

Annual Report of Comunn Eachdraidh Scalpaigh (SC048899)  
for the year ending 31/3/25

Comunn Eachdraidh Scalpaigh has had another busy year and held the following events:

**Taigh Ceilidh on Fishing**

A second Taigh Ceilidh was held on 7 May 2024 and attended by 45 people. We heard some very interesting stories which were recorded and added to our archives.

**Lighthouse 200th Anniversary - Film and Entertainment – Thursday 25 July**

To mark the 200th anniversary of the switching on of the Eilean Glas Lighthouse we held a film evening. The Northern Lighthouse Heritage Trust showed two short films about the lighthouse service. We were also entertained by our young Highland dancers and enjoyed a sumptuous supper. Over 100 people attended the event.

**Summer Exhibition – Our Fishing Heritage – 23 July to 30 August**

Our summer exhibition was a great success thanks to the volunteer team and members who came along to help and ceilidh. Radio nan Gàidheal conducted interviews with some of our senior fishermen – there were some good stories and lots of laughs.

Visitors to the exhibition came from all over the world and we enjoyed telling them more about Scalpay and learning more about them. The bad weather proved a bonus as many people, both young and old, came in to shelter from the rain and wind and warm up over a cup of tea and some of Mairead Ness's delicious home baking. The bad weather also helped the knitwear sales – in addition to the lovely new knitwear donated by [REDACTED], we have sold our entire knitwear stock, apart from one forlorn hat that has been donated to charity.

Our bank balance is looking very healthy thanks to the generosity of visitors and members. We made £1750 from knitwear sales, refreshments and donations; and have sold over 140 calendars.

**2025 Calendar**

Our major fund-raising activity for the year was the 2025 calendar. The calendar featured 13 (January 2026 is included) fishing boats from the ring-netting days. The beautiful boats ensured popularity of the calendar which went on sale at the Summer Exhibition.

**Visit to Harris House**

Some of our members paid a visit to our local care home, Harris House, and showed the residents a selection of photographs from the archives. It brought back many happy memories for the Scalpay residents and we enjoyed a cup of tea with them.

## **Funding Success**

CES has been awarded £1250 by the Crown Estates to put towards our Touchscreen project.

## **Taigh Céilidh – 9 November**

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of [REDACTED] late of Oran na Mara, Scalpay. [REDACTED] chaired the inaugural meeting of Comunn Eachdraidh Scalpaigh on 16 October 2016 and was an enthusiastic and active member until illness prevented her from participating in events.

We were pleased to honour [REDACTED] last wishes by holding a taigh céilidh on Saturday, 9 November. There was a screening of Jean's slides showing Scalpay in the 1970s, along with singing and dancing from our young people, and a Memory Board covering aspects of [REDACTED] life. The ceilidh raised £121 for the Scalpay Children's playpark.

## **Annual General Meeting – 12 November**

At the AGM [REDACTED], who was one of our original trustees, resigned in accordance with the Constitution and did not stand for re-election.

[REDACTED] resigned from the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. [REDACTED] had been involved since 2016 when, with [REDACTED], she re-established the society.

There were no nominations for the vacant positions and a decision was taken to hold an Extraordinary Special Meeting at a later date to consider the future of the society.

[REDACTED]

Chair

30 September 2025

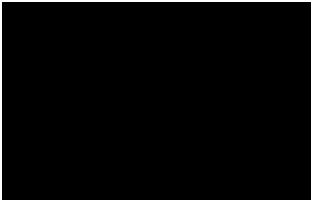
Income and Expenditure Statement as at 31/3/25

Income

Donations	Fishing Exhibition	£944.72	
	Taigh Ceilidh	£90.00	
	Ceilidh for the late Jean Mills	<u>£122.00</u>	
			£1,156.72
Sales	"Hebridean Coasters"	£72.00	
	Knitwear and Cards	£525.00	
	Exhibition - Refreshments	£582.50	
	Calendars	£1,510.00	
			£2,689.50
Grants	Heritage Grant	£350.00	
	Community Led Local Development (CLLD)	£1,250.00	
		<u>£1,600.00</u>	
			<u>£5,446.22</u>

Expenditure

	Archiving	£156.18	
	Administration	£38.72	
	Subscriptions	£65.00	
	Rent	£600.00	
	Insurance	£145.60	
	Exhibitions	£211.39	
	Website	£552.00	
	Calendars	£899.83	
	Donation to Scalpay Playpark	£122.00	
			£2,790.72
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Total Expenditure			<u>£2,790.72</u>
Surplus Income over Expenditure			<u>£2,655.50</u>



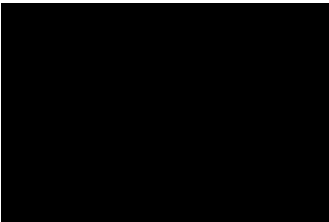
Balance Sheet as at 31/3/25

Assets

Cash on hand		
Cash on hand 01/04/24	£3,578.33	
Income over expenditure 31/3/25	<u>£2,655.50</u>	
Cash at bank 31/3/25	£6,233.83	
		<u>£6,233.83</u>

Liabilities

Liabilities	£0.00
Net Assets (Liabilities)	£6,233.83
Accumulated Funds at 31/3/25	<u>£6,233.83</u>





Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity name

Comunn Eachdraidh Scalpaigh (the Scalpay Historical Society)

SC 048899

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

April

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

March

2025

(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

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

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

Signed\*\*:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

\*\* OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures