

Forres Youth Space Project SCIO

Accounts
30/09/2025

Charity No:
SC053081

OSCr

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	10	2024	To	30	09	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity Name	Forres Youth Space Project SCIO						
Other names charity is known by	The Gaff						
Registered charity number	SC053081						
Charity's principal address	Town Hall						
	High Street						
	Forres						
	IV36 1PB						

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

Trustee name	Office held by trustee	Date of resignation (if any)	Name of person (or body) elected to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Stuart Andrew Finlayson	Chair/Trustee		
2 Sian Louise Finlayson	Trustee		
3 Norma Matheson	Treasurer/Trustee		
4 Rhona McNicol	Trustee	from 16 April 2024	
5 Andy Shepherd	Trustee	from 19 March 2026	
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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)

Trustees' Annual Report for the period		
Name	Office held by trustee	Date of resignation (if any)
Kevin Skivington	Trustee	29 March 2024 - 24 March 2025
Kelly Warren	Treasurer	15 April 2024 - 27 January 2025
Lindsay Black	Trustee	27 January 2025 - 19 March 2026

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	This SCIO was incorporated on 25 March 2024 as a result of the conversion of a charitable company Forres Youth Space Project Limited (SC784306)
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Initial trustees Stuart Finlayson, Sian Finlayson and Norma Matheson created the organisation and futher trustees where appointed following a lengthy period of volunteering where they demonstrated personal skills and commitment to developing the charity and support to the young people of Forres.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	Purposes:"the prevention or relief of poverty","the advancement of education","the advancement of citizenship or community development","the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended"
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The company's objects are to operate in relation to young people within the Forres Academy "catchment area" ("the Area") to fulfil the following purposes:- (a) The prevention and relief of poverty by: 1. provision of a safe space for young people to socialise and build relationships 2. the provision of subsidised food and drink 3. the provision of transport to and from the venues utilised by the company 4. making available technical equipment that would otherwise be inaccessible to the young people such as computers and other digital/IT equipment and materials including software (b) The advancement of education by: 1. making available technical equipment that would otherwise be inaccessible to the young people such as computers and other digital/IT kit 2. the offering of guidance and counselling by experienced youth workers in matters of academic achievement and further education opportunities 3. the offering and organisation of youth work activities, skills workshops, both on and off site. (c) The advancement of citizenship or community development, including the development of civic responsibility and volunteering ethos among the young people by: 1. the offering of guidance and counselling by experienced youth workers 2. the development of relationships of trust and aspiration by the example of the volunteer personnel working within the organisation 3. the assistance of experienced youth workers in identifying and facilitating volunteering opportunities both within the organisation and in local community activities and projects 4. helping the young people to become recognised and valued contributors to the many existing volunteer organisations within the Area. d) The provision of recreational facilities and/or the organisation of recreational activities by: 1. making available sports, games, and other recreational activities and equipment 2. the organisation of away days, excursions and group activities. (e) The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage by: 1. provision of a safe space for young people to socialise and build relationships 2. the provision of subsidised food and drink 3. the provision of transport to and from the venues utilised by the company 4. ensuring the inclusion of less able young people by emphasis on accessibility of venues and activities. (f) The pursuit of any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to the preceding purposes. 3 The company's objects are restricted to those set out in article 2 (but subject to article 4) 4 The company may (subject to first obtaining the consent of OSCR) add to, remove or alter the statement of the company's objects in article 2; on any occasion when it does so, it must give notice to the registrar of companies (Companies House) and the amendment will not be effective until that notice is registered on the register of companies.

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

At its heart, forres Youth Spaces SCIO (AKA "The Gaff") exists for the young people of our community. Our aim is to provide a safe, welcoming space where they can spend time, build relationships, and access opportunities that they might not otherwise have. Everything we do flows from that purpose.

Over the past year, we've seen really encouraging growth. More young people are coming along, and more are coming back regularly. There's been a real sense of momentum—not just in numbers, but in relationships. Young people are connecting, engaging, and becoming part of something that feels safe and positive. And that's really what this is about—not just running sessions, but creating a space where young people feel known and valued.

But it's also important to say that growth for us hasn't simply been about increasing numbers. We have grown in our understanding of what this project is, and what it could become. There has been a deepening in our aims, our vision, and our sense of purpose. We are learning what it means to serve young people well in this context, and that kind of growth—though less visible—is just as significant, if not more so.

A big part of that has been the range of activities and opportunities we've been able to offer. During our midweek sessions, we've welcomed groups such as Findhorn Bay Arts and the Forres Community First Responders, as well as hosting virtual reality experiences and talks around healthcare, drugs, and substance awareness.

We have also partnered with Active Schools Moray to introduce ASN-inclusive sessions during the week, helping to ensure that young people with additional support needs are able to take part and feel fully included in what we offer.

We've also been able to take young people beyond our usual setting, with days out to places like Forres Tennis Club, Wild Things, and activity trips into the Cairngorms. We've partnered with Film Forres, and we've continued to provide our Friday night "chill out" space, which has become an important part of what we offer.

All of this helps to create a varied, engaging, and supportive environment where young people can try new things, learn, and grow. What's been especially encouraging is seeing the difference this is making. For some, this is a place where they can relax and be themselves. For others, it's a place where confidence is growing, friendships are forming, and new possibilities are beginning to open up. That kind of impact is hard to measure, but it's very real—and it's why this work matters.

I also want to take some time to recognise the incredible work of our trustees.

Norma has ensured that all of our financial records are in good order, that we are compliant with the necessary regulations, and that funds are managed well and reach where they need to—on time and with integrity.

Rhona has been outstanding in her work on funding applications, and we are incredibly thankful for the success we've seen in this area. Alongside this, there is a great deal of careful work involved in managing multiple streams of external funding—ensuring that funds are used appropriately, and that all required reporting and feedback is completed accurately and on time. Quite simply, without this work, The Gaff would not be able to continue.

Sian has played a key role in building and maintaining connections with local schools, and in handling pastoral matters with real care and professionalism.

Linzi has given her time so generously, offering encouragement and steady support to the work of the project.

I personally have a great deal of respect and gratitude for each of these women. The truth is, without them, we simply could not be who we are.

I also want to give a very special acknowledgement, on behalf of myself and the board, to our Development Officer, Helen Murdoch. Helen has brought a real breath of fresh air to the project, along with a focus and direction that, if we're honest, we were not able to give one year ago. Her constant belief in our young people shines through in her determination to ensure they have a varied experience and that nobody feels excluded. Helen, I am so very thankful for all that you do and for the way you continue to drive the project forward. I know there have been difficult times too, but you have approached them with integrity and grace. I always leave our catch-ups feeling inspired and encouraged by what is happening.

I also want to express our sincere thanks to our family of volunteers. Quite simply, without them, we would not be able to run this project. Their time, energy, and care for the young people are what make The Gaff possible week by week.

We are also very grateful to Moray Council for their support—not only in providing youth worker provision at our midweek sessions, but also for the use of the Community Centre, which is such an important space for our work. We also extend our thanks to West Moray Church of Scotland for the use of their hall for our Friday sessions, and for doing so at a very supportive cost. That generosity makes a real difference to what we are able to offer.

As trustees, we are also aware of our responsibility to ensure that the charity is run well, that decisions are made carefully, and that everything we do remains true to our purpose.

We continue to face challenges—particularly around growing demand, the need for more volunteers, and ensuring we have the resources to sustain and develop the work. But these challenges also reflect the need—and the opportunity—before us.

Alongside this, we are encouraged by the financial position of the project. Over the past year, we have secured and managed a number of funding streams, and have done so carefully and responsibly, ensuring that funds are used as intended and reported on appropriately.

This gives us a growing sense of stability, while also reminding us of the importance of continuing to plan well for the future.

As we look ahead, I'm really encouraged. I'm looking forward to welcoming new trustees this year and working alongside them as we continue to build and strengthen what is already in place. We all share the same heart—that young people in our community would thrive—and The Gaff is helping that to happen.

It continues to excite me that, although we are still a relatively young organisation, we have already seen so much take place. And I am confident that The Gaff will continue to go from strength to strength under the guidance and commitment of the trustee team

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold a certain amount of income in reserve in case of unforeseen circumstances. At the end of the year the charity held unrestricted funds of £9,312
These funds will enable the charity to continue for the foreseeable future.

Details of any deficit

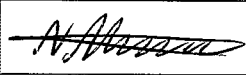
Donated facilities and services (if any)

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Norma Matheson	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer & Trustee	
Date	26/06/2026	

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	10	2024		30	09	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 £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,579				2,579	
Legacies	-				-	
Grants	-	62,553			62,553	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,236				1,236	
Gross trading receipts	-				-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	672				672	7,000
	-				-	-
A1 Sub total	4,487	62,553	-	-	67,040	7,000
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,487	62,553	-	-	67,040	7,000
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading payments	-				-	-
Investment management costs	-				-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	30	39,713			39,743	547
Grants and donations	200				200	-
Governance costs:	-				-	-
Audit / independent examination	-				-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
Other	-				-	-
	-				-	-
A3 Sub total	230	39,713	-	-	39,943	547
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,193	2,400			3,593	-
Purchase of investments	-				-	-
A4 Sub total	1,193	2,400	-	-	3,593	-
Total payments	1,423	42,113	-	-	43,536	547
Net receipts / (payments)	3,064	20,440	-	-	23,504	6,453
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	(205)	205			-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,859	20,645	-	-	23,504	6,453

Section B Statement of balances

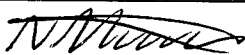
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	6,453	-			6,453	-
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,859	20,645			23,504	6,453
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	9,312	20,645	-	-	29,957	6,453

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Computer & Mobile Phone	General	1,093	874	
	Website	Restricted	2,400	1,920	
		Total	3,493	2,794	-

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

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Norma Matheson	26/06/2026

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted;- Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants & Donations	Contribution towards use of the Forres community bus to provie transport to young people as part of charitable activities.	Institution	1	200
			Total	200

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)

x

	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)

x

		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

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

C6 Other information

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 £
Community donations	2,579				2,579	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	2,579	-	-	-	2,579	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Moray Local Action Fund (TSi Moray)		10,232			10,232	-
Awards for All (National Lottery)		20,000			20,000	-
Berryburn		1,736			1,736	-
Newbold		9,000			9,000	-
Cairngorm Trust		592			592	-
Moray Council		20,993			20,993	-
					-	-
Total	-	62,553			62,553	-

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 £
Transfer Balance of Project Funds from TTF	672				672	7,000
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	672	-	-	-	672	7,000

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 £
Membership (Youth Scotland & ICO)		354			354	55
Insurance		105			105	210
Equipment and games		3,079			3,079	6
Food and drink		5,204			5,204	269
Sundry		1,030			1,030	7
Development Officer payments	30	27,104			27,134	
Venue bookings		1,939			1,939	
Website development and tech equipment		366			366	
Event (Cairngorm Trust)		532			532	
					-	-
Total	30	39,713	-	-	39,743	547

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		
	Local Community	ttf			Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	2,579				2,579	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,236				1,236	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities		672			672	7,000
					-	
Sub total	3,815	672	-	-	4,487.00	7,000
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,815	672	-	-	4,487	7,000
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	30				30	547
Grants and donations	200				200	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	230	-	-	-	230	547
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	521	672			1,193	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	521	672	-	-	1,193	-
Total payments	751	672	-	-	1,423	547
Net receipts / (payments)	3,064	-	-	-	3,064	6,453
Transfers to / (from) funds	(205)				(205)	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,859	-	-	-	2,859	6,453

Nature and purpose of funds

General funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

The transfers are from the unrestricted funds to cover over spends of some restricted funds

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	Restricted fund 5 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 5 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Moray Local Action Fund (TSI Moray10	Awards for All (National Lottery)	Berry Burn Grant	Newbold Trust	Cairngorm Trust	Moray Council		
Receipts								
Donations							-	-
Legacies							-	-
Grants	10,232	20,000	1,736	9,000	592	20,993	62,553	-
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	10,232	20,000	1,736	9,000	592	20,993	62,553	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales								
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets							-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments							-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,232	20,000	1,736	9,000	592	20,993	62,553	-
Payments								
Expenses for fundraising activities							-	-
Gross trading payments							-	-
Investment management costs							-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	9,232	-		9,013	683	20,785	39,713	-
Grants and donations							-	-
Governance costs:							-	-
Audit / independent examination							-	-
Preparation of annual accounts							-	-
Legal costs							-	-
Sub total	9,232	-	-	9,013	683	20,785	39,713	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements								
Purchases of fixed assets			2,000			400	2,400	-
Purchase of investments							-	-
Sub total	-	-	2,000	-	-	400	2,400	-
Total payments	9,232	-	2,000	9,013	683	21,185	42,113	-
Net receipts / (payments)	1,000	20,000	(264)	(13)	(91)	(192)	20,440	-
Transfers to / (from) funds				13		192	205	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,000	20,000	(264)	-	(91)	-	20,645	-

Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted funds can be used in accordance with the donors wishes or fundrasing stated purpose.
Additional Funding was received post year end for the funds which show a overspend being carried over to next year
The transfers are from the unrestricted funds to cover over spends

Independent examiner's report on the accounts									
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name								
	Forres Youth Space Project SCIO								
Registered charity number	SC053081								
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date				
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
	1	10	2024	to	30	9	2025		
Set out on pages	5 TO 10						(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. 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.								
	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 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 accounts.								
Basis of independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention								
Independent examiner's statement	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:	Gordon Scott			Date:	26/06/2026				
Name:	Gordon Scott								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant (ICAS)								
Address:	34 Ferryhill Forres IV36 2GY								

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	it has come to my attention is that, in the course of my examination of the accounting records of the charity, it was noted that proper cash records and procedures were not in place. The charity trustees have acknowledged the importance of proper procedure and recording of cash transactions and have new procedures now in place going forward.
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