

# East Lothian Community Benefits

Scotland · Charity number SC053230

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-03-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address  
Seapoint  
Woodbush  
Dunbar  
EH42 1HB

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

**Purposes:** 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

**What the charity does:** The charity is established to attract community benefit funds which are then to be distributed for the greater good of East Lothian. At this early stage the charity has been working to investigate the feasibility of delivering district heating systems to East Lothian.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

**Objectives:** Purposes 4 The organisation is established for charitable purposes only and, in particular, the objects are: 4.1 To advance, for the public benefit, community development including urban and rural regeneration, primarily within East Lothian ('the Area of Benefit'). 4.2 To advance environmental protection and improvement primarily within the Area of Benefit. 4.3 To advance heritage through preserving, for the benefit of the general public, the historical and architectural heritage that may exist in and around the Area of Benefit. 4.4 To prevent or relieve poverty primarily among residents within the Area of Benefit. 4.5 To advance health primarily among residents within the Area of Benefit. 4.6 To relieve those in need, primarily within the Area of Benefit, by reason of ill health, disability, financial disadvantage or some other disadvantage. 4.7 To advance education. 4.8 To support schemes that involve communities primarily within the Area of Benefit working together to promote citizenship and, encourage cohesion between the different communities as well as within the communities themselves in the Area of Benefit.

## Geography

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£40,096	£37,346	-	0

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# Accounts

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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	26	March	2024	To	31	March	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name  
Other names charity is known by  
Registered charity number  
Charity's principal address

East Lothian Community Benefits SCIO
SC053230
Seapoint
Woodbush
Dunbar
PostcodeEH42 1HB

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	[REDACTED]	Chair		
2		Vice-Chair		
3		Treasurer		
4		Secretary	17/01/25 to 31/03/25	
5			14/03/25 to 31/03/25	
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The SCIO is governed by the Constitution that has been registered with OSCR.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The recruitment and appointment of trustees is laid down in clauses 76 to 88 in the SCIO's Constitution.

## Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Community development; environmental protection and improvement; preservation of heritage; relief of poverty; advancement of health; relief of disadvantage; advancement of education; promotion of citizenship, all of the above are primarily within East Lothian.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The main activities are first to seek Community Benefits funding from green energy developers and others, then to develop plans for using those funds to best meet the charitable objectives of the SCIO, before determining the distribution of the funds.

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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The establishment of the SCIO in the first year involved engaging with all twenty of the Community Councils in East Lothian, most of whom are now members of the SCIO.

An opportunity emerged during the year to develop a District Heating Plan, the first stage of which involved the commissioning of a feasibility study. Through the good offices of East Lammmermuir Community Council, one of the SCIO's members, a grant was obtained from CWP Energy Ltd to pay for this feasibility study. The results of the study will be delivered in 2025/26. This project would meet many of the SCIO's purposes, potentially avoiding loss of heat to the environment and providing the community with improved energy security in a changing world.

Scottish Enterprise has also supported this project.

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has the policy of remaining cash positive. Apart from that, its intention is to use funds as quickly and effectively as possible to meet the purposes of the SCIO.

#### Details of any deficit

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

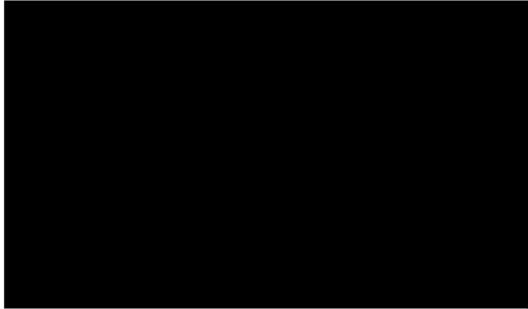
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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b> <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	08/07/2025	

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	26	March	2024		31	March	2025

## Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants		40 096			40 096	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	-	40 096	-	-	40 096	-
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	40 096	-	-	40 096	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		37 346			37 346	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	-	37 346	-	-	37 346	-
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	37 346	-	-	37 346	-
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	-	2 750	-	-	2 750	-
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	-	2 750	-	-	2 750	-

**Section B Statement of balances**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year					-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		2 750			2 750	
						-	
						-	
	<b>Cash and bank balances at end of year</b>		-	2 750	-	-	2 750
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Investments</b>				
		<b>Total</b>	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B3 Other assets</b>					
			<b>Total</b>	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B4 Liabilities</b>				
		<b>Total</b>	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B5 Contingent liabilities</b>				
		<b>Total</b>	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature\*

Print Name

Date of approval

[Redacted Signature and Name]

08/07/2025

**Section C Notes to the Accounts**

**C1 Nature and purpose of funds** (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
<b>C2 Grants</b>	Didtrict Heating feasibility study	Enterpr	1	2 750
	Didtrict Heating feasibility study	CWP energy		37 346
	<b>Total</b>			<b>40 096</b>

<b>C3a Trustee remuneration</b>	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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	Authority under which paid	£
<b>C3b Trustee remuneration - details</b>		

<b>C4a Trustee expenses</b>	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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		Number of trustees	£
<b>C4b Trustee expenses - details</b>			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
<b>C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons</b>				

<b>C6 Other information</b>	
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**Additional analysis (1)**

**Analysis of receipts and payments**

**1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**2 Grants**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Scottish Enterprise		2 750	2 750	
Community Windpower Ltd		37 346	37 346	
			-	
			-	
<b>Total</b>	-	40 096	40 096	-

**3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
District Heating feasibility study		37 346			37 346	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Total</b>	-	37 346	-	-	37 346	-

**Additional analysis (2)**

**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Nature and purpose of funds</b>						
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**Additional analysis (3)****6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	40 096				40 096	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40 096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40 096</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40 096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40 096</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	37 346				37 346	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37 346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37 346</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>37 346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37 346</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>2 750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2 750</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>2 750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2 750</b>	<b>-</b>

**Nature and purpose of funds**

The purpose of this project is to determine whether a District Heating System in East Lothian is a feasible possibility with a view to improving energy security in an environmentally sensitive way, with the further aspiration of establishing whether energy costs could be reduced for everyone, but particularly for those in need in the area.

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of  
Registered charity number  
On the accounts of the charity for the period  
Set out on pages

<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b> <span style="float: right;">v2</span>						
Charity name <b>Euro Lethian Community Benefits SCIO</b>						
SC <b>053230</b>						
Period start date			Period end date			
Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
<b>26</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>2014</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>2015</b>
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

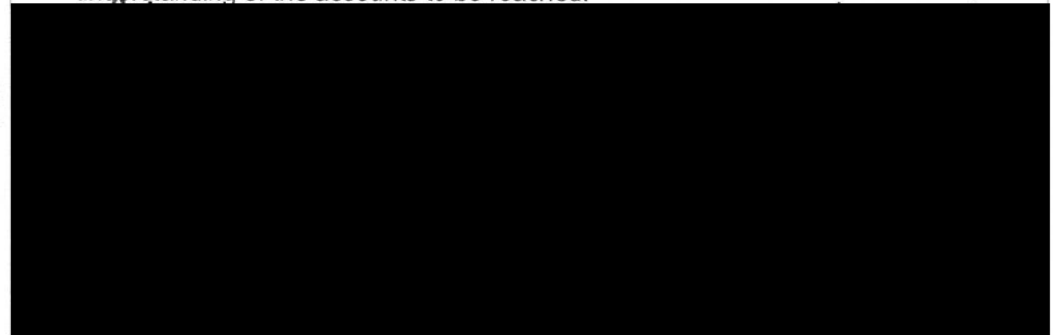
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

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\*\*:  
Name:  
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):  
Address:



\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.  
\*\*OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures.

## APPENDIX 3

### Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

