

# The Arches Arts & Creative Hub

Scotland · Charity number SC052947

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-11-15
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Back Raw Hoose 7 Drumlanrig Square Hawick TD9 0AS
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## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', '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:** The charity aims to provide an inclusive arts and creative hub for the community of Hawick and the Scottish Borders. The board has been seeking a suitable building in Hawick to serve this purpose. A property owned but no longer used by the local authority was identified as suitable premises. The property was inspected, refurbishment plans drawn up and costed, a business plan developed and a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) request was submitted in September 2025. The outcome of the CAT request was undecided as at 30th November 2025. The board is also considering alternative premises and engaging with the community to gather input from potential user groups and the public.

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

**Objectives:** The purposes of the organisation are: To promote the interests of the Arts in general, and social intercourse amongst its Members. The Arts includes, but is not limited to, music, drama, art, crafts, dance, film. To provide a platform for artistes, creative individuals and groups, to showcase their talents and contribute to the cultural enrichment, particularly among the residents of Hawick, and the wider community. Our centre will offer a range of programmes and events that will cater for people of all ages and backgrounds. Our goal is to create a vibrant and inclusive space that fosters creativity, learning, and community engagement. To provide, in the interests of social welfare, facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation available to the public at large within Hawick and the surrounding area of the Scottish Borders, with a view to improving their conditions of life.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Scottish Borders
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-11-30		£732	£213	-	0
2024-11-30		£0	£0	-	0

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC052947**

**THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)  
ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2025**

**THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2025**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2025.

**INTRODUCTION**

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**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

In order to promote the above charitable purposes the board sought a suitable building in Hawick to serve as an Arts hub for the community. The project was voted the top project in the Hawick Town Plan, which allowed the charity to access funds to conduct a feasibility study. The former Wilton Primary School, owned by Scottish Borders Council, was identified as the most suitable available building. Following the completion of the feasibility study a Community Asset Transfer request was submitted in September 2025.

The Borderlands Partnership Board approved the Borderlands Town Investment Plan for Hawick, which includes the Arches project, and the trustees are seeking the match funding that will be required for building refurbishment if the community asset transfer is approved by Scottish Borders Council.

The charity held events to engage with the local community and had built up a membership of 84 individuals by 30th November 2025.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity made a surplus of £519 for the financial period under review and had a bank balance of £519 at 30th November 2025. The charity had no other assets or liabilities.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

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## **THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2025**

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

At each annual general meeting the members may elect any member to be a charity trustee. The board may at any time appoint any member subject to maximum numbers of trustee restrictions in the constitution to be a charity trustee. The board may co-opt any non-member to be a trustee on the basis that they have specialist experience or skills which could be of assistance to the board. The maximum number of trustees is seven. At each AGM, all of the serving charity trustees shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

SC052947

##### **Principal address**

Back Raw Hoose  
7 Drumlanrig Square  
Hawick  
TD9 0AS

##### **Trustees**

Deborah Lyons  
David Chapman  
Joyce Tinlin  
John Craig  
Ellen Halliday (appointed 14th July 2025)

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the charity during the financial year. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

David Chapman - Trustee

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

## THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the period ended 30th November 2025 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

### **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) 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 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 2006 Regulations. 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

1. which give 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 Regulationshave 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.

Name: Lesley Fraser

Address: 10/3 Green Terrace  
HAWICK  
TD9 0JG

Date: 23rd April 2026

**THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**For the period ended 30th November 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Receipts		
Donations	£ 564	£ -
Member fees and subscriptions	168	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£ 732</b>	<b>£ -</b>
Payments		
Community engagement events	£ 213	£ -
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 213</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>£ 519</b>	<b>£ -</b>
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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

**As at 30th November 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
<b>Balance at 1st December 2024</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	<u>519</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance at 30th November 2025</b>	<b>£ 519</b>	<b>£ -</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Represented By:-</b>		
<b>Balance at Bank of Scotland, Hawick</b>		
Treasurers Account	£ 519	£ -
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 22nd April 2026

**David Chapman - Trustee**

**John Craig - Trustee**

**THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the period ended 30th November 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. Related Party Transactions**

No trustee or connected person received remuneration or expenses during the period.

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**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

In order to promote the above charitable purposes the board has been seeking a suitable building in Hawick to serve as an Arts hub for the community. This has proved to be a difficult task. Premises were identified, owned by the local authority but no longer in use and therefore a potential candidate for a community asset transfer. The future of the premises has been subject to a lengthy consultation process between Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Government, and the position was still unclear at the end of the financial period. The board is actively considering alternatives and is also engaging with the community to seek the views of potential user groups and the general public.

The project has recently been voted as the top project in the Hawick Town Plan, which qualifies us for funding towards a feasibility study on The Arches and other potential sites, and with a potential of receiving funding from The Borderlands Funding source.

The official Community Asset Transfer form is currently a work in progress and will be submitted by the 11th August 2025.

The board have also been given the go ahead from SBC/AtkinsRealis, to approach various architectural suppliers to request interest on a feasibility study, with a budget up to £15,000.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity had no transactions in the period from incorporation on 15th November 2023 to the end of the financial period on 30th November 2024. The charity had no assets or liabilities at 30th November 2024.

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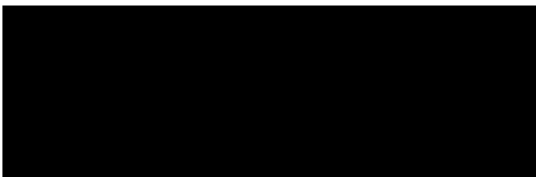
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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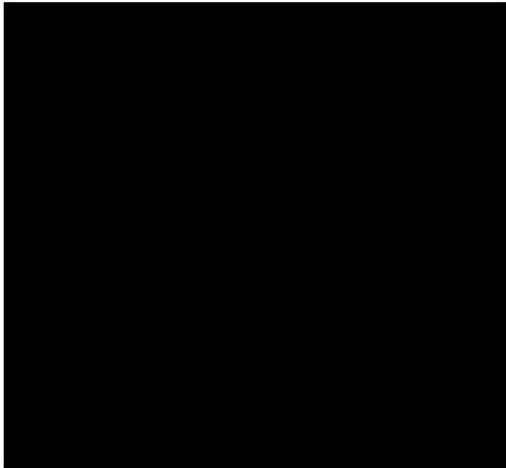
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**THE ARCHES ARTS & CREATIVE HUB (SCIO)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**For the period ended 30th November 2024**

**2024**

Receipts	£	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	£	<u>-</u>
Payments	£	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	£	<u>-</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	£	<u><u>-</u></u>

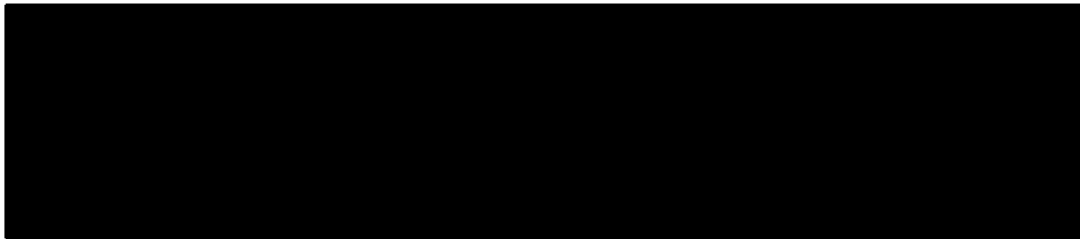
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

**As at 30th November 2024**

**2024**

<b>Funds</b>	
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	£ <u>-</u>
<b>Balance at 30th November 2024</b>	£ <u><u>-</u></u>
<b>Represented By:-</b>	
<b>Balance at Bank of Scotland, Hawick</b>	
Treasurers Account	£ <u><u>-</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 14th July 2025



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