

SkatePal SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC044815

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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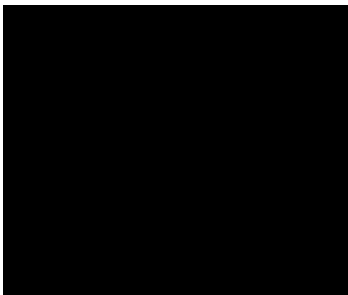
The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative information

Principal address

89 (1f1) McDonald Road
Edinburgh EH7 4NA

Current trustees



Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

SkatePal was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 23 April 2014 and is governed by Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our AGM which is held in August each year.

Objectives and activities

Charitable Purposes

Our purposes are the advancement of public participation in sport (skateboarding) for Palestinians living on the West Bank, and the provision of free recreational facilities primarily in areas where sporting facilities are not readily available to young people, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

Activities and achievements

Partnership with Skateboarding.PS

This year saw SkatePal partner with Skateboarding.PS - a local skateboarding organisation based in Nablus.

Skateboarding.PS was founded by [REDACTED] in 2023 as a platform to promote Palestinian skateboarding content. Since [REDACTED] has been running regular classes at Asira skatepark as well as our new skatepark at Inash Al Usra, and with the help of local skaters has plans to grow the organisation into a fully fledged and locally registered non-profit.

A longtime friend of SkatePal, [REDACTED] began skateboarding in 2019 at [REDACTED] skatepark in Asira (near Nablus) after being introduced to the sport via his neighbour [REDACTED]. For the past few years, we have been working together to keep the skate scene in Asir [REDACTED], as well as more broadly throughout the West Bank.

Over the coming years, we will be working with [REDACTED] and others to provide support and mentorship until Skateboarding.PS is a self-sufficient organisation. After 10+ years of working in Palestine, we are proud to be in a position to support home-grown organisations that are created by and for Palestinian skateboarders.

This partnership is exactly what we have been hoping for as we transition away from relying on international volunteers, and instead have local skaters managing the sessions.

Workshops at our office in Ramallah

In late 2023, we took on an office space in Ramallah as a space where our local team and community could store equipment and host different workshops. This space is now regularly used by Skateboarding.PS, who recently held 'Trash-to-Thrash!' - a workshop teaching participants how to upcycle old skateboards and turn them into new usable boards for the community.

Not only did this workshop bring old boards back to life, but participants also created custom pieces of art that were auctioned off to raise money for SB.PS.

We would like to thank [REDACTED] who funded the purchase of tools for this project and [REDACTED] for his help [REDACTED] the workshop with our team.

Aram representing Palestine in Olympics + GQ man of year

In February this year, our local manager [REDACTED] was the first skateboarder in Palestine to represent his country at the Olympic heats in Dubai.

This is only the second time that skateboarding has been in the Olympics, and we were extremely proud that [REDACTED] participated.

[REDACTED] was also named as one of GQ magazine's 'men of the year' for his work managing and running the growing skateboard scene in Palestine. You can read the full article [here](#).

Successful move to focus on shop income

As we did not have any income from volunteer fundraising, and fewer grants than usual due to the fact that we couldn't do many projects on the ground this year because of the situation, we focussed on generating our own income from our online shop. It has been a steep learning curve for us but ultimately it is very important for us to be able to budget well and being able to rely on unrestricted funds from our shop sales.

Financial Review

We are pleased to report that our finances have remained steady again this year thanks to our diverse income model. We were not able to have volunteers out in Palestine for most of the year so the volunteer fundraising has decreased this year but we have made up for it with a 14% increase in merchandise sales. We are also grateful to those who have awarded us grants this year, which has made up 18% of our overall income. Our major grant givers were: the Berfred Foundation, and the Bank of Palestine.

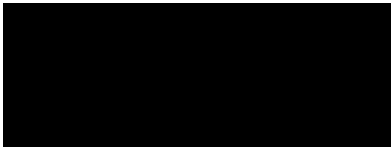
Reserves

SkatePal held unrestricted funds of £26,634.71 at the year end. SkatePal holds reserves primarily for the following reasons:

- 1) Unforeseen emergencies both in Palestine and in UK
- 2) If the funding budget for the year is not able to be met e.g. having to cancel the international volunteer program which would lead to a loss of fundraising for the charity.

Approved by the trustees on (07/12/24) and signed on their behalf by:

 Chairperson

 Date 07/12/24

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	SkatePAL (SCIO)					
Registered charity number		SC044815					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	APRIL	2023	to	31	MARCH	2024
Set out on pages							(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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 view of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed:				Date:	3 December 2024		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CHARTERED MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS (CMIIA)						
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.

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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

I have reviewed Skate 'AL' accounts and attached income and expenditure receipts and invoices.

No issues identified and I am happy to sign off the accounts.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Receipts	Note		£	£
Donations			37 872	67 280
Fundraising activities			11 754	2 164
Merchandise sales			86 846	54 381
Grants		10 823	42 067	31 458
Gift Aid			1 251	1 709
Reimbursements			4 677	6 336
Office Sublet			0	200
Fundraising for Gaza			0	1 583
Total Receipts			173 644	165 111
Payments			2024	2023
Fundraising expenses			4 045	514
Salaries and contractor fees			70 996	77 938
Pension Contributions			1 714	1 602
National Insurance			6 871	6 799
Staff expenses			7 913	5 350
ATM withdraws			662	0
Equipment, tools and materials			3 661	4 425
Project Engineering Services			2 831	2 752
Volunteers expenses			1 292	3 670
Volunteer housing			6 606	11 629
Merchandise Printing			32 349	17 279
Printing			130	179

Postage and Packaging	14 177		14 177	9 402
Customs	0		0	593
Office Equipment	1 428		1 428	1 437
Administration expenses	3 072		3 072	3 190
Office rent	8 182		8 182	14 218
Card / ATM transaction fees	59		59	57
Petty cash	0		0	0
Reimbursements	328		328	1 597
Gifts	406		406	561
Gaza Donations	0		0	1 654
Other Dontions	678		678	
Olympic trip	950		950	
Visa expenses	0		0	3 063
Total payments	168 350	0	168 350	167 909
Surplus (Deficit) for the year			16118	-2798
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2023			10517	
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024			26 635	


Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024

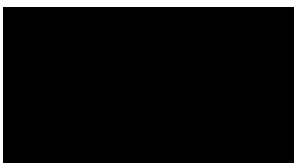
	Note	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<u>Bank and cash in hand</u>			
Bank		26 635	10 517
Cash		0	0
		<hr/> 26 635	<hr/> 10 517
<u>Other assets</u>			
Debtors		-	
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Creditors			

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on page 7 are an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 07/12/24 and signed on their behalf by:

, Chairperson

 Date 07/12/24