

West Edinburgh Community Support Group

Scotland · Charity number SC052805

Details

Known as	WECSG
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-09-07
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 31 Wester Broom Place
Edinburgh
EH12 7RS

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: To offer help to families experiencing financial and other issues that result in aspects of poverty and or wellbeing. To date we have mainly focused on short term or emergency help, supporting families with packages containing food, household and personal items. We also work in partnership with other local groups to coordinate additional support and help.. Last year we supported over 120 local West Edinburgh families (191 Adults and 254 Children) We are now extending the support throughout the year although for much smaller numbers although we are certain this will increase. Although the offer of emergency help is valuable it is not helping the families we support improve their ongoing situation. We are now managing to move onto the second element of our purposes which is to give people we support the skills and knowledge to allow them to endeavour to improve their situation and hopefully move out of poverty.eg workshops in Benefit awareness and Budget Cookery..etc.

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

Objectives: 4. The organisation's purposes are the relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by: (i) collecting, buying, distributing and coordinating the distribution of items such as food, household items, toys and vouchers. (ii) coordinating the donation of services. (iii) providing advice, assistance, training and advocacy and (iv) recruiting and coordinating volunteers to participate in the achievement of the foregoing purposes all so as to relieve pressure on those with insufficient resources to make reasonable provision for themselves and for their families and so as to help them to enable themselves to find ways to make such provision.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£7,204	£5,708	-	0
2024-03-31	£10,589	£6,381	-	0

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Accounts



WEST EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Scottish Charity SC052805

Report and Financial Statements for the period

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the period ended 31st March 2025.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

West Edinburgh Community Support Group (WECSG)

Charity No

SC052805

Address

[REDACTED]

Current Trustees

[REDACTED]

Structure Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is a single tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 2nd August 2023 and was granted charitable status, with incorporation of the SCIO on 7th September 2023.

Appointment of Trustees

The Management Committee shall consist of a maximum of seven Trustees. At the present time, the organisation has six Trustees.

Membership of the Association

Membership of the organisation is restricted to Trustees as set out in Clauses 13 and 14 of the Constitution.

Objectives and Activities

Purposes

The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by:

1. collecting, buying, distributing and coordinating the distribution of items such as food, household items, toys and vouchers;
2. coordinating the donation of services;
3. providing advice, assistance, training and advocacy and;
4. recruiting and coordinating volunteers to participate in the achievement of the foregoing purposes

all so as to relieve pressure on those with insufficient resources to make reasonable provision for themselves and for their families and so as to help them find ways to make such provision.

Achievements and Performance

WESCG was formed to achieve the purposes outlined above in the communities of (Greater) Corstorphine, Murrayfield and Roseburn identified in the Constitution as West Edinburgh.

This is the first full financial year that WESCG has operated as a registered SCIO and has concentrated on developing the structures and systems of the organisation and on developing the Corstorphine Christmas Support Project (CCSP) activities.

The main service offered again this year was the CCSP. The organising group consists of 8 individuals who take on specific lead roles within the project including organisational planning, school liaison, administration, volunteer management and fund-raising. There are currently vacancies for people to take on the roles of Publicity and obtaining in kind donations.

The project also used 63 volunteers during the preparation and delivery phases of the project providing a total of 1,290 hours.

The CCSP's main operational period is the two weeks prior to Christmas to provide support packages to local families in need resulting from financial and other issues. These packages contain food, toiletries, household items and gift bags for all children in each family. Most of the families supported are mostly referred by local primary schools although a small number of families were identified by local organisations and a small number of individuals were referred by a local homeless hostel.

WECSG works in collaboration with a number of organisations to deliver the CCSP. Particular thanks to Tummies not Trash for their generous support in providing a range of food and other items for the packages.

The project supported a total of 120 families over the two weeks. Total numbers supported were 191 adults and 224 children.

The project provided ongoing support on a one off basis or ongoing support to a small number of families in the January to March 25 period.

WECSG is working to extend its services to include strategies to support families to enable them to improve their ongoing situation and as a result, their quality of life.

The Trustees have agreed as an initial strategy to offer relevant workshops.

It has proven difficult to identify people and organisations that are able and willing to deliver the workshops.

The first workshop offered was Benefit Awareness delivered by a local information service. The workshop was helpful for those who attended and it was planned to hold a second workshop elsewhere in the West Edinburgh Area. Unfortunately the provider has been unable to allocate staff resources for the workshop.

Possibilities are currently being discussed with a Local Indian Restaurant regarding holding "budget Cookery session(s)".

Financial Review

The financial statements are set out in pages 8 and 9

The charity's reserves (non-restricted) available to meet the running costs of the organisation are £1605.00

The restricted funds available for the Corstorphine Christmas Support Project are £4248.74

CCSP received substantial support from the local community including in-kind donations such as food, toiletries and household items to the value of £3,500 all of which was distributed as part of the CCSP.

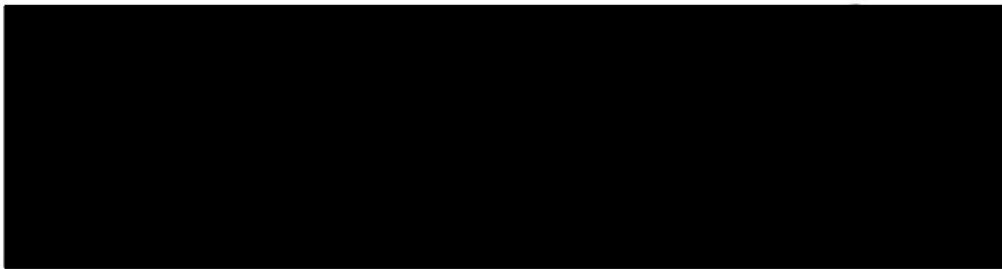
Reserves Policy

The Trustees' have agreed that an overall reserve of around £4,000 in the restricted fund is required to cover pre-project bulk buying orders which are required to be placed several weeks before the CCSP project starts and before many of the donations are received. A reserve of a further £500 is required in the unrestricted fund to meet core costs such as insurance and mobile phone rental.

Future Plans

- To operate the CCSP in 2025
- To continue a collaborative working relationship with larger, similar projects who can offer specialist information and advice to our users
- To develop a programme of workshops.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 "the 2005 Act" and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). 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

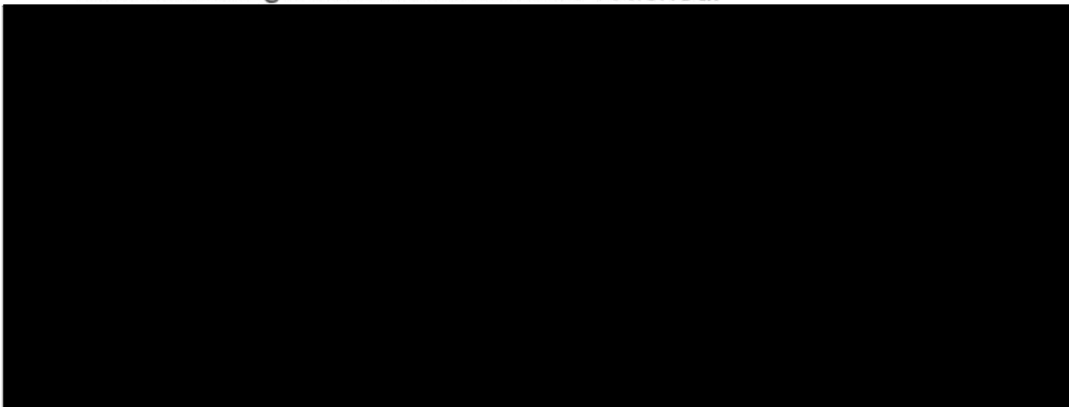
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 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

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:-
 - 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.



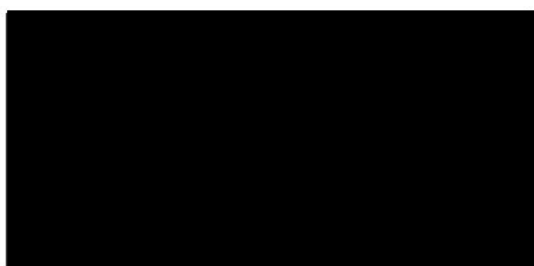
Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Notes	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
RECEIPTS					
Donations		6,144	560	6,704	5,589
Grants	1	500	-	500	5,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS		6,644	560	7,204	10,589
PAYMENTS					
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		5,334	224	5,558	6,231
Governance costs (Independent Examination)	2		150	150	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		5,334	374	5,708	6,231
SURPLUS/(Deficit) for the year		1,310	186	1,496	4,358

Statement of Balances

	2025 Restricted Funds	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
Cash and bank balances at start of year	2,939	1,269	4,358	-
Surplus/(Deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	1,310	186	1,496	4,358
Cash and bank balances at end of year	4,249	1,455	5,854	4,358

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 May 2025



Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 – Grant made by Corstorphine Rotary Club

Note 2 – The 2023/24 accounts included a payment of £150 for independent examination in-year, although this was not paid until August 2024. In accordance with receipts and payments accounting principles, this has payment been restated as occurring in this current financial year.

There was no remuneration paid to Trustees.