

Lothians Raynet SCIO

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

Scottish Incorporated Charity No. - SC045546

Lothians RAYNET SCIO – Trustees' Annual Report

Period: 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Reference Information:

Charity Name: Lothians RAYNET SCIO

Charity Number: SC045546

Administrative information:

Address for day-to-day correspondence:

54 Coblecrook Gardens, Alva, Clackmannanshire. FK12 5BL

Current Trustees:

Donald Park Chair and Controller

Kevin Sterrick Treasurer

Charlie Duncan Secretary

Tim Fox

Tim Davidson

Malcolm Gibson

Hugh Steele

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution:

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was accepted by members on 12th January 2015. Lothians RAYNET SCIO was granted charitable status by OSCR on 10th April 2015.

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held around October. Under the constitution there must be no less than three and no more than seven elected trustees.

Management:

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of Lothians RAYNET SCIO. There are no paid employees.

The trustees are aware of their responsibilities for Health and Safety. All members of Lothians RAYNET SCIO have insurance under the group insurance provided by RAYNET-UK.

The management committee are the charity's trustees, plus elected members. Membership of the management committee is open to all members of the group. The management committee is responsible for the day to day running of the group.

One member has resigned and 2 prospective members have submitted application paperwork.

Objectives and Activities:

Charitable Purpose:

The principal purpose of Lothians RAYNET SCIO is to assist the UK statutory and voluntary emergency and rescue service, public utilities, and the local and national government with emergency radio communications in times of need.

Additionally, to promote training and development of members radio communication skills and abilities, and to protect human life and property by providing radio safety communication for outdoor events.

Activities:

The activities of Lothians RAYNET SCIO are concerned with raising skills and expertise levels within the group so that members are competent to perform their volunteer role with safety and professionalism.

Achievements and Performance:

Lothians RAYNET SCIO has Mutual Aid Memoranda of Understanding with Lothian 4X4 Response and have supported this organisation during the period in The City of Edinburgh, West, Mid and East Lothian, Falkirk, Stirling, Clacks, and the Scottish Borders. Lothians RAYNET SCIO is also party to national Memoranda of Understanding with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and the British Red Cross Society.

Lothians RAYNET SCIO has negotiated a Memoranda of Understanding with East Lothian Council in the past year for mutual support and exercising and radio communications.

Lothians RAYNET SCIO has participated in exercises and events involving User Services. During the period many members of the group benefited from, mostly on-line, training, including emergency radio communications, operating control, planning, and risk assessment.

Activities continue to be quite severely curtailed by the after effects of Covid-19 resulting in fewer events being undertaken in the past year than the previous one. The Group supported a SERC event, Kirkton Manor. The Edinburgh Riding of the Marches was also supported.

Financial review:

An important source of funding is through donations from members, User Services or outside organisations. These donations are in recognition and acknowledgement of the provision of radio communications support.

Receipts for the period on the unrestricted fund were £1,667. Payments for the period on the unrestricted fund were £1,243. The closing balance as of 30 September 2025 was £5,190.

There are no restricted funds.

There were costs involved with the activities of the Group, mostly to support the DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) activities and other communication activities. There is also a cost for the storage, maintenance, and insurance of the caravan which is used as a mobile control centre. Insurance cover was continued for the year. The caravan has been disposed of resulting in the removal of storage costs in the coming year.

Reserves Policy:

The trustee's policy is to maintain, wherever possible, reserves of no less than £3,000. This reserve is to allow replacement of any critical radio equipment which fails, and to cover running costs if Lothians RAYNET SCIO is mobilised.

Plans for Future Periods:

The trustees intend to continue the development and training associated with DMR. Additionally emergency response exercises will be organised across the geographic area that Lothians RAYNET SCIO support. It is hoped that in the coming year that Lothians RAYNET SCIO will be able to support more events.

Exercises to include our remote members will continue to be planned using Google Meet, and similar technology.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Donald Park

Donald Park
Chair, Lothians RAYNET SCIO

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Receipts & Payments Account For Year Ended 30 September 2025

		2024
Receipts		
Memberships	442.00	270
Donations	1225.00	1401
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	1667.00	1671
Payments		
<u>Payments for Charitable Activities</u>		
Sim Top Up	20.00	40
Website Costs	84.00	58
Caravan Storage	380.00	370
Insurance	396.25	651
Equipment	-	119
Equipment Replacements	-	79
Internet Instalation Charges	-	120
Postage	-	32
Meeting Room	-	24
Subscriptions	317.25	342
Text Message Top Up	45.60	85
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	1243.10	1920
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Surplus (Deficit) for Year	423.90	(249)
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Unrestricted General Fund		
Balance at 30 September 2024	4766.32	5015
Surplus (Deficit) for Year	423.90	(249)
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Balance at 30 September 2025	5190.22	4766
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Statement of Balances as at 30th September 2025

		2024	
Bank Balances			
Bank of Scotland Current Account		5190	4766
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Unrestricted Fund	(Note 1b)	5190	4766
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Other Fixed Assets Held			
Per Management Committee Valuation			
Fixed Assets			
Lithium Batteries		240	300
DMR Repeater & Duplexer		480	600
Caravan		320	400
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These accounts have been approved by the Trustees on 13/10/25
and signed on their behalf by:

Chair: Donald Park
Donald Park

Treasurer: Kevin Sterrick
Kevin Sterrick

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Notes On Accounts for Year Ended 30 September 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The preparation of the accounts on a cash basis continues to be applied in the current year.

b. Funds

Unrestricted General Fund

The general fund comprises those funds which the Management Committee are free to use in accordance with the charity's objectives.

2. Management Committee Remuneration & Expenses

Management Committee Members are not remunerated and no committee members (0 – 2024) received reimbursement of expenses during the period.

No contracts for services have been entered into with any of the management committee.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Committee

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 September 2025

Respective Responsibility of Management Committee & Examiner

The charity management committee 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 charity trustees consider 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) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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 which would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by these accounts.

Independent Examiners 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 record 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.

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Dated 11/10/25.