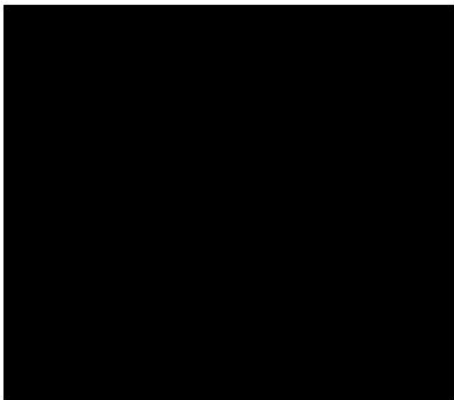


**THE STRATHAVEN BALLOON FESTIVAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Scottish Charity number SC046563



The Strathaven Balloon Festival

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014.

Chairman's Report

The 2023 Festival brought mixed results due to the weather. We continued to liaise with local schools and other charitable organisations, with several having stalls at the event and four acts from Strathaven Academy performing on the main stage on the Sunday of the festival. Other former pupils also performed having used previous festivals as a base to develop their skills and music. We also featured a number of local dance groups on the main stage and the festival was again well attended despite the variable weather. There were a good number of flights both Saturday and Sunday morning with parachutists landing on the Saturday afternoon. There was a full set of live music both days involving local bands and performers. The festival provides a great platform for musicians through provision of a professional sound system and local charity Avondale Radio was involved in providing the sound system for the Bandstand Stage, where various acoustic acts performed. The Park and Ride arrangements were again successful in avoiding gridlock in the town centre, and overall, the festival met its original objectives of bringing visitors to Strathaven to help sustain local businesses.

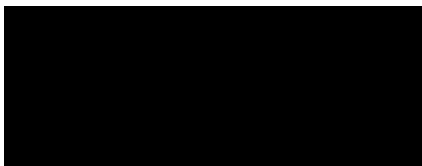
2024 was significantly more challenging in what was the 25th anniversary year. The usual rigorous preparations were made in terms of planning for the event, with again a full set of musical performers booked for both the main stage and the bandstand stage and again local charity Avondale Raio was booked to provide the sound for the Bandstand Stage. Buses were booked for park and ride and arrangements were made for improvements to the park and ride sites based on 2023 experience. Again, there were close tie-ins with local schools for both musicians and for the Balloon Drawing Competition involving local primary schools. A co-ordinated drive for volunteers by one of the organisers bore fruit with a significant increase in people offering to help. A larger car park for the disabled was also identified close to the event location. Park and ride signs were put up on all major roads leading to Strathaven, directing drivers to the closest site for them. Accommodation was booked for all pilots and fundraising had gone well through the support of local businesses and organisations. The weather forecast leading up to the event was not encouraging and as with all major outdoor events this was crucial. By the Wednesday afternoon it was clear that the rain forecast for the Sunday was significant and the wind forecast for the Saturday would lead to severe disruption of the event with no balloon flights possible, conditions entirely unsuitable for parachutists to land and dangerous conditions for fairground rides and inflatables inevitable. To avoid pilots and visitors making unnecessary journeys, it was decided to cancel the event for the first time in 25 years. There was great disappointment across the community, but it was gratifying to see the responses on social media largely being understandable and supportive. In fact, the community rose to the challenge by buying unprecedented numbers of raffle tickets to provide some income to mitigate the losses incurred through unavoidable expenditure for booked facilities including accommodation, the PA system, licences, etc.

The organising committee has itself risen to the challenge in making plans for the 2025 festival. This will be a delayed celebration of the 25th anniversary of Strathaven Balloon Festival. A new park and ride location has been identified which also allows us to offer accommodation for campervans and motorhomes. Around twenty pilots have confirmed attendance and all the bands booked for 2024 are again offering their services for free in 2025. Avondale Radio, our local charity radio station is providing the sound for the main stage and the bandstand stage and many stallholders who booked for 2024 allowed us to retain their pitch fees and are returning for 2025.

Strathaven Balloon Festival remains the largest event organised by volunteers in our area, and indeed possibly across Scotland. It continues to be run by volunteers and we have been able to grow our committee over the last two years with increased numbers offering their services. It remains a popular community event supported by visitors and businesses recognising that it is a volunteer-based event free to members of the public. We continue to rely on sponsorship and donations from local businesses and organisations with no public funding. The event remains a challenge, but one that the organising committee rises to each year and which we hope will see Strathaven Balloon Festival continue for many years to come.

As I said last year, I take this opportunity to thank the Members we lost this year for their support and hard work. We would not have the reputation we enjoy if it wasn't for you.

The knowledge, technical skills, enthusiasm and common sense of our committee members are proving to be terrific assets. With your help, we will make the Festival even better.



Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The charity promotes a community-focussed Hot Air Balloon Festival to encourage residents and visitors to come together in Strathaven to enjoy a well-organised and unique (in Scotland) event and to celebrate Strathaven's history, culture and community spirit. The festival will aim to encourage a wide range of people with different skills to help organise the event and to work with schools, charities, authorities and others to make the festival a success and to achieve the SCIO's objectives. It aims to interest all age groups and people of any background.

Projects and events connected with the festival are aimed at

1. Advancing education through school projects;
2. Teaching about Strathaven's heritage and culture; and
3. Teaching the techniques and procedures essential to balloon flight.

For the purposes of the 2005 Act, the following charitable purposes are particularly relevant:

1. The advancement of citizenship or community development;
2. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science; and
3. The advancement of education.

Publications

The aim is to provide a weekend of hot air ballooning along with a host of entertainment in the Strathaven parks. It attracts the support of balloon crews and 40,000 members of the public in the hope of the best possible weather conditions.

Every year, we publish The Balloon Festival souvenir programme. This year as last year, it provided detail on the weather conditions required to fly, how to inflate a balloon and tether it. There was a brief history of how the Balloon Festival came to be formed in Strathaven and the role of [REDACTED] of Cameron Balloons, with a resume of the first festival.

It covered the history of the Strathaven Airfield, founded in the early 1960's after The Scottish Flying Club moved from its former base at Renfrew Airport. It detailed the Airfield's move from fossil fuels to new technologies that assist safer and more efficient flying. By installing battery storage alongside solar panels, they can store excess electricity generated for use at a later time. The Airfield runs as Not-For-Profit and has no access to subsidies for green initiatives. It supports community involvement by encouraging the development of further eco-friendly systems, but it also shows other airfields that making ground-based operations zero-carbon is actually viable.

The programme detailed the huge variety of important anniversaries of local groups, celebrated by exhibitions presented at The John Hastie Museum, another volunteer-run Not-For-Profit facility. Open from mid-February to mid-December, exhibitions included 100 years of Strathaven Guiding, 80 years of Avondale Young Farmers and 25 years of Strathaven Balloon Festival. The programme provided much more detail about them and of even more anniversaries in 2025.

It provided an update on the development of Avondale Radio who host entertainment during the festival from the bandstand in the George Allan Park. Avondale Radio was launched on March 14th 2022 and has over 150,000 listeners per month currently online but hoping to move to DAB. Now a registered charity, it has several unique shows with 50 volunteer presenters providing entertainment for all ages and information on local community projects. It has a "Listen Again" feature allowing the listener to catch up on missed shows. Its success has generated sponsorship rendering it less dependent on grant support.

And a touching tribute to [REDACTED] who was a South Lanarkshire Leisure employee who died earlier in the year. He was not a member of the organising committee, but he was at the heart of the Balloon Festival from the first festival, providing endless support from early morning till late at night. His passing has left a huge gap in the smooth running of all events hosted in the park and he is very sadly missed.

In anticipation of the 25th anniversary of the Festival, a limited-edition book was produced which documented the history of the Balloon Festival with excerpts from past programmes, newspaper reports and lots and lots of photographs. With tributes to our staunchest supporters and nostalgic articles from those involved from the start, it is a wonderful and accurate history of a unique (to Scotland) event. It was so thoroughly researched, and so well written and put together. For those of us who were there at the time, this is a book we will treasure.

Achievements and Performance

There is still an enthusiastic Hot Air Balloon Festival Committee looking for any opportunity to put on not just a show but a major festival including education on ballooning with a variety of on and off-stage entertainment and field demonstrations and attractions as detailed in the Chairman's Report and Activities Review. But we did have our problems.

The Balloon Festival is a massive undertaking. It is organised by volunteers, but volunteers who are pilots, air traffic controllers, publishers and radio announcers, teachers and skilled event organisers. Even the Resilience Committee at South Lanarkshire Council can't suggest improvements on how it is organised. The event has always been presented as "weather dependent" and it was heart-breaking to suffer the rain prior to the final committee meeting in the week prior to the event.

Persistent heavy rain forced the Trustees to reluctantly cancel this year's event. The park does not drain well and it had suffered deluge over several days. There was little chance of flights when balloons would get soaked on the park grounds, so the public would have no motive to come. The Park & Ride remote locations drain well for the most part, but drivers would still be concerned about using farmers' fields. It was in the best interest of the reputation of the event and the event organisers to cancel the event and show commitment to organising Balloon Festival 2025. Financially, some costs would be suffered and payments for booked stalls would be either refunded or retained as stallholders' bookings for 2025 (at stallholders' request). It was critical for the future of the event to prevent a financial disaster and the Trustees acted admirably to mitigate both reputational and financial damage to the Festival. Given local experience of just how bad the weather conditions had been, the decision was applauded for not being taken at the last minute: most people would have been watching forecasts and likely expecting the Trustees' decision.

As reported in previous Trustees' Reports, the Strathaven Hot Air Balloon Festival is not intended as a once-in-a-lifetime experience: we want our audiences to return year after year. We have to prepare 2025 to stop previous problems being repeated, but it will always be weather dependent. We need each year to be an improvement in scale, design and implementation on what went before. A strong committee with committed volunteers will help us achieve that.

Financial Review

The Hot Air Balloon Festival is an expensive event to host. Securing funding is key to the success of the event. Local businesses have shown remarkable financial support. Council support has historically been terrific for purchase of equipment essential to the event, equipment that is available to organisers of all other events in the area. The council is not funding running costs, so we have to address that with other ideas.

The Festival has a Just Giving page at <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/strathavenbf> but it raises very little.

There were no fundraising events in the year. Every fundraising opportunity is assessed for viability and pursued if appropriate, but previous experiences have left the committee despondent as the net gain did not justify the time spent organising them. To add insult to injury, Trustees paid essential costs out of their own pocket with no chance of reimbursement, declaring the expense a donation, rather than declare an event a failure after it had taken a lot of effort to put together.

Local businesses contributed £11,150 (2023: £9,850) in sponsorship but we have deferred releasing £7,000 of that (large donations from specific sources) to the accounts till 2025 leaving £4,150 in the 2024 accounts. We sold 2 programmes (2023: 390) which generated £10 (2023: £1,950), lost £1,000 on the Park & Ride (2023 loss £1,800) and retained £5,050 (2023: £12,732) for stall lets in exchange for guaranteeing stallholders a place for 2025 which is included in the balance sheet as deferred income. Non-refundable pre-booked flight crew accommodation cost £4,620 (2023 over £8,600 including hospitality and balloon gas). At the end of the year, there is a loss of £4,368 (2023: surplus of £2,666 less release of £703 balance of grant income leaving £1,963) which is deducted from reserves. None of the creditors were left unpaid. We start planning for 2025 with £863 of unrestricted working capital and £2,000 in restricted funds plus some branded, un-dated goods we can sell in August 2025.

Investment policy

The Trustees have no funds on deposit and no investments and there are no plans for either. Funds are required for working capital.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the reserves required to meet their current and future liabilities. There are insufficient funds to put on another Festival without successful fundraising. We rely heavily on the continuing support of local businesses and the public. We never assume grant support.

Future plans

It is important to keep the event fresh, relevant and interesting so we will continue to review the entertainment on offer. We will continue to nurture our relationship with Strathaven Academy, Primary Schools and local Drama and Music Schools to provide emerging talent with an opportunity to perform on a professional stage with a world-class sound system in front of a live audience.

We are no further forward finding an alternative site for re-gassing the balloons: somewhere safer and easier to access than the current facility, somewhere we could store gas and buy direct from suppliers much more cheaply than we can at present. CCTV security will help. It would be a fantastic resource, but finding somewhere suitable is harder than it sounds.

The easiest solution to funding the festival is to approach big business, but it then becomes their festival and it loses the Strathaven identity. The Trustees want to keep this local and unique and will continue to seek local funding from locals, visitors and local businesses.

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is an incorporated organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 17 May 2016.

The Charity was granted charitable status by HMRC on 28 February 2019.

Appointment of Trustees

The appointment of Trustees is governed by sections 10 and 21 of the constitution, as follows:

10.1 A person will not be eligible for election or appointment as a Charity Trustee unless he is a Full Member.

10.2 The minimum number of Charity Trustees is three and shall include a Chairman of the SCIO. The number of Charity Trustees may be altered by a resolution of the Charity Trustees.

10.3 The affairs of the SCIO shall be managed by the Charity Trustees.

21.1 Subject to clause 10, the Charity Trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a Charity Trustee either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Charity Trustee by way of a resolution passed unanimously at a Charity Trustees' meeting.

21.2 The Charity Trustees shall endeavour to recruit to the Board individuals with appropriate and relevant experience and skills.

21.3 In any case where, as a result of death, the SCIO has no Charity Trustees, the personal representatives of the last Charity Trustee to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person(s) to be a Charity Trustee(s).

21.4 For the purposes of clause 21.3, where two or more Charity Trustees die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, the younger Charity Trustee is deemed to have survived an older Member.

Management of the Committee and Risk

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Hot Air Balloon Festival. Day-to-day management is delegated to specific members and other volunteers with relevant skills. All members attend trustee meetings to discuss progress and development.

The trustees are aware of their responsibilities for health & safety, but mindful that ballooning activities and the huge crowds they attract carry risk. The committee consists of experienced event organisers, an air traffic controller, balloon pilots, teachers and volunteers with relentless enthusiasm and commitment to this charity. Our Trustees all have disclosures under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme. The trustees are responsible for ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation including the Data Protection Act 2018. They take their responsibilities seriously.

In addition to comprehensive insurance, we hire the services and skills of sound engineers, medical personnel and security (to name but three) to get to the standard that must be achieved to secure a safe and successful event.

Although provided for under section 9 of the constitution, the Trustees receive no remuneration, no expenses and no benefits in kind other than the satisfaction that comes with knowing they are doing something worthwhile.

Reference and Administrative Information

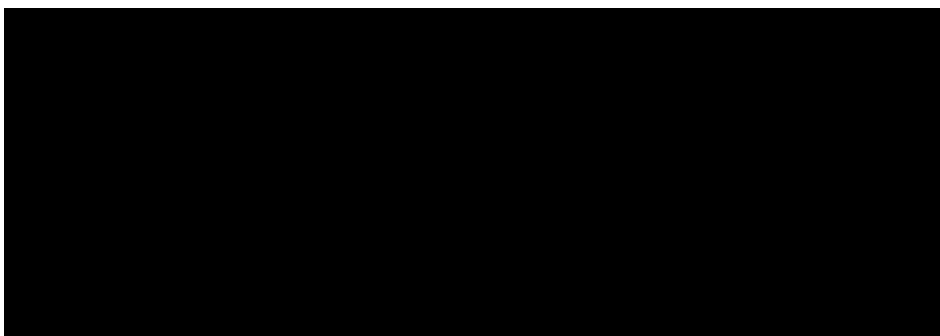
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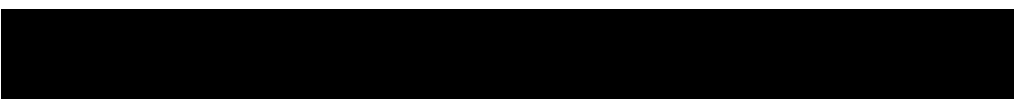
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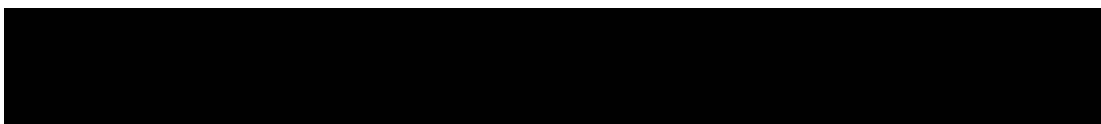
Current Trustees who served throughout the year 2023-24:



Other Trustees on 1st October 2023 who retired during the year:



Trustees who were appointed during the year:



Committee Member who is not a Trustee:



The Committee takes this opportunity to thank our retiring Committee Members & Trustees for their support and hard work. We wish them every success with their future endeavours.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

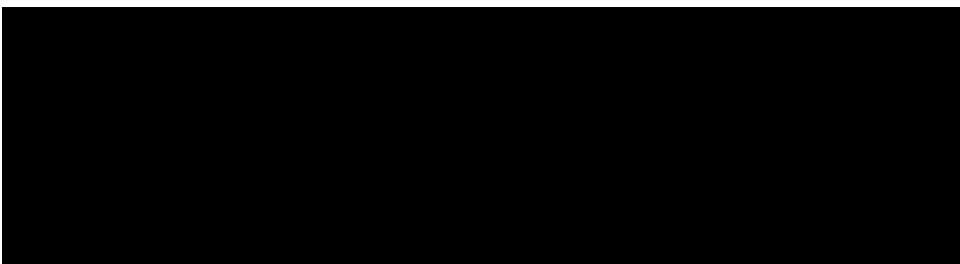
The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity information and any financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other countries.

Approved by the trustees on 29th. June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 30 September 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Strathaven Balloon Festival

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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.

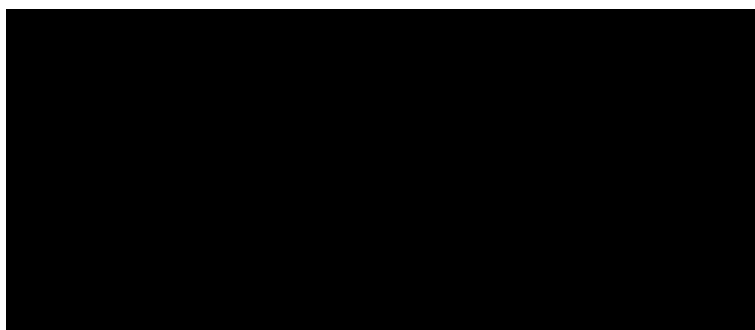
Independent Examiner's Statement

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
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.



STRATHAVEN HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note ref	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Current assets							
Stock		616		616	366		366
Debtor		680		680	150		150
Cash at bank		14,789	2,000	16,789	13,926	-	13,926
Total current assets		16,085	2,000	18,085	14,442	-	14,442
Current liabilities (including provisions)							
Deferred income - all unrestricted funds	4	12,050		12,050	-	-	0
Accrued charges		3,172		3,172	7,211	-	7,211
Total current liabilities		15,222	-	15,222	7,211	-	7,211
Net assets		863	2,000	2,863	7,231	-	7,231
Represented by the following							
Unrestricted income funds		863		863	7,231		7,231
Restricted income funds			2,000	2,000		-	-
Total charity funds		863	2,000	2,863	7,231	-	7,231

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note ref	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME							
Donations	5						
Donations & Sponsorship		4,831		4,831	17,473		17,473
Grants	6						
South Lanarkshire Council, Kype Muir Community Fund & Strathaven & Glassford Community Council			4,000	4,000		7,403	7,403
Receipts from fundraising activities	7						
From public and stall lets		3,300		3,300	23,587		23,587
Total income		<u>8,131</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>12,131</u>	<u>41,060</u>	<u>7,403</u>	<u>48,463</u>
EXPENDITURE							
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8	14,498	2,000	16,498	39,097	7,403	46,500
Total expenditure		<u>14,498</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>16,498</u>	<u>39,097</u>	<u>7,403</u>	<u>46,500</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year	-	6,368	2,000	-4,368	1,963	0	1,963
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,231</u>	<u>5,268</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,268</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>863</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,863</u>	<u>7,231</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,231</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The Strathaven Balloon Festival

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 30 September 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE)(effective January 2015), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The trustees consider that there are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain two unrestricted bank accounts for the proper management of the Committee, as follows:

- The Balloon Festival current account is for day-to-day management
- The Balloon Festival deposit account is used to manage income from stallholders.

Restricted funds are intended for specific purposes and have conditions attached by the donor. The only restricted funds would relate to grants received.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Balloon Festival has entitlement to the income, is certain of receipt and the amount to be received. But if grants have been received that are subject to conditions, the income is deferred and not recognised until those conditions are met.

The Strathaven Balloon Festival

Notes to the Accounts continued

For the year ended 30 September 2024

Accounting Policies continued

(d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Balloon Festival to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

(e) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in kind. No expenses were paid to the trustees in the year.

3. Legal status of the Strathaven Balloon Festival

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). In terms of section 49(4) of the 2005 Act or otherwise, the Charity Trustees have no liability to pay sums to help meet the debts (or other liabilities) of the SCIO if it is dissolved.

The Charity Trustees have certain legal duties under the 2005 Act and the foregoing does not apply to any personal liabilities they might occur if they are in breach of those duties, which would result in personal liability.

4. Deferred income – unrestricted funds.

Income received as donations or payment for stall lets, as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations from local businesses	7,000	-
Stallholder's fees guaranteeing a let in 2025	<u>5,050</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,050</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Note ref	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
5 Donations						
Donations from the public	81		81	2,203		2,203
Business sponsorship	4,750		4,750	15,270		15,270
	4,831	-	4,831	17,473	-	17,473
6 Grants						
County Durham Community Grant		1,000	1,000			-
Kype Muir Community Fund		3,000	3,000		6,903	6,903
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council			-		500	500
	-	4,000	4,000	-	7,403	7,403
<p>We received £10,000 from the Kype Muir Community Fund in the year to 30 Sept 2022 for the purchase of two trailers. There was a balance of £6,903 at 30 Sept 2022 used in 2023 for the £6,200 purchase. The remaining balance of £703 is released to the profit & loss account in 2023.</p> <p>We received in 2023 £500 from Strathaven and Glassford Community Council for the outright purchase of radios that have now been bought.</p>						
7 Receipts from fundraising activities						
Programme sales	10		10	1,950		1,950
Raffle income	2,772		2,772	1,583		1,583
Sale of branded merchandise	-		-	1,482		1,482
Park & Ride	-		-	5,700		5,700
Stall & pitch lets	-		-	12,732		12,732
Hiring out our own equipment	-		-	140		140
Sale of 25th Anniversary book	518		518	-		-
	3,300	-	3,300	23,587	-	23,587
8 Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
Out of date stock written off	-		-	-		-
Licences & insurance	1,652		1,652	1,673		1,673
Printing & publicity	729		729	1,147		1,147
Stage, sound system & lighting	2,724		2,724	5,620		5,620
Entertainers	-		-	450		450
First Aiders	-		-	3,086		3,086
Flight crew accommodation & hospitality	4,620		4,620	6,635		6,635
Balloon flight gas	-		-	3,484		3,484
Equipment for infrastructure	547		547	1,623	703	2,326
Equipment - second-hand trailers			-		6,700	6,700
Park & Ride bus costs		1,000	1,000	7,500		7,500
Portable toilets, radio communications & sundries	3,309		3,309	3,363		3,363
Security	-		-	4,514		4,514
Quiet zone costs	259		259	-		-
25th Anniversary book printing & launch event	659	1,000	1,659	-		-
	14,498	2,000	16,498	39,097	7,403	46,500