COASTAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
(North Berwick)

Trustees, Annual Report for the Year Ended:
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Charity Details

The Charity was formed on 30 September 2020 and is constituted as an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Name: North Berwick Coastal Community Connections

Registered Charity No. SC050505

Address: The principal address of the charity is:

c/o North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Road, North Berwick, East Lothian, EH39 4PN

Trustees

The following individuals were the charity trustees on the date the report was approved:

Carole Glover	Chairperson
Carol Young	Temp Treasurer pending recruitment
Jane Coyne	Secretary
Ged Lerpiniere	Trustee
Deborah Ritchie	Trustee

NB William Brown, Former Treasurer until his death in February 2026

Charitable Purpose

The purposes for which the Charity is established are to advance the physical and mental health of people in the North Berwick Coastal area by addressing social isolation and loneliness. Loneliness and Isolation continues to be a key issue in our communities. We are proud to be able to provide safe space for anyone to be able to come and be together, to make new friendships and form new connections

To further these purposes for the public's benefit, we carried out the following activities:

- Receiving referrals from local General Practitioners, other health professionals and community organisations and agencies and individuals (including self-referrals).
- Assisting members to connect with local activities and organisations in order that they might engage and integrate into the community.
- Working with relevant agencies to help develop local initiatives to reduce loneliness and isolation. Establishing, operating and supporting peer groups and networks engaging people who are isolated or lonely, people who may need emotional support.
- Maintaining a register of local organisations and activities to which members might be connected.

Performance and achievements

This year we received our second year of funding from The National Lottery Community Fund and North Berwick Trust. Further funding was procured from The Volunteer Centre East Lothian and Friends of Edington Hospital. This support will enable us to continue our important goal of fostering stronger connections within our coastal community and beyond. This investment underscores the importance of community-focused initiatives and of coming together.

We continue to receive referrals from our local health services, but this year our self-referrals exceeded third party referrals for the first time. This demonstrates a growing awareness of our services across the community due to our revitalised web site, community magazine, and representation at a broad range of community events. Our intergenerational work continued via a series of workshops to create our memory collage. We are committed to supporting people isolated or lonely through grief and this year launched the Good Grief Cafe. We continue to raise awareness of loneliness in grief through events such as Absent Friends Week festival.

Sadly, we said unexpected goodbye to our treasurer Bill Brown who died in February 2026, Bill was a huge supporter of the charity since the beginning and is a great a loss to our community.

We are fortunate to be part of a vibrant community, and our mission has always been to have a community where no-one needs to feel isolated or lonely, by connecting people to local networks, activities and friendship.

Staff

- During the year, the charity employed 5 members of staff (2.5 FTE), all on a part-time basis, reflecting the continued growth of the organisation and the increasing demand for its services.

- The team consists of an Operations Manager, a One-to-One Services Co-Ordinator, an Administration and Communications Co-Ordinator, a Compassionate Community Co-Ordinator and an Outreach Worker (groups).

- The Board wishes to extend its thanks to all members of staff for their hard work, commitment and professionalism shown throughout the year.

Financial Review

- A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

- In the financial year 2025/2026 the Charity had an income of £88,069 (£72,583) and an expenditure of £90,126 (£85,059). Closing reserves are as follows:

	Current Year	Previous Year
Un-restricted Reserves	£17,233	£15,841
Restricted Funds	£23,819	£27,268

There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit

Reserves Policy

The trustees propose to maintain the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure from the Unrestricted Reserves and have done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams

Approved by the Board of Trustees 10 August 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Carole Glover Chairperson



Carol Young (Temporary Treasurer)



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of

Coastal Community Connections (North Berwick)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 being 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 :

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 with accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Helen Bourquin 16th August 2026

Associate member of Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE)

North Berwick Coastal Community Connections Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Cash at Bank and in Hand				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	15,841	27,268	43,109	55,585
Surplus / (deficit)	1,392	(3,449)	(2,057)	(12,476)
Cash and bank balances at end of year	17,233	23,819	41,052	43,109
Total Net Assets	**£17,233**	**£23,819**	**£41,052**	**£43,109**
Fund Balances				
At beginning of year	15,841	27,268	43,109	55,585
Surplus/(deficit) for year	1,392	(3,449)	(2,057)	(12,476)
Fund Balances at end of year	**£17,233**	**£23,819**	**£41,052**	**£43,109**

There were no Investments, Other Assets, Liabilities or Contingent Liabilities in the year

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Carole Glover (Chairperson) Carol Young (Temp Treasurer)

The accounting policies on the next page form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Accounts

1. Receipts and Funding

During the year the charity received its second year of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and North Berwick Trust, together with funding from Friends of Edington Hospital. A further restricted project award of £16,250 was received from Volunteer Development East Lothian in March 2026 for a project running to March 2027. Individual donations received during the year were unrestricted. This support enabled us to continue our important goal of fostering stronger connections within our coastal community and beyond.

Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities

Included in Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities are:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026 Total	2025 Total
Staff Remuneration /payroll			73,998	66,389
Delivery of Services			4,368	6,394
Newsletter/Magazine			945	1,299
Computer & website			3,061	2,569
Rent			5,028	6,218
Office Costs			200	277
Advertising and Promotion			1,278	650
Insurance			450	450
Other Costs			798	813
TOTAL Expenditure			90,126	85,059

2. Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration for their services throughout the year, nor any expenses involved in the performance of their duties. Neither were there any transactions between the charity, and any charity trustee or person connected to a charity trustee.

Capital Expenditure & Assets

Capital expenditure during the year comprised the purchase of a refurbished HP EliteBook 840 G6 14-inch laptop (£213.49) and an Epson CO-W01 data projector (£299.99), giving total additions to fixed assets of £513.48.

Asset ID	Category	Asset Description	Date Acquired	Acquisition Method	Cost (£)	Depreciation Status	Net Book Value (£)
IT006	IT Equipment	HP EliteBook 840 G6 14" Laptop (Refurbished)	2025/26	Purchased (refurbished)	213.49	Current asset	213.49
EQ001	Equipment	Epson CO-W01 Data Projector	2025/26	Purchased	299.99	Current asset	299.99
IT001	IT Equipment	Dell Inspiron 15 3000 15" Laptop	Aug-23	Purchased	500	Partially depreciated	175
IT002	IT Equipment	HP Laptop 14-dk0xxx	2019	Donated	0	Fully depreciated	0
IT003	Mobile Device	Huawei Y6 2019 (MRD-LX1)	2019	Donated	0	Fully depreciated	0
IT004	IT Equipment	HP Pavilion Laptop	2019	Donated	0	Fully depreciated	0
IT005	Mobile Device	Samsung Galaxy M13	2019	Donated	0	Fully depreciated	0