

**FOOL ON TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 NOVEMBER 2024**



## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDING 30.11.2024**

**Fool On is a charity operating in the North Lanarkshire community and our studio in Coatbridge offering free performing arts sessions to those aged 16 and over to encourage creativity to boost self-esteem and confidence and build up resilience while recovering from mental health illness.**

Throughout the year, we delivered free weekly performing arts workshops in Wishaw, Bellshill, Cumbernauld and Motherwell. These sessions have supported individuals in recovery by helping them rebuild confidence, form social connections and regain a sense of purpose.

Our programme includes comedy, creative writing, guitar tutoring, karaoke, songwriting and keyboard workshops, offering members a broad range of creative opportunities.

In Bellshill, our dedicated comedy group continues to run every Tuesday evening, led by professional comedian [REDACTED]. This group remains one of our most established and well-attended sessions. We also operate a weekly guitar tutoring group, supporting members to develop their musical skills in a structured and accessible way.

Members from our main groups and from the comedy programme achieved significant milestones this year, performing at both the Glasgow Comedy Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe. These opportunities highlight the progress made by individuals who have developed their confidence through participation in Fool On's activities.

The charity continues to hold regular performance events where members can showcase singing, poetry, comedy and acoustic sets to peers, family and friends. These events form an important part of our recovery-based approach, offering encouragement, achievement and positive reinforcement.

We have continued to operate our Coatbridge studio, which provides two rehearsal and recording rooms. The studio is used for practice, collaboration and the recording of original music, and remains a central resource for members seeking structured creative progression.

In addition to our weekly sessions, Fool On has maintained regular outreach performances in NHS mental health wards and care homes across Lanarkshire, providing live music, entertainment and social interaction for individuals who may not otherwise access the arts.

Fool On remains committed to supporting people in recovery by using the performing arts to promote connection, self-expression and improved mental wellbeing.

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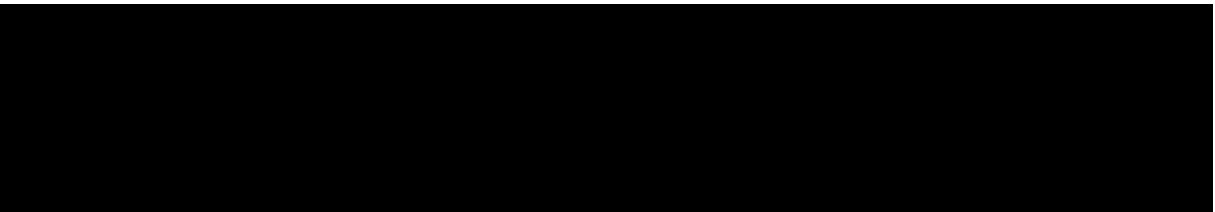
**GOVERNING DOCUMENT** Fool On is a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) governed by its constitution, dated (10.11.17)

**MEMBERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT** The business of the group is directed by a management committee comprising between 3 and 10 members, appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets not less than 10 times a year. A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the management committee.

**CURRENT** The business of the group is directed by a management committee comprising between 3 and 10 members, appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets not less than 4 times a year.

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the management committee; no person may hold any office for more than 3 years. The management committee may co-opt up to 3 further members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

Those currently serving as members of the management committee are:-



**CONTACT ADDRESS:**



**CHARITABLE PURPOSES** The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are; to relieve need of those suffering from distress and anxiety of living with mental health issues, improving confidence, self-esteem and wellbeing for all through the performing arts in comedy, singing, music and writing.

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**FINANCE**

Income for the year was £71,886 (£47,443 2022-2023). Restricted grant income was £27,037 and Unrestricted grant income was £38,500. All income is detailed in the notes. Expenditure for the year was £58,553 (£71,598 2022-2023) Restricted expenditure £35,806 Unrestricted expenditure £22,747, All expenditure is detailed in the notes.

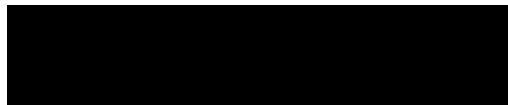
The above activity generated a Surplus of £13,333 (Deficit £24,165 2022-2023) Restricted deficit £8,769 and Unrestricted surplus of £22,102. Total reserves carried forward to 01.12.24 are £45,945, Restricted reserves are at £24,991 and unrestricted reserves are at £20,954

**RESERVES POLICY** The Trustee's policy is to maintain reserves of around £10,000 this is 3 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments for staff costs and office lease and cover any unexpected expenditure. The charity has met this for overall reserves but not for unrestricted reserves.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

NAME

DATE



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		<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2024 Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>	<b>2023 Total £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Notes</b>				
Grant Income	(4)	38,500	27,037	65,537	43,498
Donations	(5)	1,280		1,280	1,630
Fundraising	(6)	5,069		5,069	2,282
Income Charitable Act.	(7)				23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44,849</b>	<b>27,037</b>	<b>71,886</b>	<b>47,433</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Charitable Activities	(8)	22,747	35,806	58,553	71,598
Fundraising					
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>58,553</b>	<b>71,598</b>
<b>SURPLUS OR DEFICIT</b>		<b>22,102</b>	<b>(8,769)</b>	<b>13,333</b>	<b>(24,165)</b>

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 30.11.2024**

**CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2024 Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>	<b>2023 Total £</b>
Opening Balances	(1,148)	33,760	32,612	56,777
Surplus Deficit for Year	22,102	(8,769)	13,333	(24,165)
<b>CLOSING BALANCES (30.11.2024)</b>	<b>20,954</b>	<b>24,991</b>	<b>45,945</b>	<b>32,612</b>

<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2024 Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
Bank	20,734	19,832	40,566	32,393
Cash	219		219	219
<b>CLOSING BALANCES (30.11.2024)</b>	<b>20,953</b>	<b>19,832</b>	<b>40,785</b>	<b>32,612</b>

<b><u>Restricted Funds Breakdown 30.11.2024</u></b>			<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>
			£		£
National Lottery			15,487		25,502
Robertson Trust			11,550		0
Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire					4,200
Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire					1,612
Hugh Fraser Foundation					1,550
People's Postcode Lottery					500
Local Giving					325
NLA Coronation					63
NLC Community Solutions					8
			<b>27,037</b>		<b>33,760</b>

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**1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and Payments Basis in accordance with the charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland), Regulations 2006 (as amended)

**2. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF FUNDS**

Income mainly comes from restricted grant income we all so have unrestricted income from donations and fundraising activities as well as income from charitable activities. Income is used to pay for premises, salaries and tutor as well as any other expense to further enhance the groups charitable activities.

**3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No remuneration has been paid to any trustees in accordance with section 67 of the Charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005. There were no other salaries paid to any connected persons during the year.

**4. GRANT INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	
	<b>Funds £</b>	<b>Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Peoples Postcode Lottery	20,000		20,000
National Lottery Community	1,000	15,487	15,487
Robertson Trust		11,550	11,550
Bank of Scotland Foundation	10,000		10,000
Garfield Weston	7,500		7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>27,037</b>	<b>64,537</b>

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**5. DONATIONS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
William Grant and Sons	1,250		1,250
Lanarkshire Mental Health	30		30
<b>Total £</b>	<b>1,280</b>		<b>1,280</b>

**6. FUNDRAISING**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Fundraising	3,911		3,911
Events	894		894
North Lanarkshire Lotto	264		264
<b>Total £</b>	<b>5,069</b>		<b>5,069</b>

**7. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

Income from Charitable activities is NIL.



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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Salaries	1,000	6,150	7,150
Tutor Costs	7,910	4,050	11,960
Premises Lease	9,577	12,945	22,522
Premises Costs	924	1,471	2,395
Insurance		1,478	1,478
Telephone	64	397	461
Stationery Postage	4		4
Equipment & Maintenance	445	905	1,350
Minibus Expenses		3,287	3,287
Marketing	633	9	642
Volunteer Expenses	425	2,331	2,756
Training		240	240
Other	1,765	2,543	4,308
<b>Total £</b>	<b>22,747</b>	<b>35,806</b>	<b>58,553</b>

**9. CAPITAL PURCHASES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Equipment		5,160	5,160

**10. FIXED ASSET POLICY**

Fool On establishes £150 as the threshold amount for minimum before being added to Fixed asset register. All items of a capital nature are expensed in the Receipts and Payments accounts. Assets are currently valued at historic cost.

<b>Assets as 30.11.2024</b>	<b>£</b>
Equipment	21,657
IT Equipment	2,537
Minibus	29,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,994</b>

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**12. LEASE AGREEMENT**

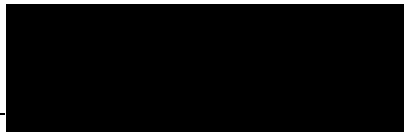
The group have a five-year lease from Industrials Proco for the sum of £13,687 pa which renews annually.

**13. LIABILITIES**

HMRC Taxes Included in salary figures and was paid up to date. The charity has no other liabilities at this time.

Receipts and Payments accounts and Statement of balances are approved by the trustees on  
09 December 2025

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fool On (SCIO)

I report on the accounts for the period 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024 set out in the attached accounts.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with 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 to comply with Regulation 8 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.



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Date: 09 December 2025