

MONTROSE BEFRIENDING SERVICE

ACCOUNTS FOR

Year to 31 March 2026

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC052396

MONTROSE BEFRIENDING SERVICE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Charity Name: Montrose Befriending Service

Charity Reg No. SC052396

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity was registered on 13 March, 2023 and began operating a befriending service with effect from 30 May, 2023.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is to provide community contact with adults, living in the Montrose area, identified as in need of befriending support on a flexible timescale relevant to individual requirements, to support their social activities without distinction of political, religious and other opinions, to help improve their well being, and thus empower them to be participants in their community according to each individuals, abilities and wishes.

Befriending Service

Montrose Befriending Service aim is to reach out to the isolated and lonely in our community. We do this through face-to-face befriending and through group activities,

It has been a busy year for us with numbers of befrienders and befriendees growing to 45. A new intake of volunteers was held in October when 14 volunteers completed the training. In short more isolated people within our community are being reached.

Along with our normal one to one befriending we have a Tea & Toast group at Provost Johnstone Housing Complex which runs on alternate Mondays and students from Montrose Academy continue to visit Fordmill Care Home twice weekly.

We also run a craft group, a coffee group and a games group, all of which are well attended. A summer picnic was held at Borrowfield Community Centre and a Christmas party was held at the bowling club.

We also joined the National Trust where we got 10 membership cards that our befrienders can use to access National Trust properties free of charge.

Subsequent to the Year end, we have entered into a "Licence to Occupy" agreement for premises at 32 Castle Street, Montrose DD10 8AG. This building will allow us to operate most of our groups in-house and also give us the ability to allow other organisations to use our premises to help with issues with the local community.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

transactions of the Trust during the financial year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Trust at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust 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:

 Chairman

4 August 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTROSE BEFRIENDING SERVICE

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the Year ended 31 March 2026.
which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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) (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.

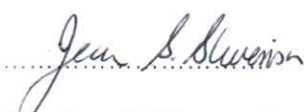
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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.

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.



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Date: 4th August 2026

MONTROSE BEFRIENDING SERVICE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2026

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	2025
INCOME				
Lottery Grant Funding	20,000		20,000	36,000
Donations		6,160	6,160	9,020
Fundraising Events		2,675	2,675	2,211
Total Income	20,000	8,835	28,835	47,231
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries and Pension Costs	39,304	-	39,304	38,932
Volunteers Expenses		1,661	1,661	2,276
Craft Club - Hall. Materials etc		833	833	809
Christmas Party		278	278	
Refreshments, Board Games etc		98	98	416
Rent of Braoch Room, etc		1,500	1,500	1,120
Other Rents		-	-	460
Rent of Halls for Coffee Mornings		140	140	170
Stationery etc	70	237	307	661
Insurance		379	379	358
Subscriptions		150	150	75
Speakers		-	-	40
Course Fees/Training Expenses		60	60	158
Fundraising Expenses		-	-	170
Banner and Handbook		-	-	255
Volunteers Lunch		-	-	302
Miscellaneous		44	44	
Utilities and Wi-Fi		89	89	
Furnishings for New Accommodation	189	-	189	-
Total Expenditure	39,563	5,469	45,032	46,202
Net Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Reserves.	(19,493)	3,366	(16,197)	1,029

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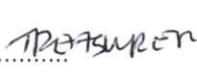
STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Total 2026 £	Total 2025
Bank & Deposit Balances Brought Forward		38,952	37,923
Movements in year			
Net Deficit for the Year		<u>(16,197)</u>	<u>1,029</u>
Bank Balances carried forward	1	<u>22,755</u>	<u>38,952</u>

Note 1 . This includes the Restricted funds - £20,266.

MONTROSE: Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Date: 4TH August, 2026