburgh String Quartet to develop and present a programme of performances, educational events and recordings in line with the Charity's objectives.

## Statement of the Charity's policy on Reserves and Deficit Control

The Edinburgh Quartet SCIO Trustees have agreed that our starting position should be to hold reserves to cover the costs of a single performance by the Edinburgh String Quartet and that these reserves will in future be increased as the programme of performances and events develops.

The end of financial year reserves of just over £2,000 are not regarded as sufficient for the long term and will be increased as funds to support the string quartet's activities build up from the current low base.

The Charity's policy is to avoid incurring a deficit by only making financial commitments which are already covered by reserves. However, should a deficit ever arise, the Charity's policy is repayment at the first opportunity.

## Donated Facilities & Services

The Society does not depend on any material facilities or services on a regular basis but is grateful to all who give of their talents and experience voluntarily for the benefit of the SCIO. This includes the Independent Financial Examiner, [REDACTED]

Financial Review approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] – Edinburgh Quartet SCIO Chairman

## **Independent Financial Examiner**

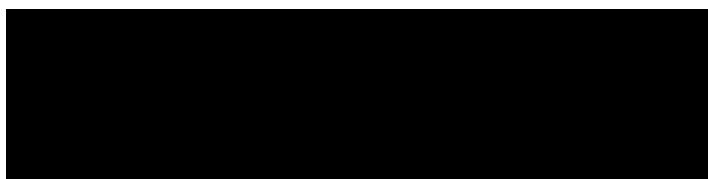
Appointment or re-appointment is confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. In accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, Paul Hammond FCA (retired) has indicated his willingness to work with Edinburgh Quartet as Independent Financial Examiner for this second set of accounts.

## **Policies**

The Edinburgh Quartet SCIO has the following policies in place:

- Projects and Expenditure
- Data Protection Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Protection of Children and Vulnerable Groups Policy

Trustees' Report approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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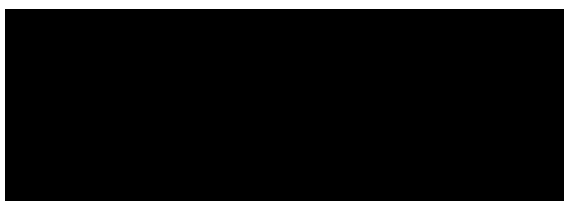
 – Edinburgh Quartet SCIO Chairman

## **Edinburgh Quartet**

### **Notes to the Accounts**

1. All Funds are applied for the general purposes of the SCIO as outlined in the Trustees' Report.
2. Taxation. The SCIO is not registered for VAT. All expenditure bearing VAT is shown gross. Two donations made during the year ended 31 March 2025 qualified for gift aid but the Edinburgh Quartet SCIO is not yet registered with HMRC for gift aid – this is a task for the next financial year.
3. During the period the Society made no grants to any organisation or individuals.
4. No one received remuneration during the period for their duties as Trustee and no expenses were paid.

Notes to the Accounts approved by the Trustees on 31 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



 – Edinburgh Quartet SCIO Chairman

## Edinburgh Quartet

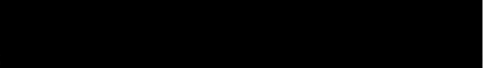
### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Edinburgh Quartet

I report on the Accounts of Edinburgh Quartet, registered as a SCIO (Scottish Charity No SC052621) for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 set out in the foregoing pages. The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1) (c) of the above Act.

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account and Statement of Balances of Edinburgh Quartet. In my opinion, proper accounting records have been kept in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations and have been made fully available to me. The foregoing Accounts are in agreement with those records and comply with Regulation 9 of the Regulations. In my opinion, the Accounts are drawn up in such a way for a proper understanding to be reached of the activities of the SCIO and are fully consistent with the Trustees' Report which further explains them.

All expenditure has been incurred in the furtherance of the Charity.

I am required to state whether any matters have arisen during the course of my examination which prevent me from making the above assertions. I can state that no such matters have arisen.

Signed .....

Date of Audit ..... 25-11-2025 .....



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Income & Expenditure Account for the Period to 31st March									
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	2025				2024			
	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>								
Grants from Charitable Trusts					£	-		
Grants from Local Authorities & Government					£	-		
Donations								£ 3,500
Transfer from Edinburgh Quartet Trust					£	3,250		
Gift Aid					£	-		
		£ -		£ -	£	3,250		£ 3,500
<b><u>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</u></b>								
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ -</b>		<b>£ -</b>		<b>£ 3,250</b>		<b>£ 3,500</b>
<b><u>Outgoing Resources for Charitable Activities</u></b>								
Edinburgh Quartet Concert fees	£	-			£	-		
Edinburgh Quartet Educational Event fees	£	-			£	480		
		£ -				£ 480		
<b><u>Governance Costs</u></b>								
Grant Application services			£	-				£ 3,000
Administrative costs			£	420	£	15		
Banking charges	£	26						
Publicity and marketing	£	300						
Website and workspace	£	387						
		£ 712		£ 420		£ 15		£ 3,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£ 712</b>		<b>£ 420</b>		<b>£ 495</b>		<b>£ 3,000</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(£712)</b>		<b>(£420)</b>		<b>£2,755</b>		<b>£500</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(£1,132)</b>				<b>£ 3,255</b>		

					2024				
<b>EDINBURGH QUARTET</b>									
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31st March</b>									
Opening balance		£ 3,255				£ -			
Add: Surplus for year as above		(£1,132)				£ 3,255			
Revenue balance at 31st March		<u>£ 2,123</u>				<u>£ 3,255</u>			
<b>Represented by:</b>									
Cash at Bank	£2,123					£ 3,255			
Sundry Creditors	£ -					£ -			
Sundry Debtors	£ -					£ -			
		<u>£ 2,123</u>				<u>£ 3,255</u>			
Revenue balance at 31st March		<u>£ 2,123</u>				<u>£ 3,255</u>			
<b>Edinburgh Quartet Reserves at 31st March</b>		<u>£ 2,123</u>				<u>£ 3,255</u>			
<b>Other Balances</b>									
Edinburgh Quartet owned no fixed assets at 31st March and held no investments other than the bank balances, above.									
Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet approved by the Trustees		30 October 2025				23 April 2024			
and signed on their behalf by									