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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 January 2026

Chirnside Development Group SCIO

Charity No: SCO44581

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Trustees Report

The trustees present their annual report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 January 2026.

Reference & Administrative Details

Principal Office:

Orchard House

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Chirnside

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Trustees:

D Nimmo Chair

C Underhill (Secretary)

Raymond Colvine

Members:

Mike Hallsworth

Helen Colvine (Finance Officer)

Philip Hutfield

Structure, Governance & Management

Chirnside Development Group is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is governed by its constitution.

Recruitment & appointment of trustees

The members appoint people to serve on the Board. The people serving on the Board are the Charity Trustees. At each AGM the Members may elect any Member to be a charity trustee. At each AGM all the Charity Trustees must retire from office, but then may be re-elected.

Helen Colvine receives remuneration as Finance Officer.

Objectives & Activities

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.

Our newest objective is to find a cheaper and more affordable energy supplier, as Electricity costs are becoming alarming. Our ability to supply the village with a sustainable Community Centre depends on us as a group, to keep coming up with new ideas for insulating and heating the Centre. To this end we are looking into installing, air to air additional heating and solar panels and studio 1 and 2 floor insulation. A solution will include applying for an 80% grant for this with a 20% interest free loan over 8 years. This has been researched and is feasible. We have agreed to go ahead with this as soon as possible.

Achievements & Performance

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Chirnside Development Group has been very active this year in attending various group events – for Berwickshire Federation of Village Halls, Borders Community Action Meetings and Networking sessions. We have also joined in OSCR Teams sessions and are Members and work closely with SCVO.

We believe it's essential to look beyond our own Community Centre and connect with other local halls. By sharing information and supporting one another, we can all benefit. To achieve this, we both host and participate in meetings with these groups.

We continue to seek new members for our committee and have had one new volunteer this year.

At present, our volunteers are extensively engaged in managing the centre, leaving limited capacity to address cleanliness and supervise all necessary safety protocols. Consequently, we have submitted a funding application to support the employment of a janitor and safety officer for a two-year period.

This year, the Centre welcomed several new groups, such as Tiny Tornadoes, Little Strikers, and the Stained-Glass Group. Our Monthly Indoor Markets remain popular and generate strong income. We also support coffee mornings organised by other community groups, including Guide Dogs, the local church, Civic Week, and the primary school.

The Community Larder and Lunches foster friendship and inclusion for all villagers, welcoming everyone and encouraging able-bodied individuals to assist others. Both volunteers and attendees benefit from shared purpose and connection during challenging times.

We hosted a New Year's Eve Ceilidh and a concert performed by the Berwick Male Voice Choir and one of our users hosted a Rock Band Night – which were all very popular.

We continue to actively pursue funding opportunities and have successfully secured grants for a new dishwasher, support for the operational costs of our Community Larder, and consumables required for our Digital Inclusion classes. Our group has been formally recognised by Scotland's Digital Inclusion initiative through SCVO. Additionally, both volunteers have applied for and obtained PVG certification for Vulnerable Adults, ensuring appropriate safeguarding within our classes.

We regularly see our Centre being used for parties for both adults and children, baby showers, weddings, funerals and our group have organised a weekend art exhibition. Our local church uses the Community Centre every Sunday and also puts on Carol Services etc. We have dance lessons, band practices, coffee mornings, SWI, Horticultural Society, etc.

We are seeking planning permission and funding to make the centre more sustainable and cost-effective, such as installing solar panels, batteries, insulation, and secondary double glazing.

The Trust is committed to maintaining the building, keeping it open for Chirnside's community, and ensuring its good condition and accessibility for everyone in the village.

It is with great respect that we acknowledge our Chair, Delia Nimmo, who, having reached the age of 90, has chosen to retire from the Committee. We sincerely appreciate her dedicated service throughout the renovations and during her many years of leadership.

We must also acknowledge the hard work of Mike Hallsworth over the last 12 years in ensuring the safety and maintenance of the Community Centre as well as managing all the bookings etc. So, in recognition of your service here's a little something for you and Gill to enjoy.

Financial Review

Our main source of funding continues to be hall lets. We received donations and grants totalling £13,452

Total funds for the year were 2025/26 £43,127 (2024/25): £33,835) resulting in a surplus of £735 for the year.

Policy on reserves

The policy for general reserves is to have enough in reserve to cover running costs for the Centre for at least 6 months. The policy for restricted reserves is to use them for the purpose for which they were intended, that is the renovation and refurbishment of Chirnside Community Centre, the cost of which will be depreciated over the life of the lease remaining.

Chirnside Development Group SCIO Statement of Receipts & Payments for year ended 31 January 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Receipts					
Donations & Grants		13,452		13,452	5,279
Charitable Activities		24,089		24,089	10,308
Other activities		5,586		5,586	18,248
Total Income		<u>43,127</u>		<u>43,127</u>	<u>33,835</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities		10,487		10,487	10,828
Raising funds		12,833		12,833	15,317
Repairs		19,020		19,020	15,050
IE		75		75	75
Total Expenditure		<u>42,395</u>		<u>42,395</u>	<u>41,270</u>
Total funds brought forward		23,872			23,872
Surplus/(Deficit)		735			(7,435)
Total		<u>24,607</u>			<u>24,607</u>

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Statement of balances for year ended 31 January 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	23,872	23,872	32,308
Surplus/(Deficit)	735		(7,435)
Cash at bank and in hand 31/1/2025	£24,607		£23,872

Other assets (Restricted)

The charity own the lease on the building, depreciation over the life of 14 years.
Furniture and equipment 25% reducing balance basis.

	Land & Buildings £	Furniture & Equipment	Total £
Cost			
At 31 January 2026	210,075	2,214	212,289
Additions	-		
Depreciation			
Charge for the year	15,003	1,107	16,110
At January 31 2025	210,075	2,214	211,182
Net book value			
At 31 January 2026	195,072	2,058	197,130
At 31 January 2025	210,075	2,214	211,182

The notes on page 6 form an integral part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D Nimmo
Trustee



D Nimmo

H Colvine
Finance Officer



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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2026

1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & 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 hall.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes.

3. Related Party Transactions

Helen Colvine receives remuneration as Finance Officer.

4. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations	490		490	216
Grants	12,962		12,962	5063
Grants from others				
Total	<u>13,452</u>		<u>13,452</u>	<u>5,279</u>

5. Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Charitable activities				
Other income	6,948			2,165
Hall rental	6,862		6,862	8,374
Events income	812		812	1,935
Larder income	15,053		15,053	16,082
Total	<u>29,675</u>		<u>29,675</u>	<u>28,556</u>

6. Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations	-		-	
Costs of trading	13,241		13,241	9,399
Other expenses	12,833		12,833	15,317
Insurance	1,343		1,343	1,429
Maintenance	14,903		14,903	15,050
IE	75		75	75
Total	<u>42,395</u>		<u>42,395</u>	41,270

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Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 31 January 2026

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2026 set out on pages 4-6

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) 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.



Sharon Ferguson
Independent Examiner

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Date: 16 March 2026