



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	10	2023	To	30	9	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Kelso Writers

SC049640

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)
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Reference and administration details

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	Constitution – Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Trustees are elected from the membership at the Annual General Meeting in each year, and may be appointed by the Board at any time to fill vacancies.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 The advancement of education through provision of information and training in writing and related skills. 4.2 The advancement of the arts by encouraging and supporting people to become writers in a variety of genres and media
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	We hold public workshops at Abbey Row Community Centre, Kelso, on a regular basis, for those interested in developing their writing skills. We aim to work with primary and secondary school pupils in the Kelso area to interest them in developing their writing skills. Subject to resources, we aim to publish anthologies of work written primarily by our workshop attendees.

Achievements and performance

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

We held 20 public workshops for adults at Abbey Row Community Centre, Kelso, an easily reached and accessible venue.

Seedcorn funding from the Scottish Government, managed by Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber, enabled us to build resilience by making it possible to deliver these workshops to online participants, too; and to use online resources at workshops.

Our workshop topics comprised: finding your voice, genres, writing poetry, memoirs, tone and pace, writing from life, nature writing, research, collaborative writing, science fiction and fantasy, travel writing, comedy writing, cultural sensitivity, routes to publishing, editing and proofreading, and included lots of opportunities for authors to read their stories aloud and receive constructive feedback.

We also ran 2 editing and proofreading workshops for pupils at Kelso High School. 3 more of our members developed their skills and led workshops.

13 people became members during the period.

With funding from Scottish Borders Council's Neighbourhood Support Fund, we ran a short-story writing competition for pupils of Kelso High School and its associated 6 primary schools, with the help of their teachers.

283 stories were written. 4 Kelso High School pupils and 5 primary school pupils won prizes. 7 other pupils were runners-up. The stories written by the winners and runners-up were compiled into a 100-page anthology. The anthology included stories written by adult writers who attended our workshops.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to hold a reserve equivalent to 6 months' core expenditure, and to establish a dedicated reserve for equipment renewal.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Other optional information

The anthology compiled from the schools' short-story competition was published in November 2024.
We would like to record our thanks to our Examiner for his examination and accounting guidance.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date 17/06/2025

17/06/2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
For the year 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Income			2024	2023
Voluntary Receipts	£	£	£	£
Donations	22.50	0.00	22.50	71.86
Grants	0.00	262.62	262.62	0.00
Membership	130.00	0.00	130.00	83.00
Receipts from Charitable Activities				
Donations at meetings	546.40	0.00	546.40	366.00
Sales	15.64	85.00	100.64	69.29
Total	714.54	347.62	1,062.16	590.15
Expenses				
Payments				
Cost of Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cost of Charitable Activities				
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	473.11
Room Hire/affiliation	374.50	21.00	395.50	448.11
Zoom Subscription	0.00	0.00	0.00	143.88
Postage	2.40	0.00	2.40	38.35
Domain name/website	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.19
Equipment	8.00	180.77	188.77	0.00
General	24.05	3.04	27.09	0.00
Total	408.95	204.81	613.76	1,110.64
Surplus/Deficit	305.59	142.81	448.40	-520.49

No Trustees received expenses during the period.

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES as at 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Funds				
Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank and in hand 1/10/23	776.57	772.56	1,549.13	2,069.62
Surplus for the year 2023/24	305.59	142.81	448.40	-520.49
Cash at Bank and in hand - 30/09/24	1,082.16	915.37	1,997.53	1,549.13
Bank and Cash Balances - 30/09/24				
Current Account at bank	1,069.49	906.87	1,976.36	1,192.10
PayPal	5.89	0.00	5.89	0.00
Cash in Hand	6.78	8.50	15.28	357.03
Total	1,082.16	915.37	1,997.53	1,549.13

Assets	2024	2023
Postage	£11.75	£20.00
Books in stock	£290.21	£295.02
Total	£301.96	£315.02

Individual Restricted Funds

Seedcorn Fund (to build resilience)		
Year	Received	Spent
2020	£688.00	
2021		
2022		
2023		£126.00
2024		£201.77
Current Balance	£360.23	

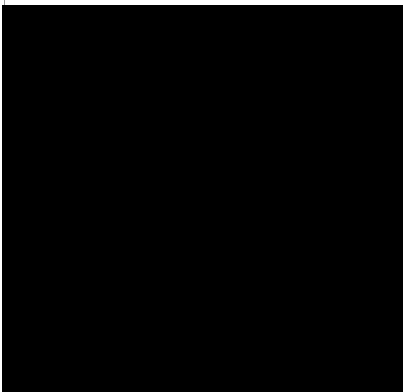
Schools Competition (previously Queen's Jubilee)		
Year	Received	Spent
2022	£549.00	
2023		£338.62
2024	£347.80	£3.04
Current Balance	£555.14	

Approved by the Trustees on 17/06/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Treasurer

Chairperson

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name KELSO WRITERS						
Registered charity number	SC049540						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 10	Year 2023	to	Day 30	Month 09	Year 2024
Set out on pages	1-6					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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) 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. 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 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 which 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.						
	Signed:				Date:	16/06/2025	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							