



SEA THE CHANGE SCIO
(Registered Scottish Charity SC050664)

Trustee Report and Financial Statements

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Prepared by [REDACTED] Executive Officer

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by [REDACTED] (Chair)

Signed_____

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Date 19/05/2025

Charity Information

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the requirements of *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* (SORP), in line with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1 January 2019.

Reference and Administrative Details

Name: Sea the Change SCIO

Scottish Charity Number: SC050664

Principal Address

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Bank

The Co-Operative Bank Plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE

Structure, Governance and Management

Sea the Change is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and operates in accordance with its governing constitution. Overall responsibility for the organisation rests with the charity's Trustees.

Trustees

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The charity employs four core staff members, along with a number of temporary staff to support the operation of the Cycle Shack. Additional support is provided by our dedicated volunteers, who are engaged as needed to assist with various activities.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees

Prospective trustees are identified by existing board members based on their relevant skills, experience, and enthusiasm for the charity's mission and work.

Charitable Objectives

In accordance with our constitution, Sea the Change pursues the following charitable purposes:

- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- The advancement of education
- The advancement of citizenship or community development

Statement of Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have met their obligations under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 by giving due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by OSCR.

Our Vision

To create *happier, healthier, more sustainable communities*.

Our Mission

To connect communities with coastlines through events, activities, and campaigns—enabling everyone to enjoy and protect our natural environment.

Our Values

Fun. Ethical. Community-Minded (FEC)

Sea the Change delivers a wide range of events, activities, and campaigns aimed at raising environmental awareness and fostering a sense of community. A core priority is ensuring equal access and inclusion across all our projects and initiatives.

Achievements and Activities in 2024/25

In 2024/25, Sea the Change has continued to advance our vision of creating *Happy, Healthy, Sustainable Communities*.

Over the years, we have strengthened and expanded our key projects, including **Coldingham Beach Wheelchairs**, **Greener Berwickshire**, and **Cycle for Change**, building on the foundations of previous success.

Coldingham Beach Wheelchairs

- Since 2018, Sea the Change has offered a free Beach Wheelchair Scheme at Coldingham Bay, ensuring that everyone—regardless of age or physical ability—can enjoy access to the beach. The service now includes three beach wheelchairs and a hoist to support users with varying mobility needs.
- Unfortunately, severe winter storms in November 2024 caused significant coastal erosion, damaged the access road, and destroyed our newly installed beach access ramp. As a result, the service was forced to close until April 2025.
- With the support of the Scottish Borders Council, a temporary access point was installed, allowing us to reopen. The closure has had an impact on hires, with just 30 hires in 2024, compared to 44 hires in 2023.
- While the current access solution is not ideal, it does provide a workable short-term option. Scottish Borders Council is now developing a more permanent, long-term access solution to ensure continued beach access for all.
- Irrespective of the challenges, we still managed to provide a wonderful Art at the Beach session, a summer of Feel Good Friday drop ins, chair yoga sessions
- We are incredibly grateful to our fantastic team of dedicated volunteers, who play a key role in supporting this service. Looking ahead to summer 2025, we have established a rota to ensure the Beach Wheelchair hut will be staffed every Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm throughout June, July, and August, providing support for drop-in users and helping raise awareness of the service.

Greener Berwickshire

- **Greener Berwickshire Network** - Since March 2022, Sea the Change has led the Greener Berwickshire Network—a series of events and community gatherings designed to bring people together, spark ideas, and take practical action to reduce our carbon footprint and build a more sustainable future. During the 2024/25 financial year, we hosted several key events, including:
 - **April 2024** – Coffee and EV Car Information and Advice Session
 - **June 2024** – World Ocean Day Community Litter Pick
 - **November 2024** – *Why Not Scotland* Film Screening and Discussion
 - **November 2024** – Letter-Writing Workshop for Political Action

Sea the Change plays an active role on the **Steering Group of the Scottish Borders Climate Action Network (SBCAN)**. In January 2025, a strategic decision was made to reduce duplication of efforts, with SBCAN taking over the coordination and delivery of events for the Greener Berwickshire Network. Sea the Change will continue to support and collaborate closely with SBCAN to advance our shared vision of a greener, more sustainable Berwickshire.

- **Big Community Clean Ups**- Since 2018, Sea the Change has been actively encouraging the Berwickshire community to come together and tackle the growing litter problem. Our bi-annual clean-up events have had a significant impact, fostering local pride and environmental responsibility. In the 2024/25 financial year, we organised a Big Clean in September 2024, which saw 410 participants collect a remarkable 643 kg of rubbish from our local area. In March 2025, we chose to align our efforts with the Keep Scotland Beautiful Big Spring Clean, offering support rather than hosting our own event. Looking ahead, we plan to focus our energy on delivering a single, larger-scale clean-up in September 2025 to maximise impact and community engagement.
- **Berwickshire Anti-Litter Group (BAG)** - The Berwickshire Anti-Litter Group (BAG) is a dedicated subgroup of Sea the Change, established in October 2022, with a mission to tackle litter through three core areas:
 - Practical Action
 - Lobbying for Policy Change
 - Education and Engagement with Young People

BAG's committed team of volunteers not only support our Big Community Clean-ups but also carry out regular litter-picking efforts across the region. In addition to hands-on action, BAG actively lobbies for change—engaging with Scottish Borders Council, Bear Scotland, and the Scottish Government—and works to raise awareness through educational events and campaigns.

The Berwickshire Anti Litter Group efforts have garnered national attention, with recent features on BBC Scotland, The Seven, and Radio Borders, including Steven Jardine's Morning Phone-In. The public response has been overwhelming, highlighting widespread support for tackling litter in Scotland. Sea the Change provides ongoing support as required by facilitating quarterly BAG meetings, managing funds for essential equipment, and coordinating clean-up activities, including the monthly Eyemouth litter pick in partnership with SPLASH.

- **Berwickshire EV Support Group** - In April 2024, Sea the Change hosted a well-attended and positively received Electric Vehicle (EV) Information Session at Ayton Castle. Following this event, our subgroup transitioned from holding monthly online meetings to offering ongoing, on-demand advice and support. Sea the Change now refers all EV-related enquiries to this dedicated team of knowledgeable volunteers, who continue to support the Berwickshire community in making a confident and informed transition to electric vehicles.

Cycle for Change

Launched in March 2024, *Cycle for Change* is Sea the Change's newest and fastest-growing initiative, addressing transport as one of Berwickshire's key community challenges and a major contributor to personal carbon footprints. This project is delivering inclusive, sustainable transport solutions across Berwickshire, the Scottish Borders and beyond..

- **E-Bike Hire & Led Rides** -We established a fleet of eight electric bikes in Eyemouth with funding support, offering affordable hires, weekly led rides, and taster events like our Earth Day Free E-Bike Hire. In 2024, we delivered 12 led rides with 40 participants. We also offer long-term hires, and an e-trike has been added to support those less confident on two wheels.
- **Upcycled Bikes with Eyemouth High School** -In partnership with Cycling UK and Eyemouth High School, we launched a weekly bike maintenance programme in August 2024. Students upcycled 8 bikes, stripped 8 more, and raised income through bike sales—funds that will go back into the project for future repairs.
- **Bike Maintenance** - We now offer Bronze (£30), Silver (£55), and Gold (£80) servicing. With support from experienced volunteer Tim Astley (formerly of Berwick Cycles), we've repaired 60 bikes to date and are expanding to include quick-fix services like puncture repairs and tyre treatments.
- **Learn to Cycle Sessions** - As Cycle Trainer Approved providers with Cycling Scotland, we offer Learn to Cycle sessions for children and adults. Due to growing demand, we plan to expand these sessions in 2025.
- **Bike Library** - Our free six-month loan scheme, stocked with bikes donated by Cycling UK, supports local families. We aim to grow this resource, particularly with more children's bikes.
- **Bike Upcycling** - Thanks to our Acredale Workshop and an agreement with Eyemouth Recycling Centre, we now intercept bikes destined for landfill. Between April 2024 and March 2025, 23 upcycled bikes were sold.
- **Training & Events** - We've delivered a variety of hands-on cycling activities, including Fix-It Fridays, Kids Cycle Confidence Sessions, Gears Workshops, and more!
- **Free Bikes** - Generous donations included 12 bikes from Connect (Eyemouth), 6 from Greener Duns (via BHA), and 13 from Hapi Bike (Hawick), a charity supporting people with learning disabilities. These bikes are distributed through the Bike Library, schools, or sold to fund the project.
- **Cycling without Age Bikes**- In November 2024, we received our first *Cycling Without Age Scotland* Trishaw, now regularly used by residents of Saltgreens Care Home. A second Trishaw was added in March 2025 with the launch of the Eyemouth CWAS Chapter. With 12 trained volunteer pilots, we delivered 133 rides, reaching 269 individuals.
- **Our new Eyemouth Cycle Shack** - With generous support from South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE), we've transformed a former garage into a fully operational Cycle Shack in central Eyemouth. Significant renovations have been made, and we're currently awaiting building warrant approval to install a fully accessible toilet, which will greatly enhance our ability to host inclusive events and services from this hub.

Cycle for Change is more than a transport initiative—it's a **movement** toward community connection, sustainable living, and equal access to green transport. With continued community support and volunteer dedication, we look forward to expanding this work throughout 2025 and beyond.

Financial Review

These accounts relate to the financial year 2024/25, covering the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. Total income for the year was £159,988, representing an increase from £128,435 in 2023/24. This figure includes grant funding of £152,792.02, received from a variety of sources.

Key contributions included £17,392.00 from Paths for All, £19,334.00 from the National Lottery, and two grants from the Scottish Borders Climate Action Network totalling £2,794.75. Additional support was provided by Quixwood (£5,000.00), the People's Postcode Lottery (£25,000.00), and Hamish & Doris Critchen (£6,000.00). Further funding was received from Fallago (£3,000.00), Foundation Scotland (£10,280.00), South of Scotland Enterprise (£22,422.30), Tesco (£1,125.00), and SEstrans, who contributed £39,943.97 across two instalments. The Co-op also made a contribution of £500.00.

We were delighted to receive an additional £45,000 from South of Scotland Enterprise in July 2024 to purchase our new Eyemouth Cycle Shack. Following significant renovations, this investment allowed us to establish alternative income streams, generating a total of £7,196.07. This comprised donations (£3,145.74), merchandise sales (£95), Gift Aid from 2023/24 (£166.14), bike repairs (£1,187.34), bike sales (£2,124.04), and e-bike hires (£477.81).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £134,556.79, up from £107,122.38 in the previous year. As of the year-end, the General Fund balance stood at £86,008.76. This includes restricted income of £26,054.67 and unrestricted reserves of £59,954.09. Of the unrestricted reserves, £32,707.66 is ring-fenced, leaving £27,246.43 available in line with our reserves policy. The accounts have been independently examined and approved by the Trustees.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have adopted a reserves policy to maintain a minimum reserve sufficient to cover four months of administrative expenses. We are looking to extend reserves to six months unrestricted income. All additional reserves are either designated or intended to be designated for specific future projects. The reserves policy and reserve levels will be reviewed regularly.

Our Funders

We extend our sincere gratitude to our funders for their invaluable support. Their contributions have provided the stability necessary to strengthen our team, establish a solid foundation for securing additional funding, and pursue initiatives that we believe make a meaningful impact in our local community. Their support has been instrumental in enabling us to move forward with confidence and purpose.

Future Plans

As Sea the Change looks to the future, we remain firmly committed to our mission of creating Happy, Healthy, Sustainable Communities. Our dedicated team of volunteers continues to be the backbone of our work, and it was a joy to celebrate their contributions at our Volunteer Gathering in April 2024 and Volunteer Brunch in December 2024.

Looking ahead, we will focus on strengthening and expanding our core projects—Coldingham Beach Wheelchairs, Greener Berwickshire and Cycle for Change—while placing a renewed emphasis on generating sustainable income. This strategic shift will help secure the long-term future of these vital initiatives, ensuring they remain accessible and impactful for years to come, with the continued support of our community and incredible volunteers.

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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
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable to nearest £	Permanent to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds last to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	3,312				3,312	2,589
Legacies					-	
Grants	25,000	172,792			197,792	125,059
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts	95				95	786
Income from investments other than land					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable	3,789				3,789	
					-	
A1 Sub total	32,196	172,792	-	-	204,988	128,434
A2 Receipts from asset & investment						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,196	172,792	-	-	204,988	128,434
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable	16,310	84,668			101,178	85,127
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	100				100	100
Preparation of annual accounts	100				100	100
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	16,710	84,668	-	-	101,378	85,327
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
Purchases of fixed assets		78,179			78,179	21,796
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	78,179	-	-	78,179	21,796
Total payments	16,710	162,847	-	-	179,557	107,123
Net receipts / (payments)	15,486	9,945	-	-	25,431	21,311
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	15,486	9,945	-	-	25,431	21,311

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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 \$
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	36,488	24,089			60,577	39,265
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	15,486	9,945			25,431	21,312
						-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	51,974	34,034	-	-	86,009	60,577
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (£ if available)	Current value (£ if available)	Last year
B3 Other assets			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Hippocampe Wheelchair	Restricted	3,922	5	5
	Terrawheels Beach Wheelchair	Restricted	2,756	5	5
	Sandcruiser All Terrain Beach Wheelchair	Restricted	2,634	5	5
	Birdie Compact Folding Hoist	Restricted	756	5	5
	Beach Mat Sample	Restricted	46	18	
	Beach Mat	Restricted	1,414	1,132	1,437
	Noticeboard	Restricted	643	343	429
	Beach Hut	Restricted	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Projector	Restricted	430	4	5
	Laptop	Restricted	460	4	5
	Printer	Restricted	150	4	5
	EE Phone contract 24mths	Restricted	461	230	
	Thermos Flask	Restricted	35	28	
	Apple ipad 2022	Restricted	379	303	379
	Beach Clean Board	Restricted	480	1	1
	Litter Pickers x80	Restricted	1,732	666	833
	Digital Scales	Restricted	17	14	
	Litterpicking sign x 2	Restricted	77	77	
	BAG Banner	Restricted	36	36	
	6 x Raleigh ebikes (2 x s, m, l)	Restricted	13,296	10,637	13,296
	Bike equipment	Restricted	616	493	616
	Reconditioned Bikes x 16	Restricted	900	720	
	Mechanic Pump	Restricted	42	34	
	Professional Toolkit	Restricted	844	675	
	2 x Cowboy E-bikes	Restricted	5,000	-	
	2 x Raleigh E-bikes	Restricted	4,431	-	
	Cycling without Age Trishaw	Restricted	10,281	10,281	
	Trishaw Equipment	Restricted	518	518	
	Cycling without Age Trishaw	Restricted	8,800	8,800	
	Yorvik Trike	Restricted	3,099	3,099	
	Gazebo	Restricted	3,570	3,570	
	Raleigh ebikes (2 x extra small)	Restricted	2,899	2,899	
	Bike Storage Shed	Restricted	2,336	2,336	
	Bike Racks	Restricted	677	677	
	Cycle Shack Notice Board	Restricted	887	887	
	Cycle Shack Property purchase	Restricted	45,000	45,000	
		Total	126,623	100,505	24,026

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest \$	Last year to nearest \$
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

* Pleas

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Unrestricted funds raised through general donations and the sale of charity related products are used to fund miscellaneous expenses not directly related to specific charitable projects undertaken by the charity. Restricted funds are raised through fundraising initiatives relating to specific projects undertaken by the charity and disbursed in line with the project for which the funds were raised.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration

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)

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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

	Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details		

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction	Balance
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information

1 Donations

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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
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
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					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Receipts from asset & investment sales					-	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
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					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					-	
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Nature and purpose of funds						

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restructured fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restructured fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restructured fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restructured fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restructured funds	Total restructured funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
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					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
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					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Nature and purpose of funds						

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity **SEA THE CHANGE** for the year ended **31 March 2025**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act.
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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, comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met
- Or, to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Independent Examiner

Borders Community Action

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Date: 07/05/2025