APPENDIX 1

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	East Coast FM SCIO	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number	**SC042784**	
Charity's principal address	2b Haddington Station Industrial Site	
	Hospital Road	
	Haddington	
		Postcode EH41 3PP

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	John Arnold	Chairman/ Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
2	Frank Mitchell	Technical Manager / Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
3	Gary McGregor	Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
4	Allan Moffat	Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
5	Liam Morrison	Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
6	Kirsty Mortimer	Treasurer/ Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
7	Rebecca Foster- Clayton	Trustee		ECFM Committee (collectively)
8	Steven Swinburne	Trustee/ Station Manager		ECFM Committee (collectively)

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	ECFM Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Board meetings are constructed of a committee of eight trustees. The committee will consider nominations for co-opting individuals onto the board and appointments are made based on majority vote.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The station:

- promotes citizenship and community cohesion in the locality by providing a community radio station for those living in Haddington and the surrounding area.
- encourages volunteers across the generations both in running the station and to take part in fund-raising social events
- advances the education especially of young people in the area by providing training and so enabling them to take part in the making and presenting of programmes
- promotes the advancement of the arts, culture, and science in the immediate area through broadcasts from the radio station.
- maintains close contacts with the local authority, community councils, charities and other societies, and offers these and individual and groups in the community a forum.
- is a source of local information for the target community

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- East Coast FM's (ECFM) broadcasting philosophy is 'by the community for the community'. We are a highly regarded source of entertainment and information across East Lothian and the surrounding area, promoting citizenship and community cohesion.
- We broadcast 24 hours a day with live presenters operating usually between 07:00-22:00, although on some day's coverage lasts until midnight.
- Currently there are approximately 30 regular volunteer presenters who provide a wide-ranging output for varied musical audiences including popular, rock, dance, soul, classical & Latin American.
- All shows feature Community News sections highlighting events & activities available within the East Lothian & surrounding areas. These are regularly refreshed to ensure that they remain up to date and relevant.
- We actively cultivate interaction with local community groups promoting the advancement of the arts & culture in the immediate area by featuring them in on air interviews and highlighting upcoming events and activities. Particular emphasis is given to mental health & wellbeing.
- Recognising our critical role in disseminating information across the region, ECFM maintains close contacts with the local authority, community councils, charities and other societies. We regularly cascade important local announcements, especially those relating to weather alerts. Additionally, interviews are conducted with the local Police Community Liaison Officer to enable key messages to be shared with listeners.
- An initiative that has been running for over a year has seen ECFM partner with the East Lothian Climate Action Network (ELCAN), a Scottish Government sponsored body focussed on encouraging local groups to take positive action in response to the climate challenge. We have a monthly on-air interview with an ELCAN representative outlining how listeners can become actively involved in local activities.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	As evidenced by the small financial deficit that resulted, 2025 was a challenging year for ECFM. However, despite the challenges we continued to deliver a highly regarded broadcasting output which remains valued by the local community. Recognising that long term survival depended upon increased revenue generation we applied to the Community Radio Fund for funding to employ a part-time fundraiser for a year. We were delighted to learn, just after the end of our 2025 financial year, that we had been successful in securing the necessary funding.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	ECFM aim to hold free reserves amounting to three months of average operating costs. To manage short-term fluctuations in cash flow we have secured an overdraft facility of £5,000. This policy will be reviewed by the committee quarterly.
Details of any deficit	Despite exercising rigorous cost control, 2025 resulted in a small deficit due to a reduction in revenue generated. This was a reflection of the general downturn evident in the local economy. However, we are confident that the proactive steps taken to address this situation will deliver increased revenue. The grant support secured from the Community Radio Fund to allow the recruitment of a part-time fundraiser for a year presents the opportunity to make a material difference to our financial standing in 2026 and beyond.
Donated facilities and services (if any)	N/A

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures*	John Arnold	Gary McGregor
Full name(s)	John Arnold	Gary McGregor
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairman and Trustee	Trustee
Date	14/09/2026	14/09/2026