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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	1	2025	To	31	12	2025

### Reference and administration details

**Charity name**  
**Other names charity is known by**  
**Registered charity number**  
**Charity's principal address**

West Lothian Boomerang Talking Newspaper
<b>SC004790</b>
211a West Main Street
Whitburn
West Lothian
EH47 0LP

### 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	Heather Smart	Chair		Management Group
2	George Petrie	Treasurer		
3	Paul Munro	Technical/Web Manager		
4	Joyce Sommerville	Secretary		
	Thomas McGregor	Vice-Chair		
	Harry Sommerville			
	Robert Gordon			

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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
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Nominated and elected by and from the Committee of the Society

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

The primary objective of Boomerang is to relieve blind, partially sighted or those people labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain, by provision of weekly recording of mainly local news, free of charge. To raise funds to pay for equipment required to record and copy the weekly Talking Newspaper and maintain/replace items associated with the weekly activity. Funds are also required to pay for maintenance of the building, heating, and lighting and Indemnity insurance.

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

Each week a recording is made of news articles and other items, mostly from the local weekly newspaper. A copy of the recording is placed in a wallet and posted to each Boomerang recipient. Each week the recording is uploaded to the Boomerang Web page as a Podcast and is accessed widely with listeners locally and further afield, including listeners in other countries.

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### Achievements and performance

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

- 1.Provision of weekly recording of mainly local news to Members of Boomerang, 60 on average.
- 2.Continuing with raising funds for essential recording equipment and upgrading of the premises.
- 3.The AGM was held, in person in March 2025.
- 4.We continued to provide our service to our listeners throughout.
- 5.We have a full complement of volunteers within our Teams of editors, readers, engineers, and copier/distributors.
- 6.We have added a number of new listeners to our base but sadly we have also lost listeners due to age, ill-health, and death. We continue to work on this to insure we reach as many people as possible benefit from our service.
7. In order to broaden the information provided to our listeners, in August 2024 the committee agreed to interview people/organisations of interest from our local community. To this end we have spoken and broadcast interviews with local MPs, Visually Impaired Bowlers, Council Benefit Advice Staff and Visibility Scotland. This has continued throughout 2025.

## Financial review

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

It is essential to maintain around £5000 in the Boomerang Bank Account to have sufficient funds to be able to replace major pieces equipment relating to recording and copying. (Boomerang has only one Bank Account)

**Details of any deficit**

N/A

**Donated facilities and services (if any)**

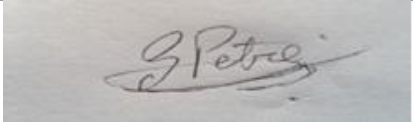
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## Other optional information

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	George Petrie	
<b>Date</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	