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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	1	Nov	2024	To	31	Oct	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Mallaig & District Newspaper SCIO
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC048780.
Charity’s principal address	Morar Station Building
	Morar
	Inverness-shire
	Postcode PH40 4PB

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	Ann Lamont	Chair		
2	Claire Wortley			
3	Jacqueline McDonell			
4	Simon Bradshaw	Treasurer		
5	Kathy Bradshaw			
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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

Mallaig & District Newspaper was incorporated as an SCIO on 24th October 2018, prior to that we had been a company limited by guarantee, Mallaig & District Newspaper Limited, registered in Scotland as SC151775.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees can be nominated yearly at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

We encourage and advance social responsibility for all in the community of Lochaber and its surrounds through the production of a community newspaper featuring contributions from all.
We promote the advancement of the arts and culture in Lochaber and the surrounding area.
We encourage and showcase opportunities for our community to develop their skills.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We produce a monthly newspaper and advance and promote community development and cohesion within the North West Lochaber Area without discrimination through the publication of local reports, news articles and various other forms of information. We aim to promote, and act as a vehicle for sharing information including adverts. We serve as a mouthpiece for clubs, community organisations and individuals. The area we operate in is North West Lochaber, a scattered remote area which includes the Small Isles (Eigg, Muck, Rum and Canna) and the Knoydart peninsula.

Achievements and performance

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

We showed only a small deficit this year. However, we received £4,662 in donations in the year. Finances remain challenging as social media is affecting sales of printed newspapers and costs are rising. Throughout the year, the Trustees have been investigating options to increase revenue and reduce costs, and this includes the outsourcing of printing, which would reduce costs and allow us to print in full colour.

We have one member of staff, the Editor, and we recruited a new Editor in April 2025 after the previous one resigned.

We have printed around 800 issues monthly, which includes some 200 subscriptions which are mailed out all over the country, and to countries abroad.

We have carried adverts for local businesses and free adverts for local groups to inform the community of events that are being held. Our range of adverts is increasing.

We have regular monthly contributions from the Small Isles and Knoydart; the schools; the churches; sports clubs for golf, canoeing, football, etc; nature experts; our Community Councils' minutes and columns from our MP and MSP; and significant local businesses such as Mallaig Harbour Authority, and Mallaig Pool & Leisure. We showcase local events such as the Highland Games and the annual Book Festival. There are many success stories and entrepreneurial triumphs in the entire area each year we are proud to showcase.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity. At the end of the financial year, the Trustees recognise that the paper needs to generate more revenue to continue to operate. Reserves have been dwindling and the Trustees hope to reverse this during the next financial year.

Details of any deficit

£309 deficit caused by fewer sales, adverts and subscriptions, with rises in costs. Social media affects real newspaper sales and the need for firms to advertise.

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

Signature(s)

Jacqueline McDonell

Full name(s)

Jacqueline McDonell

Position (e.g. Chair)

Interim Chair

Date

29/07/2026