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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust (SCIO)
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number	**SC051770**
Charity's principal address	Portland Estate Office Berriedale Caithness **Postcode** KW7 6HE

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	Mrs Ellen Bain	Chair	06/06/22-12/06/24 03/06/25 onwards	Board Members
2	Mrs Deborah Knight	Vice Chair	06/06/22-12/06/24 03/06/25 onwards	
3	Mrs Alexa MacAuslan	Secretary	06/06/23 onwards	
4	Mrs Julia Hall	Treasurer	06/06/23 onwards	
5	Mrs Julie Macdonald		06/06/22 onwards	
6	Mrs Kelly Macleod		06/06/22 onwards	
7	Ms Cameron Chambers		15/07/25 onwards	
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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	The Dunbeath & Berriedale Development Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is controlled by means of a constitution.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Trustees are appointed by the whole Board or at the AGM where they can be elected.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The organisation's purposes are: - The advancement of Education to the citizens of, and visitors to the community. - The advancement of citizenship and community development. - The advancement of arts, heritage and culture within the community. - The provision of recreational facilities or organisation of recreational activities for the citizens of the community. - The advancement of environmental protection or improvement within the community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The main activities of the development trust are to identify improvement opportunities within the local community, through community consultation, and work with other organisations to fundraise and co-ordinate improvement projects. To work closely with other local organisations to enhance the lives and environment of the local community.

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Achievements and performance

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

1. Completed a comprehensive feedback summary outlining the community's wishes, priorities, and needs.
2. Organised and facilitated a "Lessons Learned" workshop following the successful completion of the play park project.
3. Delivered a range of successful fundraising events, including a treasure hunt quiz and "Fun on the Field" activities, with proceeds supporting the development of a new Community Notice Board.
4. Coordinated and delivered a village poppy display for Remembrance Day on behalf of DBDT.
5. Established that the playfield above the school is classified by Highland Council as educational grounds and therefore cannot be leased to the Trust for further improvements. However, Dunbeath Primary School Parent Council will now lead the development of the field, with ongoing support offered by the Trust.
6. Attended meetings with other Caithness Development Trusts to share experiences, ideas, and best practices relating to sustainable community growth.
7. Continued to engage regularly with the local community through active communication on social media platforms and the Trust's website.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The closing balance as at 31 March 2026 was £9,793.90, comprising both restricted and unrestricted funds. It was agreed that the remaining balance from the start-up costs fund, totalling £2,958.79, would be retained by the Trust as restricted operational funds.

The balance of restricted funds relating to the play park project stands at £3,837.09, while project restricted funds total £1,097.35.

Details of any deficit

The Trust recorded a surplus for the year of £1,900.67.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Local community groups and individuals supporting trust's fundraising events by donating their time, prises and baking

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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)	Alexa MacAusian	Ellen Bain
Full name(s)	ALEXA MACAUSIAN	ELLEN BAIN
Position (e.g. Chair)	SECRETARY	CHAIRPERSON
Date	20/08/2026	27/08/2026