Bonnie Peebles SCIO

Report & Financial Statements

Year to 31st March 2026

Registered Charity No SC052220

www.bonniepeebles.org

Introduction

Bonnie Peebles was formed in 2006 as a small group of local volunteers under the umbrella of Peebles Community Council to take over some of the gardening duties previously undertaken by the local authority. A change to the status of Bonnie Peebles came about in 2020, when the Community Council and the Bonnie Peebles committee decided that it was perhaps more appropriate that the two organisations should separate, and that Bonnie Peebles would be affiliated to the Peebles Community Trust.

In 2022 Bonnie Peebles received a large bequest and it was decided to apply for charitable status. After parting from Peebles Community Trust, Bonnie Peebles set out their own Constitution and applied to set up as a single tier SCIO. This was granted to Bonnie Peebles on 4th January, 2023.

Objectives

The Bonnie Peebles SCIO Group's purpose is to plant summer and winter flowers and bulbs. Plant shrubs and trees in appropriate places. The Bonnie Peebles SCIO gardening year starts in March and finishes in October. We maintain our gardens, seating areas, sculptures and endeavour to add colour to our town and make it a welcoming place to visit.

Achievements in the past year

Our fundraising projects have been very successful. We again held quiz nights in February and November and coffee mornings in April and September which were all very well attended by the people of Peebles and beyond. The many donations we receive from the public who appreciate the work we do include a whisky bottle filled with coins and notes from patrons of a local hotel. The Bonnie Peebles SCIO collection boxes are dotted around several shops in Peebles and bring in a surprising amount of money. Margaret and Avril attended a car boot sale taking some left over items from the bric-a-brac from the September coffee morning.

News and photographs of our events and gardening achievements are passed to the local newspaper and magazine informing the public of our work in the town. We also have a Facebook page where we can inform the public of our work and fundraising events.

February is always the time in which we order our plants for delivery in October. This was done with some thought as to how to give a little more variety to some of our bedding areas for winter and spring. This seems to have worked quite well. Our gardens are all looking very colourful

In April the new plough beds were planted, these beds have been admired by the general public.

In May our winter plants and bulbs were lifted, gardens turned over and given chicken pellets to enrich the soil. The bulbs were dried, cleaned and packed ready for autumn planting.

At the beginning of June some 5,000 plants were delivered and planted within 2 days by our committee and volunteers. This is a great achievement as we are short of volunteers and it would seem that no matter how often we highlight this in the local media and how much praise we get for our work, people are not prepared to give up 1 - 2 hours now and again. 18 hanging baskets were again delivered: 10 for the High Street and 8 for the War Memorial. We also planted 7 flower containers. A rota was arranged for watering the hanging baskets and containers as they must be watered every 2 days.

August was our month for ordering summer bedding for 2026. This was done giving thought as to the variety of plants which survive well whether the weather is wet or dry and have been tried and tested over the years. Summer plants were lifted at the end of September, all gardens turned over and again given chicken pellets.

4,200 autumn plants and 31,250 new bulbs were delivered in October, the gardens were again planted within 2 days. 30,000 crocus bulbs were planted on the Edinburgh Road by committee, volunteers and Peebles Young Farmers. This finishes off the display for spring on the Edinburgh Road; it makes a very colourful entry to the town and has been greatly admired.

We finished off our gardening season by cutting back shrubs, roses and having a general tidy-up.

Hay Lodge Park gardens are part of our voluntary work and last year we had lime and cherry trees pollarded. Bonnie Peebles SCIO is now in its 20th year and we plan to revamp our Hay Lodge Park gardens with bulbs and a sculpture.

Our Northgate garden has not had its new seating as planned but hopefully this will go ahead this year.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all our volunteers, who work with enthusiasm, and the people of Peebles for their continued financial support, encouragement and goodwill without which we could not continue.

Signed.....

Avril Murray

Chair

Dated 19-10-26

Charity Trustees

Avril Murray, Chair

Margaret Wightman, Secretary and Treasurer

Len Bell

Janet Bowie

Amanda Kubie

Douglas Millar

Margaret Stalker

Elizabeth White

There were no changes in Trustees throughout the year.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the Year to 31st March 2026

			Total Year to 31/03/2026	Total Year to 31/03/2025
Receipts				
	Coffee Morning		2,453.12	2,413.11
	Collection Boxes		203.95	766.03
	Donations		1,064.39	1,265.17
	Quiz Nights		859.10	891.00
	Bequest from the late Sandy Anderson		-	30.00
	Car Boot Sale		19.20	-
	Income from Investments			
		Bank Interest	2,848.90	3,454.57
			£7,448.66	£8,819.88
Payments				
	Bank Charges		72.39	76.35
	Fundraising Expenses (Quizes & Coffee Morning)		378.75	390.19
	Insurance - Public Liability		185.78	171.19
	Plants & Materials		8,003.14	8,536.79
	Projects		4,720.00	5,411.91
	Suzuki Pick Up (including Motor Insurance) & Equipment		679.71	746.30
	Miscellaneous		183.60	408.59
			£14,223.37	£15,741.32
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year			(£6,774.71)	(£6,921.44)

Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2026

Funds Reconciliation	Total as at 31/03/2026	Total as at 31/03/2025
Cash in Hand plus Cash at Bank - 1st April 2025	£111,551.46	£118,472.90
Receipts & Payments Surplus/(Deficit) - Year to 31st March 2026	(£6,774.71)	(£6,921.44)
Cash in Hand plus Cash at Bank - 31st March 2026	£104,776.75	£111,551.46
Bank & Cash Balances - 31st March 2026		
Royal Bank of Scotland plc	£53,255.76	£61,551.46
United Trust Bank	£51,520.99	£50,000.00
Cash in Hand	£0.00	£0.00
	£104,776.75	£111,551.46

Notes to the Accounts - For the Year to 31st March 2026

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Restricted funds (currently nil) may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. The Trustees are diligent about tracking restricted funds and only use them in line with donor restrictions. Where costs exceed available restricted funds they are subsidised by unrestricted funds.

3 Donations Received

Donations include institutional and personal donations together with their associated gift aid.

	Year to 31/03/2026	Year to 31/03/2025
4 Restricted Fund Grants Received		
None	£0	£0
5 Outstanding Restricted Fund Grants		
None	£0	£0

6 No remuneration was paid to a Charity Trustee or any person connected with a Trustee (2025: £0)

7 No Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses. (2025: £0)

8 There were no transactions or balances with Charity Trustees or their connected persons in respect of years ending 2025 or 2026.

Declaration: The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed M. M. Wightman

Margaret Wightman
Treasurer & Trustee
Dated: 19/10/2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bonnie Peebles SCIO

I report on the closing accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 5 and 6

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charity and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 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 these 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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   a. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
   b. 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: .....

Martin Brown
MCIBS (Retired)
Cardrona, Peebles

Dated: 19/10/2026