

**Western Desert Recce Group Troop 'B' (WDRG)**  
**Receipts & Payments Accounts**  
**1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
From	1	Apr	2023	To	31	Mar	2024

## Reference and administration details

Charity name The Western Desert Recce Group SCIO

Other names charity is known by WDRG

Registered charity number SC041486 (SCIO)

Charity's principal address 20 Crawford Street

Glasgow

Postcode G11 6TT

## 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	Chairman /Treasurer		
2	Secretary		
3	Committee member		
4	Committee member		
5	Vice Chair/Asst Treas		
6	Committee member		
7	Safety Officer		
8	Volunteer		
9	Volunteer		
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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)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The Trust was set up by Major (Retd) Gary A Wallace and was recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 14 May 2010. The Trust is administered in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. The period covered by this report is the Second full year where we have been working as a SCIO.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees were those appointed on the establishment of the trust and represent the minimum number required. Appointment and removal is in accordance with the Constitution which requires that appointment is approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees and removal of any trustee by the unanimous agreement of the others.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

The purpose of the charity is to support other Scottish Services charities whose purposes include the relief of poverty; provision of assistance to those in need through age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; provision of education or the supporting of community development.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

During the year the charity, as in previous years, carried out, and attended, various events with the sole purpose of raising funds for services charities and supporting our own veterans through project work. All income, during the financial period, all work totalled £ 54,567 which was used for developing the project, or was all passed onto the relevant charities, that of Poppy Scotland. Other fundraising efforts were in support to the ABF, The Soldier's Charity, various Reserve Units and community groups and other similar charities helping them raise funds under their own banners.

The group also supported other charity events by providing vehicles and equipment for various 1940s fundraiser dances, Armed Forces Days and veterans events across Scotland. All of this was voluntary and 'in kind'



## Achievements and performance

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

During the year the charity paid out funds totalling £51,261 to assist services charities working to assist those in need, provide education or help develop their local community.

The Charity continues to build on it's foundations to enable them to run their own events in 2023/2024 and has continued to actively seek funding as previous years. During this period the group continued to occupy current premises with a short term move to take over a Community Asset Transfer on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, This will allow us to grow vastly and use the location as a hub and continue to allow veterans and groups to visit us as well. We still plan to display our equipment and various exhibits in a working museum type premises with the aim of providing work for people in the community, and to actively engage community groups interested in heritage and restoration, this has progressed well since this curret year. During the period we have been continuing with our various types of work and all have now been incorporated with our other project work ranging from WW1 to between wars and in to WW2. This will continue into and well beyond 2024.

Likewise, we have supported many other events run by community and special interest groups as well as regularly supporting local foodbanks. As previously, part of our ongoing strategy continues to strive with the provision of job opportunities within our group and to set up and implement the new Qualification in Vintage Vehicle Restoration which we hope to roll out in Scotland after linking up with a local Further Education establishment. This reporting year remained same as previous year, continuing in consolidation and strengthening our base. Our current project work will enable us to deliver and display new heritage and educational resources to a wider audience.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity operates on such small funds and with only voluntary effort of Trustees and members. It has no reserves at this time. In the future should it bring in significant grant funds and generated income it shall endeavour to maintain reserves to fund 3 months of activity plus any liability it may incur for redundancy, should it have paid employees. The Charity has some assets by way of Capital Equipment that is held centrally to allow them to run some of their displays but although it is of a small monetary amount, this is negligible as it's worth is more to enhance their displays and to allow for storage provision. Total Income = £ 54,567 and Expenditure = 51,261

### Details of any deficit

There are no deficits due to monies raised and given to other charities. All work undertaken is voluntary with expenses borne by member donations to the group, likewise monies obtained for project work in turn goes towards our supporting of other charities and their events. There is no deficit and we are now carrying forward £ 3,306 into next period.

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

At present we hold little funds in bank as all of our activities in the financial year were to raise for others. At present any work or parts required by ourselves is borne by the individual and donated to whatever project requires it and is totally voluntary and outside our own accounting system. We continue to use our chequing bank account solely to allow internal transactions and raise funds for our own administration. We have secured some funding to repair our CAT Asset once we move in.



Other optional information

This is our thirteenth year of being established as a Charity, and our fifteenth as a group. We continue to build up our group, assets, events and activities, still with the firm aim of moving to new premises for the purpose of opening a working museum, employing and training others, working within the community and to raise awareness and education of others. We have actively strengthened links with a local regeneration group with view to applying for more grants and funds. We have also been approved for a Community Asset transfer and pending final take over by end of June 2024.

We continue to attend events and raise monies for other services charities and to support other like-minded groups who are all working for similar aims and objectives. We presently volunteer our services, expertise, vehicles and equipment to further our aims and, although not accounted for monetarily, It is necessary work in support of our other objectives held within our charitable status. More over we are currently working on new projects to launch new fundraising events in 2023/2024 with not only WW2 and WW1 heritage projects but to raise awareness of desert travel and exploration between these wars. We also welcome veterans and local community members in for regular meets.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members

The committee members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for each financial year which gives us a true and fair review of the state of affairs at the end of the year and of its results for that period. In preparing those accounts the members are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the scheme will continue.

The committee members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project and which will enable them to comply with accounting procedures of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) act 1990 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992. As a Scottish Charity they must also comply with the applicable terms and provisions of the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. We are now working fully as a SCIO and endeavour to continue to look forward to the further challenges and opportunities this may bring us.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(

Full name(

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chair / Treasurer

Vice Chair/Asst Treasurer

Date

20 December 2024

**Receipts & Payments Account Statement****1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024****2023/24    2022/23****Receipts**

Cash Income	6590	7628
Grant(s) Renfresshire Council/S.G./other Government		
Agencies & funders	27604	
Donations	6610	13341
Fundraising	2763	7179
Members Donations & Sundry other Income	11000	2179
<b>Total</b>	<b>54567</b>	<b>30327</b>

**Payments**

Rent	11800	15737
Vehicle Parts, Repairs and renewals	29	1505
Stationary, printing, publication & Books		146
Fuel	363	819
Breakdown Cover		
Donations EHF/Poppy Appeal	2630	5147
Poppy Scotland		
Travel & Subs		8
Insurances	1536	1763
DVLA & other tax	307	290
ITC and communications	30	140
Sundry	265	251
Postage & Carriage	180	
Equipment		
Prof. Fees	31384	15
Marketing & Promotions	45	100
Cash Purchases Inc Training Board		
Misc. Inc Loan Repayments	1184	2532
Utilities	1508	1559
Bank Charges		
<b>Total</b>	<b>51261</b>	<b>30012</b>

**Surplus (Deficit)****3306****315****20/12/2024****20/12/2024**

# Western Desert Recce Group (WDRG)

## Statement of Balances year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2023-24	2022-23
Opening Bal 1 April 2023	370	55
Surplus(Deficit) for year	3306	315
Cash in hand at Bank 31 March 2024	3676	370
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assests	548	731
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	0	0
Cash in hand at Bank	3676	370
<b>Total Assets</b>	4224	1101
<b>Net Liabilities</b>		
Creditors amounts failing due within 1 year	0	0
Creditors amounts failing due more than 1 year	0	0
Net liabilities	0	0
<b>Depreciation</b>	137	183
<b>Total net worth of Charity C/FWD to 1 April 2024</b>	4087	918

All funds are restricted to the purpose raised for, except generated income

20/12/2024

20/12/2024



# **Independent Examiner's Notes on Western Desert Recce Group Troop 'B' (WDRG 'B') Receipts & Payments Statement 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**

## **Statement of Responsibilities of Trustees & Independent 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.

## **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 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.

## **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:
  - 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.

## **Introduction**

The Western Dessert Recce Group Troop 'B' (WDRG 'B') is a small Scottish Charity (SC041486). In Financial Year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 it was operating as a SCIO and its income was made up from grants/donations, fundraising and the charitable activities it provides. The group's total Income for the period was £ 54,567 and their Expenditure was £ 51,261 with a surplus

of £ 3306. They therefore carried forward £ 3,676 to year 2024/25 which was cash at the bank.

I have examined the financial records, pay ins and expenditure of the group for the period and find them to correspond with their Receipts and Payments statements for the year under consideration.

With specific reference to this accounting period I should just like to state that after examination of the group's financial records I have no specific recommendations to make regarding the group's methods of recording or accounting practice as they all conform to the statutory requirements for an organisation of its size and nature. Further no other issues of concern were raised in any pertinent matter with regard to WDRG 'B' accounts for this year.

## Notes

1. No Trustee has received any remuneration during the period.
  2. All assets for this year were a mixture of £ 3,676 in cash at the bank with a further £ 548 worth of fixed or tangible assets owned by the Troop collectively. After depreciation these were valued at £ 411. Therefore the full net worth of the SCIO at close of the financial year was £ 4,087.
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