



EDINBURGH SOUTHERN ORIENTEERING CLUB
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Scottish Charity Number: SCO49979
Year ended 31 August 2025



Scottish Charity Regulator

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	09	2024	To	31	08	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club						
Other names charity is known by	ESOC						
Registered charity number	SC049979						
Charity's principal address	1 Mayfield Terrace						
	Edinburgh						
	Postcode EH9 1RU						

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	Walter Clark	President		ESOC AGM
2	Anne Thom	Treasurer		ESOC AGM
3	Helena Nolan	Club Captain		ESOC AGM
4	Catherine MacColl	Secretary		ESOC AGM
5	Martin Caldwell	Membership Sec.		ESOC AGM
6	Jayne MacGregor	Events		ESOC AGM
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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

Constitution. Available on ESOC website
www.esoc.org.uk/constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited from amongst the voting membership. Any voting member willing to act (except for members who are employees or are disqualified from acting as a trustee in terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005) is eligible for election as a Trustee at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees retire each year but are eligible for re-election. Any vacancies on the Board of Trustees may be filled by the Board until the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The SCIO's purpose is to foster, encourage, promote and develop public participation in the sport of orienteering (In all its forms and at all levels of ability), particularly among residents of Edinburgh and the surrounding area, including encouraging the growth of public participation in recreational orienteering and developing the provision of orienteering facilities and activities in these communities

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Main activities are to:

- Promote the sport of orienteering for the long-term sustainability of the club
- Be a responsible, active, friendly and competitive club
- Provide regular orienteering opportunities at all levels
- Develop pathways to support members to reach their potential

Achievements and performance

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

Orienteering is a sport that involves using navigation skills to find controls marked on a highly detailed map. It offers great physical and mental challenge and is run in several formats that make it suitable for participants of all ages and levels of fitness. Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club is a large, friendly and very active club that seeks to foster and promote interest and participation in orienteering. The principal activity of the club is to organise events that will provide opportunities for our members, members of other clubs, and the general public to orienteer at every level. Orienteering events take a great deal of planning and organisation to make them fun, safe and challenging. We develop the skills of our volunteers to allow them to plan appropriate courses across the terrain and deliver safe and interesting events. We maintain a great deal of specialist equipment needed for the infrastructure of every event we put on.

This year:

- We celebrated the 60th anniversary of the club with an innovative “Race Across Edinburgh” event in June, attracting entries from across the UK, and also held a ceilidh to commemorate the occasion.
- There were 23 events in our core programme of local events across Edinburgh which take place in many types of areas throughout the community, from urban streets and parklands to nearby hills and forests. We foster an informal atmosphere at these to encourage newcomers, juniors and families to get started in the sport.
- The club organised 1 regional event in the South of Scotland Orienteering League and 1 event in the Scottish Orienteering Urban League. These attract orienteers from all over Scotland and also provide a pathway for beginner orienteers to improve their orienteering skills in more technical areas. ESOC was also the lead club for the Scottish Relays Championship.
- Club members took key roles in the staging of the Scottish 6 Days orienteering festival, which took place on Royal Deeside in summer 2025, attracting over 2,500 competitors to Scotland.
- The club delivered 10 events in the Edinburgh summer urban race series (sprintelopes) and put on a range of social events for club members.

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We also support our members in developing their orienteering skills with coaching, training sessions and subsidising training courses put on by Scottish and British Orienteering. This year members were crowned champions at all the major Scottish Championships and the club was a finalist in the CompassSport Trophy competition. ESOC members have been selected to represent Scotland at UK events and in Scottish and GB squads. We occasionally offer a degree of financial support for junior members who are selected to cover training and travel costs.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The reserves policy seeks to balance spending and income raised to further the purpose and objectives of the club while maintaining the minimum level of reserves to ensure continuity of events for members and to provide time to adjust to a change in financial circumstances.

The trustees consider that a target reserve level of £4000 is assessed as striking an appropriate balance between furthering the role and future of the club and maintaining operational integrity.

This policy will be reviewed by the trustees (in quorate) at least every year in August (prior to year end financial reporting). If the financial performance is materially impacted at any other point during the year, this may necessitate more frequent review by the trustees.

Details of any deficit Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

Not applicable

Other optional information


The accounts for the year ending 31st August 2025 were tabled and approved at the annual AGM (held on 28th October 2025 by Teams).

As part of the process to compile this report, we have tabled, discussed, and agreed its content at a trustee meeting on 18th November 2025

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	Walter James Clark	
Position (e.g. Chair)	President	
Date	18 th November 2025	

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2024		31	08	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	6				6	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	27				27	319
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	23,122				23,122	25,435
					-	
A1 Sub total	23,155	-	-	-	23,155	25,754
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,155	-	-	-	23,155	25,754
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	27,332				27,332	27,219
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	27,332	-	-	-	27,332	27,219
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,332	-	-	-	27,332	27,219
Net receipts / (payments)	(4,177)	-	-	-	(4,177)	(1,465)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(4,177)	-	-	-	(4,177)	(1,465)

Section B Statement of balances


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	13,816				13,816	15,281
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(4,177)				(4,177)	(1,465)
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						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	9,639	-	-	-	9,639	13,816
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		- 4,177	-	-	-	- 4,177	- 1,465

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

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Equipment			3,084	2,789
	Kit stock			635	1,284
	Maps			-	5,397
		Total	-	3,719	9,470

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
		Walter Clark (President)	18/11/2025

* Please note - OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Notes to the accounts

Receipts and Activity

ESOC ran a full and varied complement of 23 forest, urban and mountain bike events throughout the year, and hosted an international Turf event. ESOC members were fully involved as part of the team for the Scottish Six Day orienteering event in August 2025.

As 2025 was ESOC's 60th anniversary, a number of celebratory activities were run, including a 'Race Across Edinburgh'.

Payments

Other than the expenses incurred in running events, ESOC provided training, maintained equipment and software, and supported members competing in a UK-wide club championship, the CompassSport Cup.

Financial position

In 23-24, the club reviewed its reserves and decided not to retain too large a surplus. The celebratory activities and the CompassSport Cup were supported this year from funds released. The club expects to maintain a stable financial position in the coming year.

Events

- E1 Sprintelope Extra Meadows 4 Sept
 - E2 Sprintelope Extra Stockbridge 11 Sept
 - E3 St Marks park local 14 Sept
 - E4 Sprintelope extra Calton Hill 18 Sept
 - E5 Sprintelope Extra Fountainbridge 25 Sept
 - E6 Local Holyrood park 19 oct
 - E7 SOUL Wester Hailes 10 Nov
 - E8 Local Bonaly 16 Nov
 - E9 Hailes Quarry Park 14 Dec
 - E10 Cammo Local 18 Jan
 - E11 SoSol Corstophine 16 Feb
 - E12 Local Mary Erskine 15 Mar
 - E13 Local Lauriston Castle 12 Apr
 - E14 Astley Ainslie Sprintelope 16 Apr
 - E15 Alnwickhill Sprintelope 30 Apr
 - E16 Local Dalkeith 24 May
 - E17 Sprintelope Exchange 11 June
 - E18 Race Across Edinburgh 21 June
 - E19 Meadows and George Square Sprintelope 25 June
 - E20 Local Bush 12 Jul
 - E21 Figgate Park Sprintelope 23 Jul
 - E23 Ultrasprint Davidsons Mains 17 August
 - E22 Sprintelope Loanhead 13 August
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