

Trustees Annual Report
for
The Rotary Club of Melrose-Charities Fund
for the period
to 30th June 2026

Scottish Charity No: SC040815

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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: The Rotary Club of Melrose – Charities Fund

Scottish Charity No: SC040815

The Charities Principal Address: 40 Blakehope Court
Tweedbank
TD1 3RB

Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

President	Dr John Crombie Smith
Secretary	Norman Melrose
Treasurer	Peter Carter
Trustee	Angela Dewer

Names of other trustees during the period:

There were none

Independent Examiner: Sue Bennett ACIE
21 Dounehill
JEDBURGH
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Bankers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
35 Bank Street
Galashiels
TD1 1EP

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed under which it was constituted on 7th September 2009.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

At each Annual General Meeting the members may elect any Member to be a member of the Management Committee, all members of this committee are the designate Trustees of the Charity.

Objectives & Activities

The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of The Rotary Club of Melrose-Charities Fund are the following: -

- the advancement of citizenship or community development
- the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

The charity's objectives in relation to the above are:

- It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals
- It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations
- It carries out activities or services itself

Achievement & Performance for 2026

This year we have continued to fundraise by public street collections as well as donations from members of the public and members of the club. We have also organised and run two car boot sales.

Financial support by way of donation has been given to the following organisations ShelterBox and the Rotary Foundation and on a more local level The Aberlour Trust has received our support. We have part sponsored two applications of the Vine Trust as well as providing money to a local primary school to help pay for a school trip.

We continue to work with local primary schools (five in total) organising a regional primary school quiz as well as young citizens awards and a Christmas poster competition and a young photographer competition. At secondary level we have worked with Earlston High School providing more books for the school library, start-up money to begin 'Lend with care' in the school and running mock interviews for pupils about to leave.

The club takes part in Remembrance Day ceremonies in two towns laying poppy wreaths in both locations.

Over the Christmas period we run and finance a parade and Santas grotto and at local sheltered housing we host a carol service. A Remembrance tree operates throughout December.

In conjunction with other clubs, we operate a children's wristband service at The Border Union Show, provide stewards at The Borders School Day; marshal a local road race at new year and out at the Melrose Festival.

We maintain the garden on behalf of ScotRail at the border's railway terminus.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the trustees to allow the balance of revenue funds to accumulate until a particular project is in prospect.

Details of any deficit:

There was a financial deficit this year, the Trustees will continue to monitor the balance.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity, including monitoring, supervision and meeting times.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Norman Melrose
Acting Chairperson

Dated:

10th SEPTEMBER 2026

Receipts & Payments Account **Year Ended 30th June 2026**

Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Receipts					
Donations		1,104.29	0.00	1,104.29	611.40
Receipts from Fund Raising Activities	1	1,025.00	0.00	1,025.00	1,100.51
Grants	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.00
Bank Interest		44.01	0.00	44.01	70.27
Total Receipts		2,173.30	0.00	2,173.30	2,457.18
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities	3	232.95	0.00	232.95	74.80
Expenses from Charitable Activities	4	68.16	0.00	68.16	50.10
Grants & Donations	5	1,950.87	428.82	2,379.69	3,456.40
Independent Examination		175.00	0.00	175.00	150.00
Total Payments		2,404.61	428.82	2,833.43	3,731.30
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(231.31)	(428.82)	(660.13)	(1,274.12)
Transfer between Funds		(63.31)	63.31		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(294.62)	(365.51)	(660.13)	(1,274.12)

Statement of Balances As at 30 th June 2026	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Balances at Start of Year	4,120.12	365.51	4,485.63	5,759.75
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(294.62)	(365.51)	(660.13)	(1,274.12)
Balances at End of Year	3,825.50	0.00	3,825.50	4,485.63

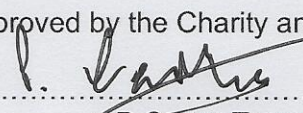
Other Assets

No Other Assets Held

Liabilities

No Outstanding Liabilities

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

P Carter Treasurer

Dated: 10/9/26

Notes to the Accounts

	2026	2025
1. Receipts from Fund Raising Activities		
Car Boot Sales	1,025.00	0.00
	£1,570.14	£1,100.51
2. Grants		
William Hill Trust	0.00	675.00
	£0.00	£675.00
3. Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		
Poppy Wreaths	79.20	74.80
Community Council	153.75	0.00
	£232.95	£74.80
4. Expenses from Charitable Activity		
SBC Lottery Licence	0.00	0.00
Stationery	45.79	50.10
Hall Hire	22.40	
	£68.16	£50.10
5. Grants & Donations		
Shelter Box	600.00	600.00
Aquabox	0.00	400.00
Aberlour	250.00	250.00
Melrose U13 Football	0.00	500.00
Rotary Foundation	400.00	500.00
Young Citizens Awards	120.00	188.65
School Art Competition	84.32	146.00
Young Photographer Award	20.00	0.00
Other Grants & Transfers	454.15	562.26
Restricted Funds - William Hill Trust		
Christmas Parade	276.51	150.00
Remembrance Tree	67.99	59.49
Melrose Pipe Band	0.00	100.00
School Art Competition	84.32	0.00
	£2,379.69	£3,456.40
6. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions		

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

7. Nature & Purpose of Funds

The statements of account for the year show the financial figures for the Charity. They are all unrestricted funds; all held at The Royal Bank of Scotland:

Balance of funds as at 30 th June 2026	£3,825.50
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of The Rotary Club of Melrose-Charities Fund
Registered charity number SC040815
On the accounts of the charity to the 30th June 2026
Set out on Pages 7 to 9

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

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.

Signed: *Sue Bennett*

Sue Bennett 21 Dounehill Jedburgh TD 8 6LJ

Date: *5 Sep 26*

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:
ACIE & Dip Business & Finance