



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From	30th	October	2023	To	31st	October 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	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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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by adult members ( age 16+) of Glen Urquhart Shinty Club (SCIO)

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

#### Organisational Structure

Governance of the Charity is vested in a Board of Trustees (the "Board") elected by members at Annual General Meetings. The Trustees are subject to re-appointment on an annual basis by members at the AGM. After serving the maximum consecutive 9-year period, a Trustee must stand down for a full year before being eligible for re-election.

The minimum number of charity trustees is 3; the maximum number of charity trustees is 7.

The Board of Trustees meet on average 6 times each year. Minutes of meetings and supporting documentation are maintained.

Under the auspices of the Board, the day to day management of GUSC is under the direction of the Committee of Members (the "Committee") who shall be elected/re-elected by members at AGM on an annual basis. At least 2 trustees will serve on the Committee and regularly attend Committee meetings. On average the Committee meets 18 times per year. Minutes of meetings and supporting documentation are maintained

**Community Partners** GUSC has strong partnerships and regular interaction with the Camanachd Association (Shinty's Governing Body), Glenurquhart Rural Community Association, the Glenurquhart Community Council, the Glenurquhart Highland Games Association and the Glen Albyn shinty association.

GUSC welcomes all opportunities to form both short and long term partnerships with like-minded community bodies to deliver added value for the benefit of Glenurquhart.

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

**The organisation's purposes are:**

The advancement of public participation in sport primarily in the indigenous and culturally significant sport of Shinty

The provision of recreational facilities and the organising of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for those participating as players, coaches, volunteers and spectators primarily in the community of Glenurquhart.

Casual users of the maintained green space are also welcomed

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Main Activities for the benefit of the Community**

- Promote the health, well being and social cohesion of the community of Glenurquhart through the medium of sport.
- Enable the inclusive participation of all residents in the community in the encouragement of children and young people to aspire to excellence through the disciplines of exercise, learning, practice and teamwork.
- Share facilities, infrastructure and organisational capability with other sports and community organisations to the overall benefit of the community of Glenurquhart.
- Ensure, as far as practicable, equal opportunity for attendance at and safe participation in the sport for members throughout the course of each year.

GUSC is wholly reliant on volunteers for the organising of activities associated with the sport and to individuals and local businesses for financial support through donations and fundraising events.

Likewise routine and annual maintenance of the Blairbeg grounds and clubhouse is carried out in the main by volunteers.

Membership is open to anyone in the local community and beyond who supports the aims and objectives of the Club. Any member, 16 years or over, is entitled to vote on any motions put forward to the membership at general meetings including the Annual General Meeting.

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Membership

GUSC ended the Charity year with 94 adult members ( 16+) and 102 junior members.

#### Participation in Competitions

Glenurquhart fielded teams in all levels of competitions for Adults, Juniors , Male and Female and completed all games for which we were eligible.

The men's first team experienced a challenging season in Shinty's Premiership and the majority of results went against them although mostly by narrow margins . As a consequence relegation back to the National Division is now inevitable but the improving performances of the younger players in the second half of the season bodes well for the future.

The second men's team also had a difficult time in the very competitive North Division 1 league but have done well enough to avoid relegation. Once again, the younger players have brought both energy and quality to the team performances.

Given the emerging prominence of younger players in the senior teams , it is no surprise that our under 17 team reached the semifinals of the junior Mactavish cup and decisively picked up the Mowi London Shield league trophy at the end of the season ( 2/11/24)

Likewise the U17 Development Team, which also includes on some of our young women players, won the WJ Cameron Trophy on 27/11/10 following a league and knock out competition.

The women players were in action in the National Senior League, the North 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and the U14's "Round Robin" competitions. The National Team consolidated there position mid table in the league and the North 2 team did us proud by coming top in a hard fought League which went to the final game to be decided. It would be amiss not to mention the outstanding individual achievement of U14 player [REDACTED] who scored 27goals in 18 games in the North 2 league placing her as top scorer in that league.

For representative games ,Glenurquhart had two under17 youth players selected to play for a Scottish select in Ireland. In addition 5 senior women and 6 junior women were selected for the East and west representative games held annually in Oban.

The 3 day Youth summer "camp" took place in July at Blairbeg Park. This event is open to for all local primary school children in Aird and Loch Ness . It was oversubscribed and well attended with players coming from Glenurquhart, Strathglass, Lovat, Beaully and GMA.

#### Community Partnerships

**Club Minibus** - has now been relocated to the High School to be kept adjacent to the School minibus. Both buses are being used extensively by several local community organisations subject to prior booking and driver vetting. This has been achieved by significantly strengthening our partnership ties with Glenurquhart High School

#### Old Shop Site, Balmacaan Road, Drumnadrochit

GUSC in partnership with Glenurquhart Rural Community Association, Glenurquhart Rugby Club and Glenurquhart Football Club , have succeeded in a bid to the Scottish Land Fund for a grant to assist in the outright purchase by the Community of this plot adjacent to Blairbeg Park for a health and wellbeing centre.

The legal details are in the process of being finalised.

**Charitable Partnerships****Glenurquhart Care Centre**

- GUSC handed over a cheque for £13229 to the Glen Urquhart Care Centre which was half the sum raised at the Club's annual fund raising quiz held over Xmas/New Year.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

GUSC ( SCIO) is a volunteer lead organisation with no employees and hence our reserves requirement is relatively modest.

For the sake of good order, it is the intention of the Trustees to retain sufficient funds in the clubs accounts to cover the recurring annual fixed costs and regular services for the forthcoming season without any immediate requirement to fund raise .

For season 2024 services provided on a demand basis are for laundry , clubhouse cleaning and perimeter grass cutting which, on average , amount to £1500 in total. The recurring predictable costs for competition entries, minibus insurance , utilities, minor maintenance, property & liability insurance currently amount to approximately £5000.

Hence our 2023 reserves Policy was therefore to retain a minimum of £9000 in our accessible accounts at year end.

However, as a result of increased costs in all areas and particularly in insurance products and utilities, we will be monitoring our fixed costs closely during 2025 with a view to adjusting our reserves policy as required.

There are no deficits to record and no immediate future risks identified as at year ending October 2024

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## 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 (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Trustee's Secretary

Date

28/05/2025



# APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity name

GLENNURQUHART SHINTY CLUB SCIO

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050544

Period start date

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Period end date

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 (as amended). 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.

My examination is 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.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

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 comply with Regulation 9 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.

**Glenurquhart Shinty Club SCIO No 050544**  
**Receipts & Payments Account**  
**Year Ended 31st October 2024**

RECEIPTS	£
Sponsors	16000.00
Games Day	14244.40
Other Fundraising	3833.44
Collections	3655.00
Memberships	2671.24
Swinndle	2644.95
Shinty Camps	2546.60
Donations & Bequests	2330.33
Pavillion	2079.22
Dinner Dance	1622.55
Merchandise	934.41
Misc	526.22
Grants	100.00
Lotto sales	14540.14
Pavilion income	4570.70
Cheque not cashed py	912.60
Total Income for year	<u>73211.80</u>

PAYMENTS	
Trainer	15000.00
Pitch costs incl Astro	10533.61
CA - other	4397.00
Clubs	3880.00
Minibus	3648.78
Games Day Exps	3276.75
Physio	2614.75
Pavillion	2380.53
Insurance	1984.54
Strip Wash	1875.00
Referees	1726.00
Travel	1496.76
Care Centre (50% Swin)	1322.00
Tractor costs	1270.52
Fundraising Costs	627.31
Balls	594.00
Misc	472.00
Website	396.00
New Strips	355.50
Engraving	268.00
Cam Assoc (comp/ins)	262.00



Sign	221.06
Lotto costs	6500.00
Pavilion costs	2782.17

Total Payments for year	<u>67884.28</u>
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Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>5327.52</u>
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**Glenurquhart Shinty Club SCIO No 050544**

**Statement of Balances**

**As at 31st October 2024**

STATEMENT OF BALANCES £

Current Assets

Bank Balances	70394.61
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Total Assets	<u>70394.61</u>
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Represented By

Retained reserves b/f	65067.09
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Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	5327.52
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Signed as approved by two Trustees on behalf of all Trustees

Signature

Print name

Date

28/05/2025

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