Greener Orkney (SCIO) Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 1 March 2026

Why was Greener Orkney set up?

Greener Orkney was set up to advance environmental protection and reduce Orkney's carbon footprint and raise awareness of climate change and other environmental matters through practical action and education.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Charity (Greener Orkney (SCIO)) is a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation with its own Constitution. Greener Orkney (SCIO) was first registered on 20 March 2019, consisting of members and the board of Trustees. Members can appoint people to serve on the board and can take decisions on changes to the organisation's constitution itself. Those individuals serving on the board are called the Trustees. The Register of Trustees is kept by the Secretary Anne Sayer.

What was done (outputs)

Through a number of initiatives Greener Orkney helps protect the environment and educate our community on how they can make a difference:

- We run two community fridges to prevent food waste
- We organise regular beach cleans to tackle marine litter. As members of the Scottish Islands Federation, we have researched local marine litter.
- Since May 2025, we have operated a repair café to promote reuse and reduce waste.

Who does Greener Orkney help?

The environment of Orkney benefits from our activities as do several groups:

- Local people are able to obtain food which would otherwise be wasted.
- Local people, visitors and wildlife benefit from a cleaner and safer marine environment.
- Participants in activities comment on the benefits of exercise (beach cleans), increase in knowledge (repair café) and access to food (fridges).

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- Local people are able to continue to use otherwise damaged possessions and tools, so saving money by avoiding replacements, but also through reduced materials consumption.

What was achieved? (outcomes)

Since its launch **Repair Cafe Orkney** has held 16 public repair cafes mainly in Stromness and South Ronaldsay and has around 30 volunteers. We have repaired over 120 items brought in by members of the public, saving 400kgs from going into the bin.

In the period March 25 to March 26, the two **community fridges** distributed a total of 26.8 tons (equivalent of five elephants) to ten thousand visitors. This brings the total since the fridges opened to over 100 tons, or a quarter of a million meals.

Over the same period the beach cleaning team carried out 12 events and cleared nearly half a tonne of waste.

What difference was made? (impact)

Teaching skills is a core part of **Repair Cafe Orkney**. Around a third of our visitors get involved in the repair themselves including most recently a young woman who had never picked up a needle and thread. As well as completing her own hand sewing repair, and successfully using a sewing machine, she was delighted to leave the Repair Cafe with some thread and a couple of needles to be able to do some repairs of her own in future.

Distribution of surplus food via the **community fridges** has avoided carbon emissions that would have been generated through transport of waste and through waste incineration.

Through **marine surveys and beach cleans**, attention has continued to be drawn to the international issue of marine litter and in particular the impact of fishing related waste on the marine environment.

How is Greener Orkney run?

Greener Orkney is a volunteer-run organisation. It is overseen by a Chair and a board of Trustees who meet through hybrid meetings.

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Recruitment and appointment of the Trustees

Prospective Trustees are recruited from within the community and are interviewed by the Chair plus one other Trustee before joining Greener Orkney (SCIO). They will then stand for election at the next AGM. Any other Trustee or Member of Greener Orkney (SCIO) can stand for election at the same time. The minimum number of trustees is five and the quorum for board meetings is four charity Trustees, present in person or online.

The Trustees in the 2025 to 2026 financial year:

Neil Kermode	Chair
Anne Sayer	Secretary
Angela Fitzpatrick	Treasurer
John Berry	Trustee
Fiona Firth	Trustee
John Foulis	Trustee
Ruth Lea (resigned June 26)	Trustee
Jeanie Molyneux	Trustee
Geoff Sellers (resigned April 26)	Trustee
George Vickers	Trustee
Daniel Wright	Trustee
Jane Nelson (resigned Jan 26)	Trustee

Individual projects are approved by the board of Trustees and then overseen by Project Co-ordinator Trustees.

Greener Orkney operates to a family of policies and procedures which are being improved and further developed so as to maintain good governance and delivery of the charity's objectives.

Neil Kermode
Greener Orkney Chair

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report for the reporting period 2nd March 2025 to 1st March 2026 as above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Signature	AMSayer
Full name	ANNE SAYER
Position (e.g. Chair)	SECRETARY
Date	14th September 2026

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Financial Review

Statement of Financial Position and Financial Review of the Year to 1st March 2026

Greener Orkney (SCIO) holds all assets in the form of cash balances within the current bank account to enable ease of disbursement of funds.

Six grants were received in the year, totalling £29,073.

- £22,192 from the Scottish Government for the Marine project.
- £1,548 from The Pebble Trust and £983 from The Highland Council for the setup of Repair Cafes.
- £1,000 balance of funding from Hubbub for the Refillery setup.
- £3,200 from the Protected Areas Foundation as an 80% upfront grant for the Marine Litter Monitoring project
- £150 from the Highlands and Islands Climate fund for an event during the climate festival.

Donations in the Community Fridges and the Repair Cafes amounted to £3,155 and bank interest totalled £88.

Expenditure was mostly project-related:

- £15,450 for the Marine project.
- £1,411 for the repair café.
- The remaining cost related to day-to-day running the community fridges and refillery.

Non-restricted expenditure totalled £1,057 to cover insurance, memberships, maintaining our website, advertising and AGM costs.

On 1st March 2026 the bank account had a balance of £13,991 of which £9,158 was restricted in use and £4,833 was unrestricted.

Statement of Cash Flows

In the year to 1st March 2026, Greener Orkney had income of £33,412 and outgoings of £27,749. The bank balance increased in the period by £5,663

Brief Statement on the Charity's Policy on Reserves

Greener Orkney (SCIO) reserves policy requires that we maintain at least 12 months of net operating expenses.

Details of any Deficit

There are no deficits to report.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Greener Orkney SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 1 March 2026 set out on pages

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 trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act 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 (as amended). 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 explanation 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 _____

Date _____

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	02	03	25		01	03	26

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	1,458				1,458	1,112
Legacies					-	-
Grants	150	28,923			29,073	18,280
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	2,080				2,080	6,982
					-	-
A1 Sub total	3,688	28,923	-	-	32,611	26,374
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,688	28,923	-	-	32,611	26,374
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,845	24,002			26,847	25,334
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	101				101	72
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	2,946	24,002	-	-	26,948	25,406
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,946	24,002	-	-	26,948	25,406
Net receipts / (payments)	742	4,921	-	-	5,663	968
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	(801)	801			-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(59)	5,722	-	-	5,663	968

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	4,893	3,436	-	-	8,329	7,360
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(59)	5,722	-	-	5,663	968
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	4,834	9,158	-	-	13,992	8,328
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

B2 Investments

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

B3 Other assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities

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

B5 Contingent liabilities

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity
Restricted funds -
Community Fridge
Tesco Groundworks
Food Hub
H&I Climate Fund
Cycling UK
MFS Project
Trustees Loan for MFS project
Repair Cafe
Protecting Areas

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
		Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	

C4b Trustee expenses - details

Number of trustees	£
3 Trustees received a total of £1377 reimbursed expenses this year. (2025: 3 trustees, £1976)	

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations rcvd	1,458	-			1,458	1,112
					-	
					-	
Total	1,458	-	-	-	1,458	1,112
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
FoodHub		1,000	1,000	-
Bag the Bruck			-	886
H&I Climate Fund	150		150	150
Offshore Windfarm			-	500
Cycling Uk			-	4,784
Repair Café		2,531	2,531	-
MFS Project		22,192	22,192	11,960
Protecting Areas		3,200	3,200	-
Total	150	28,923	29,073	18,280
	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Bank interest	88	-			88	211
Refillery income	1,992	-			1,992	711
MFS Project - Trustee Loan		-			-	6,000
Total	2,080	-	-	-	2,080	6,922
	-	-	-	-	-	reference error

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Refillery	1,744				1,744	1,294
Advertising/publications					-	218
Litter Picking					-	977
Membership	45				45	45
Insurance	453				453	302
Stationary/Postage/Office/Telephone/Website					-	338
Electricity					-	430
AGM costs	76				76	147
Repair cafe		1,411			1,411	-
Room hire	49				49	18
Community Fridge	403				403	983
Groundworks		233			233	215
Food Hub		822			822	-
Offshore Wind					-	499
Bag the Bruck					-	886
MFS Project - Trustee Loan		6,000			6,000	
MFS Project		15,450			15,450	18,917
H&I Climate fund	75	86			161	65
Total	2,845	24,002	-	-	26,847	25,334
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	1,458				1,458	958
Legacies					-	-
Grants	150				150	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	2,080				2,080	982
Sub total	3,688	-	-	-	3,688	1,940
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,688	-	-	-	3,688	1,940
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,845				2,845	1,726
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	101				101	72
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	2,946	-	-	-	2,946	1,798
					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
					-	
Total payments	2,946	-	-	-	2,946	1,798
					-	
Net receipts / (payments)	742	-	-	-	742	142
Transfers to / (from) funds	(801)				(801)	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(59)	-	-	-	(59)	142
					-	

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

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Groundworks	H&I Climate Fund	Community Fridge	Protecting Areas	Repair Café	MFS Trustees Loan	MFS Project	Cycling Uk	Food Hub	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts											
Donations										-	154
Legacies										-	-
Grants				3,200	2,531		22,192		1,000	28,923	18,280
Receipts from fundraising activities										-	-
Gross trading receipts										-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings										-	-
Rents from land & buildings										-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities										-	6,000
Sub total	-	-	-	3,200	2,531	-	22,192	-	1,000	28,923	24,434
										-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets										-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments										-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	3,200	2,531	-	22,192	-	1,000	28,923	24,434
										-	
Payments											
Expenses for fundraising activities										-	-
Gross trading payments										-	-
Investment management costs										-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	233	86			1,411	6,000	15,450		822	24,002	23,608
Grants and donations										-	-
Governance costs:										-	-
Audit / independent examination										-	-
Preparation of annual accounts										-	-
Legal costs										-	-
										-	-
										-	-
Sub total	233	86	-	-	1,411	6,000	15,450	-	822	24,002	23,608
										-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements											
Purchases of fixed assets										-	-
Purchase of investments										-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
										-	
Total payments	233	86	-	-	1,411	6,000	15,450	-	822	24,002	23,608
										-	
Net receipts / (payments)	(233)	(86)	-	3,200	1,120	(6,000)	6,742	-	178	4,921	826
Transfers to / (from) funds			585				216			801	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(233)	(86)	585	3,200	1,120	(6,000)	6,958	-	178	5,722	826
										-	

Nature and purpose of funds

Community Fridge – Funding received in order to establish a community fridge, space where surplus food is shared for free, bringing people together to eat, connect, learn new skills and reduce food waste.

Tesco Groundworks - funding received in order to establishment of a website and to promote green recovery issues through new social media platforms.

Foodhub - Funding received to run a 'Food Skills Project'

H&I climate Fund - Funding received to' run a beach clean and a hold a BBQ'

Cycling UK - Funding received to purchase 'bikes and equipment'

MFS Trustees Loan - Loan from Trustees to allow the MFS project to get started.

MFS Project - Funding for 'What is the Orkney Coastlines' Project over financial years 24-25. Deficit is due to pay and claim grant, defecit is expected to be cleared by the end of the next financial year.

Repair Cafe - Funding recieved to reduce landfill waste and preserve valuable DIY skills in the community by offering a place to repair everyday items.

Protecting Areas - Funding received for monitoring Orkney's Scapa Flow Marine Special Protection Area to address critical marine litter knowledge gaps.