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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

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 Highland Reel & Strathspey Society
Other names charity is known by	EHRSS
Registered charity number	SC006204
Charity's principal address	39 Hillpark Avenue Edinburgh
	Postcode EH4 7AQ

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	Jane Stuart	President		
2	Yla Steven	Conductor & Musical Director Librarian		
3	Dania Wood	Leader		
4	Tom Jarvis	Secretary		
5	Sara MacDoka	Treasurer		
6	Lesley Durrans			
7	Paul Jordan	Vice President	04/09/2023	
8	Gwyneth Young			
9	Colin Tait			
10	Fiona Eardley-Brown			
11	Anne Tully		01/09/2025 - date	
12	Julia Eighteen		01/09/2025 - date	
13	Derek Zuckert	President (retired)	06/09/2021-01/09/2025	
14	Margaret Bean		04/09/2023-01/09/2025	
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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 and Rules

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The constitution stipulates:

The Office-Bearers of the Society shall consist of Honorary Presidents, a President, a Vice-President, a Conductor & Musical Director, a Leader, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and who shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of any vacancy occurring, the Standing Committee, after-mentioned, shall have power to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Standing Committee, consisting of the Office-Bearers ex officio, excluding Honorary Presidents, and six Playing Members, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, two retiring each year by rotation. The members of the Standing Committee are recognised by OSCR (the Scottish Charity Regulator) as the trustees of the Society.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The object of the Society is the advancement of education by the cultivation and improvement of public taste in traditional Scottish music, especially Highland Reels and Strathspeys.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

For this principal purpose, the Society may establish or manage orchestras of suitable quality, promote and produce concerts, recitals, and other productions in suitable premises in Scotland and elsewhere or in films, radio and television broadcasts or recordings, multimedia or Internet, and do all other acts as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of this object.

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Achievements and performance

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

The society had 44 playing members in (at the end of) the financial period. We also had 8 associate members. We had 6 new members in the 2024/25 session.

We had 30 rehearsals in the 2024/25 session.

We played our St Andrew Night concert in St Annes, Corstorphine on 29 November 2024 and a concert in Liberton Kirk on 20 January 2025 Our annual Queen’s Hall Edinburgh concert was held on 16 March 2025, as well as a concert in Blackford, Perthshire on 24 May 2025. We played in the National Trust for Scotland Georgian House on 25 July 2025. A small group also played for the Corstorphine Primary School p7 Leavers Ceilidh on 24 June 2025. We also hosted a family and friends Ceilidh in January 2025 and our fiddle competitions in March 2025 along with our (self-funded) Golf Outing in May 2025.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity currently has reserves of £16,000 , £14,000 of which are held in order to be able to continue meeting our charitable purpose in situations where, for unforeseen circumstances, our annual receipts are insufficient to cover our annual outgoings, and in particular to allow us to meet the costs of our two constitutional concerts each year. £2,000 of which are encumbered as the TE Comrie fund (January 1995) which is required to remain intact with the interest generated to be used for the encouragement of young players of Scottish Music, in connection with the society's golf club or for any other purpose in the interest of the society.

Details of any deficit

The charity had a deficit of £1,634 for the year ending 31 August 2025. This was largely due to the annual Queens Hall concert which had lower ticket sales than expected (99 tickets compared to 203 in the prior year) as well as increased venue costs.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

n/a

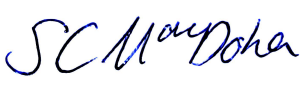
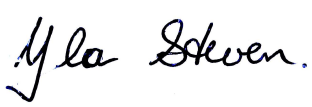
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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	Sara MacDoka	Yla Steven
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Conductor & Musical Director
Date	28 May 2025	28 May 2025