

Demonburgh Junior Roller Derby [SCIO]

Scotland · Charity number SC053217

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-03-21
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	93 Craigleith Crescent Edinburgh EH4 3LA
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of public participation in sport'

What the charity does: Demonburgh Junior Roller Derby SCIO is an Edinburgh based, volunteer run club offering young people (ages 7-17) the opportunity to learn and play roller derby, both recreationally and competitively. This inclusive, full-contact sport attracts neurodiverse youngsters, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and those seeking a body-positive environment. The charity focuses on skill-building, confidence, and community, with an emphasis on sportsmanship and fun. The charity provides two classes every Friday during school terms. The 'Rookies' class runs from 6-7.30pm, teaching the fundamental skills and rules for playing roller derby. The 'Team' class runs from 7.30-9pm and focuses on preparing players to play competitive games. The charity hosts games and bootcamps to widen the opportunities for youngsters to learn and play roller derby. Additionally the charity facilitates and supports Demonburgh players to play games across the UK and abroad, supporting young people's growth.

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

Objectives: The organisation's purpose is the advancement of public participation in the sport. In furtherance of this purpose, we will aim: To provide training and instruction in the sport of junior roller derby. To empower skaters to advance and reach their full potential in the sport. To promote the sport of junior roller derby in Edinburgh, UK and abroad. To support our skaters, coaches and volunteers involvement in junior roller derby in a way that is fair, impartial and inclusive. respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treating everyone equally regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£15,876	£10,243	-	0

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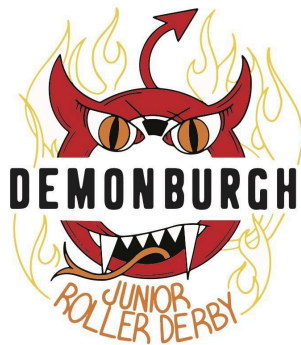
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Accounts

Demonburgh Junior Roller Derby SCIO

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the period ended 30th June 2025



DEMONBURGH JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY SCIO

TRUSTEES REPORT

For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period from inception on 21 March 2024 to year ended 30 June 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Demonburgh Junior Roller Derby SCIO

Charity Number

SC053217

Address

93 Craigleith Crescent, Edinburgh, EH4 3LA

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Gemma Bell	Chair
Rachel Kavish Wheatley (appointed 13/03/2026)	Secretary
Tessa Sarpong	Treasurer
Julie van den Driesche	(Resigned as Secretary 13/03/26)
Benjamin Golding (resigned 14/02/2026)	

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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered on 21 March 2024. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected at the board meetings, held on a quarterly basis. Trustee membership is open to all parents and guardians of children attending classes, as well as interested members of the wider roller derby community. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of six trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

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Activities

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The charity provides two classes every Friday during school terms. The 'Rookies' class runs from 6-7.30pm, teaching the fundamental skills and rules for playing roller derby. The 'Team' class runs from 7.30-9pm and focuses on preparing players to play competitive games.

The charity hosts games and bootcamps in Edinburgh to widen the opportunities for learning and playing for Demonburgh players as well as those across Scotland and the UK. Additionally the charity facilitates and supports Demonburgh players to play games across the UK and abroad, supporting young people's growth.

This is all underpinned by our values of Have Fun, Be Kind, Encourage Others, Respect and Super Slay!

Achievements and Performance

Prior to the creation of Demonburgh Junior Roller Derby SCIO, 'Demonburgh' was the name of a juniors' roller derby class run by a limited company, which had made the decision to stop running these classes. On the creation of the charity the trustees agreed to retain the name 'Demonburgh', but established itself completely independently. The creation of the charity was supported by a generous donation from families, who had undertaken fundraising activities for the players.

Since inception, the number of participating young people has grown, and with this we have focussed on establishing a strong coaching team, with two dedicated coaches and a head referee, then adding two new training support coaches. Volunteers are pivotal to our success, which includes coaches as well skating and non-skating officials and parent supervisors, where we provided both external first aid training for 10 and internal officials training to many more throughout the period.

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We proudly hosted a number of events, including our first scrim (game) night for all Demonburgh participants, bringing together representatives from the wider Edinburgh derby community as referees and non-skating officials.

We hosted our first game in May 2024, welcoming teams from Newcastle, Glasgow, and Orkney to Edinburgh. Not only was this event a massive success, but the league also took first place in the 5 Nations Northern Tournament. Following this, we proudly claimed second place in the UK playoffs.

In April 2025, we ran our first bootcamp event 'A Day in Demonburgh', led by internationally renowned coaches and attended by young people from across the UK. The success of this day was further enhanced by our work undertaken with Edinburgh Leisure, to bring the sport back to Edinburgh's flagship Meadowbank location, with ease of accessibility and world-class facilities benefiting the wider roller derby community.

Supporting participation in roller derby is key to what we do and we were proud to be added to LEAP Sport Scotland Club finder, which aims to support unconditional inclusion for LGBTQTIQ+ people in sport. During the period we also introduced our 'Demon-strators' programme, with more experienced players demonstrating skills to newer skaters, which has been instrumental in nurturing league involvement and mentorship.

We supported our players with their ambitions to play internationally, with five skaters being selected for Team GB. These athletes trained at a national level, poised to represent not just our league, but Scotland and Great Britain on the global stage.

A major milestone over the period was the approval of our first grant application to fund a loaner kit library. This funding, from the University of Edinburgh, allows us to invest in high-quality skates and safety gear, making roller derby accessible to all by removing barriers to participation. This activity is being supported by generous kit donations from families.

Further to this, in order to support widening participation during the period, we introduced subsidised fees and UK travel subsidies for participants who would not otherwise be able to participate due to costs.

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Financial review

Our main source of funding is class fees which are charged to families of participants, totalling £12k. Following a period of establishment, we were able to reduce our fees for participants.

In addition to the upfront donation from families and grant funding received, we were also able to raise funds during the period from fundraising raffles, bake sales and the sale of merchandise at our events. Our first bootcamp event was a ticketed event for all participants, allowing us to cover the cost of hall hire.

The key expenditures for the charity over the period were hall rental, insurance, the costs of running and attending events, investing in equipment and training our volunteers.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to retain at least three months worth of running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure, and up to nine months of running costs to allow for growth in activity. Junior roller derby is a small but growing sport and the trustees recognise the importance of having funds available to adapt to the evolution of the sport in the UK, to run a breadth of events to benefit all participants and to support travel to competitive games, as required.

Three months of expenditure stands at £1,979 (with costs being incurred from May 2024) and nine months of expenditure stands at £5,936, with unrestricted reserves at the end of the period being £5,133. The trustees believe that this is in an acceptable range, as the league continues to grow in the breadth of activities provided, but will continue to monitor the position.

Plans for future period

The trustees intend to continue to develop through further strengthening the coaching programme, growing the number of events provided here in Edinburgh, as well as supporting the growth of our players who are working towards playing across Scotland, the UK and internationally.

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Over the next 12 months the trustees will work on developing a clear vision for the charity and a 3 year strategy to guide us towards our goals.

As we continue to grow and adapt, we are actively seeking new partnerships and funding opportunities that will allow us to widen our impact. If you are a funder, community organisation, or someone who shares our passion for the growth of junior roller derby and its young players we invite you to join us on this journey.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Gemma Bell

**Gemma Bell
Chair
22/03/2026**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEMONBURGH JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY SCIO - SC053217

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

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 (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 Accounts 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 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

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Elinor Boulton

24/03/2026

**Elinor Boulton CA
Edinburgh**

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Period Ended 30/06/2025
Receipts			
Donations	753	-	753
Grants	-	500	500
Fundraising	772	-	772
Trading	909	-	909
Receipts from charitable activities	12,942	-	12,942
Total Receipts	15,376	500	15,876
Payments			
Fundraising costs	59	-	59
Trading costs	951	-	951
Cost of charitable activities	9,233	-	9,233
Total Payments	10,243	-	10,243
Surplus for the year	5,133	500	5,633

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

As at 30 June 2025

Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	As at 30/06/2025
Opening cash at bank and in hand	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	5,133	500	5,633
Closing cash at bank and in hand	5,133	500	5,633

Bank and Cash Balances

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	As at 30/06/2025
Bank deposit account	5,042	500	5,542
PayPal account	16	-	16
Cash in hand	75	-	75
Total	5,133	500	5,633

Other assets - unrestricted funds

	As at 30/06/2025
Loaner Kit and Equipment (estimated value)	350
Trading goods	120
	470

Liabilities - unrestricted funds

	As at 30/06/2025
Hall Rental Fees	389
	389

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

As at 30 June 2025

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Gemma Bell

Gemma Bell
Chair
22/03/2026

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

For the Period Ended 30 June 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 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the league.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year the charity received a grant of £500 towards the creation of a loaner kit library.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any trustee or connected person during the period.

4 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Period Ended 30/06/2025
Donation from families	753	-	753
Total	753	-	753

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5 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Period Ended 30/06/2025
University of Edinburgh	-	500	500
Total	-	500	500

6 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Period Ended 30/06/2025
Class Fees	11,912	-	11,912
Event Tickets	1,030	-	1,030
Total	12,942	-	12,942

7 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Period Ended 30/06/2025
Hall Hire for classes	4,136	-	4,136
Bootcamps and training scrimms	1,484	-	1,484
Games	990	-	990
Insurance	864	-	864
Volunteer training	620	-	620
Kit & Equipment	285	-	285
Financial support for widening participation	150	-	150
Other operating costs	704	-	704
Total	9,233	-	9,233