



The Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report

2025 - 2026





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1. The trustees have been granted exemption from publication of their names
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Barnton Bunker Operations room

Objectives and activities

The Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO was established for the advancement of heritage, culture and education through the preservation of Barnton Bunker for the benefit of the public. The organisation's purposes are to preserve the fabric and history of the bunker and to provide public access to the site and information relating to its historical and cultural significance, particularly its use as a military facility.

The Society's principal aim is to safeguard this nationally significant Cold War site and to ensure that its historical importance is maintained and made accessible to current and future generations. In pursuing these aims, the organisation undertakes activities designed to conserve the structure, interpret its history and promote wider understanding of its role within Scotland's heritage. The Society is continuing to develop the site as a nationally significant heritage and cultural venue with active public use.



Barnton Bunker events room

During the year, the Society's activities have included the maintenance and ongoing conservation of the bunker, the development of proposals to improve safe public access, and the preparation of plans to enhance the interpretation and educational use of the site. The Society

has also engaged with a range of stakeholders, including public bodies, community organisations, and other partners, in support of the delivery of its charitable purposes. These activities have been complemented by an ongoing programme of events and initiatives, enabling the Society to make full use of the bunker's unique and varied environment. In doing so, the Society has provided opportunities for a wide range of people to access and participate in activities at the bunker and its unusual history in a variety of meaningful ways.



Barnton Bunker BBQ

The beneficiaries of the Society's work include members of the local community, regular visitors from across Edinburgh and the wider Scottish population, as well as tourists and travellers from around the world who visit the bunker in a variety of contexts. Beneficiaries also include filmmakers, ranging from student productions to higher budget professional projects, alongside researchers and educational groups with an interest in heritage and history.

This ongoing work of preserving and promoting Barnton Bunker, and of strengthening its historical, cultural identity and range of uses, has

become increasingly diverse, vibrant and imaginative during 2025 and 2026. This has enabled the Society to contribute to the protection and development of an important element of Scotland’s historic environment, while continuing to ensure that the bunker’s capacity to be accessible, informative and inspiring is further developed and strengthened.

In terms of public engagement and use of the site, the Society has hosted a wide range of activities and events. These have included partnerships with film production companies and student projects, private events, and participation in Doors Open Days, which has helped to increase public awareness of the site. The Society also received a grant from The City of Edinburgh Council to create a community garden on site, followed by a large scale public open day to welcome the community into the space. This event featured local vendors, live music, and community activities, attracting approximately 2,000 attendees.



Garden Launch stall vendors

During the second half of 2025, a series of volunteer led events explored different ways of using the bunker’s environment. These

included the Magic Labyrinth event, which over two successive evenings brought magicians from across the United Kingdom to perform short shows in different parts of the bunker, and the Kaizen event. The Kaizen event was supported by a grant and delivered as a free public art event hosted at Barnton Bunker, welcoming participants of all ages to take part in a range of creative activities, including painting, sculpture, mixed media work, and experimental forms of visual expression. The event also featured professional artists exhibiting their work, further enhancing the creative experience.



Artists at Kaizen event

These events made effective use of the bunker's distinctive environment to engage the public in imaginative and original ways. The positive response to these events, alongside a further programme of special Halloween tours, has helped to establish a strong foundation for continued development in the future.

The trustees remain committed to the long term development of the bunker as a sustainable heritage asset, with a focus on conservation, accessibility and public engagement, in line with the organisation's charitable purposes.

Structure, governance and management

The Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO is governed by a constitution, which sets out the organisation's purposes, powers, governance arrangements and rules for operation. As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), the constitution defines the legal framework within which the charity operates, including the roles and responsibilities of members and charity trustees, decision making processes, and the management of the organisation's affairs.

The constitution establishes a two tier structure comprising the members and the board of charity trustees. The members have key powers, including the appointment of trustees and approval of significant decisions, while the board is responsible for the day to day management, control of activities and oversight of the organisation's finances and strategy .

The charity trustees are responsible for ensuring that the organisation operates in accordance with its constitution and complies with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements, including those set out in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The trustees are required to act in the interests of the organisation, ensure that its activities further its charitable purposes, and exercise appropriate care and diligence in the management of its affairs

Trustee recruitment and appointment

During the year, the Society maintained its approach to trustee recruitment and appointment in accordance with its constitution. Charity trustees are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting, with the option for the board to appoint additional trustees during the year where this is considered necessary to support the effective governance and operation of the organisation .

All trustees retire at each Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re election, ensuring regular review of the composition of the board and providing members with the opportunity to appoint individuals with the appropriate skills and experience to support the charity's purposes.

No external organisations have the right to appoint charity trustees. Membership of the Society, from which trustees are drawn, is determined in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, ensuring that control of trustee appointments remains with the organisation.

The board recognises the importance of maintaining an appropriate balance of skills, knowledge and experience. In considering appointments, the trustees have regard to the needs of the organisation, including expertise in heritage, construction, governance and community engagement, to ensure the charity is well placed to deliver its aims effectively.

Achievements and performance

During the financial year, the Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO made significant progress in furthering its charitable purposes of preserving Barnton Bunker and improving public access to, and understanding of, its historical and cultural significance.

A key focus of activity during the year has been the improvement of access and infrastructure to support public engagement. In agreement with the The City of Edinburgh Council, the Society undertook works to widen the access from the main road by removing and rebuilding a stone wall further back from the driveway. This enabled improved access for larger vehicles, including coaches. In addition, the car park was regraded and extended, creating additional parking capacity for public use.



Volunteers involved in renovating public carpark



Volunteers painting the tunnel into the Bunker

The Society has also made substantial improvements to the safety and operational condition of the site. This has included the installation of new emergency lighting and fire doors throughout the building, upgrades to the CCTV system, and the installation of fibre optic infrastructure to improve connectivity across the property. Ongoing maintenance works have continued throughout the year, including addressing roof leaks, clearing drainage systems and undertaking internal refurbishment works such as painting and general repairs.



New entrance doors, lighting and signage

In terms of public engagement and use of the site, the Society has hosted a wide range of activities and events. These have included partnerships with film production companies and student projects, private events, and participation in Doors Open Days, which has helped to increase awareness of the site and encourage wider visitor participation. The Society also launched a new community garden with a large scale public event featuring local vendors, live music and community activities, which attracted approximately 2,000 attendees.



Film set and crew at Barnton Bunker rear exit

The organisation has further developed its educational and interpretive offering through a partnership with The Bunker Experience Ltd, delivering structured and scripted tours of the bunker. The site has also welcomed visits from schools and youth organisations, including scout groups, supporting learning and engagement with heritage.

The Society has continued to promote the site at external public events, helping to broaden awareness and engagement beyond the immediate locality.



Volunteers promoting Barnton Bunker

The work of the Society has been supported by a substantial volunteer contribution, with over 300 volunteers involved in activities during the year. Volunteers have played a central role in site maintenance, event delivery, project development and operational support. Their commitment and contribution have been essential in enabling the progress achieved.



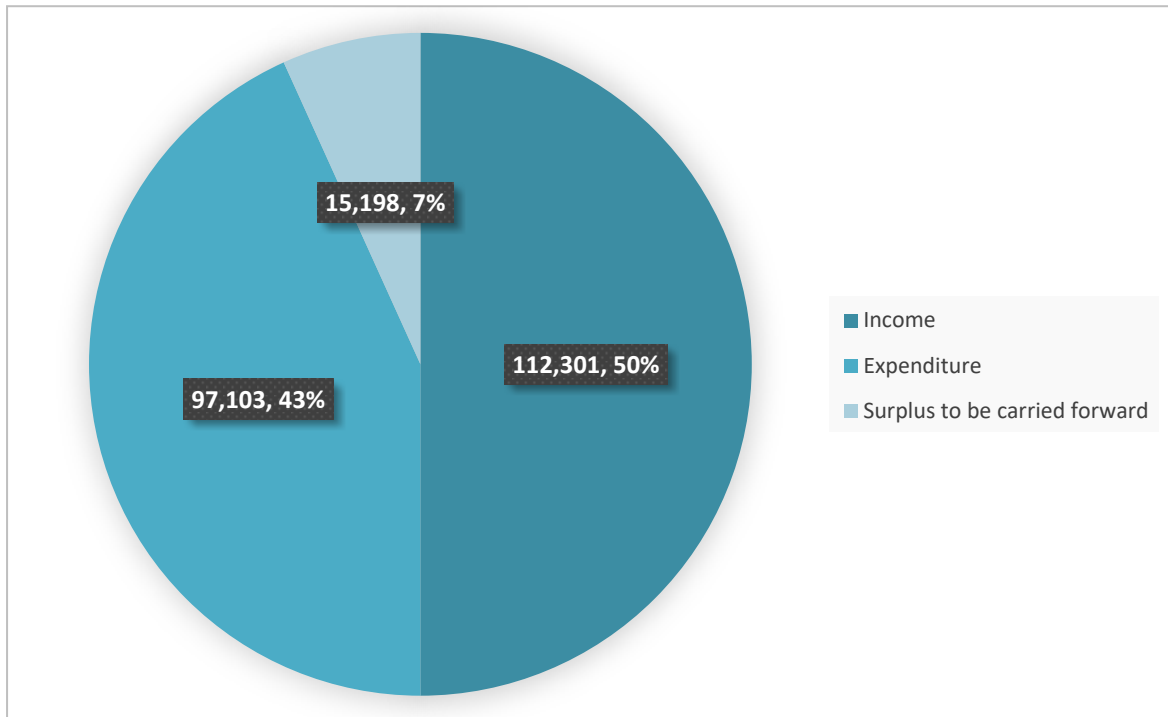
Communal meal at Barnton Bunker

The trustees consider that these activities have delivered meaningful outcomes in preserving the bunker, enhancing public access, and increasing awareness and engagement with this unique heritage asset, while laying strong foundations for future development.



Doors open day event

Financial review



Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity recognises the importance of maintaining appropriate financial reserves to ensure the ongoing sustainability of its operations and to support the delivery of its charitable purposes.

The Society's policy is to hold a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet short term operational commitments and to provide a degree of financial resilience in the event of unforeseen costs or delays in funding. Given the nature of the organisation's activities, which include the ongoing maintenance of a large and complex historic structure, the trustees consider it prudent to retain reserves to cover essential maintenance, health and safety requirements, and core running costs.

At this stage in the development of the organisation, the trustees are prioritising the reinvestment of available funds into the conservation, improvement and development of Barnton Bunker. As a result, reserve

levels may fluctuate and may not yet reflect a fully established long term reserve target. The trustees will continue to review this position as the organisation's activities expand and become more financially stable.

The trustees are satisfied that the current level of reserves is appropriate in the context of the charity's stage of development and its ongoing funding requirements. The position will be kept under regular review to ensure that reserves remain sufficient to support the charity's objectives while allowing continued investment in the preservation and public accessibility of the site.

Details of any deficit

The charity did not incur a deficit on any of its funds during the financial period. The trustees have continued to monitor income and expenditure closely to ensure that the organisation remains financially sustainable and able to meet its obligations.

Donated facilities and services

The charity did not receive any donated facilities or services during the financial period.

Future Plans

In the coming year, the Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO will continue to focus on advancing its charitable purposes through the preservation, development and promotion of Barnton Bunker.

The trustees plan to progress further conservation and maintenance works to protect the structural integrity of the bunker and ensure it remains safe and accessible. This will include continued investment in infrastructure, health and safety improvements and essential repairs.

The Society also intends to expand public access and engagement with the site. This will include the further development of guided tours, educational visits and community activities, building on the partnerships already established. The trustees will continue to support events and initiatives that increase awareness of the bunker's historical and cultural significance.

A key priority for the year ahead is the development and submission of funding applications to support major projects, including improvements to infrastructure, sustainability measures and enhanced visitor facilities. The trustees will also continue to strengthen relationships with stakeholders, partners and public bodies to support the long term development of the site.

Volunteer engagement will remain central to the organisation's work, with plans to continue growing and supporting the volunteer base to assist with maintenance, events and operational activities.

Overall, the trustees aim to build on the progress made to date and move closer to establishing the bunker as a sustainable and accessible heritage asset for the benefit of the public.

Additional information

The trustees recognise the significant progress made during the year in developing the organisation and advancing its objectives. The continued support of volunteers, partners and the wider community has been instrumental in this progress.

The trustees remain committed to responsible governance and the long term sustainability of the organisation, ensuring that all activities are aligned with its charitable purposes and deliver public benefit.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

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Print name

Approved by the Trustees

Designation

Trustee

Date

14/4/26

The Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO

SC052353



Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	03	2025		28	02	2026

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	106,938				106,938	57,112
Legacies					-	
Grants	460	4,640			5,100	
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	263				263	
					-	
A1 Sub total	107,661	4,640	-	-	112,301	57,112
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,661	4,640	-	-	112,301	57,112
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	90,577	3,179			93,756	56,921
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	90,577	3,179	-	-	93,756	56,921
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,347				3,347	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	3,347	-	-	-	3,347	-
Total payments	93,924	3,179	-	-	97,103	56,921
Net receipts / (payments)	13,737	1,461	-	-	15,198	191
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	13,737	1,461	-	-	15,198	191

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	983	-			983	792
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	13,737	1,461			15,198	191
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	14,720	1,461	-	-	16,181	983
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	3,347	2,242	
	PayPal transfers not yet cleared from current bank account	Unrestricted	75	75	
			Total	3,422	2,317

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Independent examination fee accrual	Unrestricted	2,400	
	PayPal general hold transactions not yet released	Unrestricted	153	
		Total	2,553	-

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
	Approved by the trustees	Approved by the trustees	28 May 2026

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Unrestricted funds
 Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds
 Edinburgh Council - to support the creation of new community food growing projects.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

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
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
	Unrestricted fund					
Receipts						
Donations	106,938				106,938	57,112
Legacies					-	-
Grants	460				460	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	263				263	-
Sub total	107,661	-	-	-	107,661	57,112
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,661	-	-	-	107,661	57,112
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	90,577				90,577	56,921
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Sub total	90,577	-	-	-	90,577	56,921
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,347				3,347	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	3,347	-	-	-	3,347	-
Total payments	93,924	-	-	-	93,924	56,921
Net receipts / (payments)	13,737	-	-	-	13,737	191
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	13,737	-	-	-	13,737	191

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

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	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Edinburgh Council					
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	4,640				4,640	
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	4,640	-	-	-	4,640	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,640	-	-	-	4,640	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3,179				3,179	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	3,179	-	-	-	3,179	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,179	-	-	-	3,179	-
Net receipts / (payments)	1,461	-	-	-	1,461	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,461	-	-	-	1,461	-

Nature and purpose of funds

Edinburgh Council - to support the creation of new community food growing projects.

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of		Charity name The Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO						
Registered charity number		SC052353						
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date			to	Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		01	03	2025		28	02	2026
Set out on pages		1 to 25						(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		<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed:		M A P Taddei MA FCA CA				Date:	28/05/2026	
Name:		M A P Taddei MA FCA CA						
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