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Period start date

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Month

Year

From

01

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2023

To

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Year

Period end date

30

June

2024

Reference and administration details

Synergy Explorers

Registered charity number

SC049660

Charity's principal address

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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APPENDIX 1

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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	The Constitution of Synergy Explorers. It is based closely on the standard OSCR model constitution for a single-tier SCIO. A copy of the current constitution has been lodged with OSCR.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The Board is made of Charity Trustees who are recruited with the agreement of the Board at a quorate meeting of the Board. The process is for a Board member to nominate an individual and then to have the Board vote on the nomination. A simple majority of members present is needed for a new Trustee to be recruited. The processes covering the operation of the Board are set out in clauses 14 to 42 of the Constitution. The Charity Trustees are also the Members of the organisation for the purposes of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	To advance science by stimulating debate about the factors that may affect sustainable harmony between intimate partners and to apply the evidence produced by the debate to the moral and ethical questions of the day.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>2023-2024 was the fifth year of operation of Synergy Explorers.</p> <p>Our work revolved around building the operations of the charity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing our brand through the website at https://synergyexplorers.org.• Continuing to develop a social media presence on Twitter/X.com for audiences in Scotland and around the world.

Achievements and performance

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

- The website traffic to <https://synergyexplorers.org> decreased modestly from 103,712 visitors in the fourth year to 78,882 this year. We added 6 additional pages to the website (last year 16).
- A free audio course called "Enlightened Sex" – The Practicalities available through the website had 93 enrollments during 2023-24, the same as the previous year.
- In the year to 30 June 2024 different contributors had published a total of 40 additional blog posts on the website (previous year it was 57).
- @SynergyExplore1 remained active as the Charity's account on Twitter, achieving 1,808 impressions (down from 7,136). Since the Musk takeover of Twitter (now "X"), tweet exposure is throttled unless X users pay a regular subscription fee. The Synergy Board has not elected to invest in an X subscription at this time.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Synergy Explorers would like to set reserves at £1,000, equal to one year's basic operating costs. This amount is feasible and proportionate for the third operating year of a charity.

Details of any deficit

The charity had a deficit of £3181 for the year to 30 June 2024. The Reserves of the charity stand at £1759 so the Trustees are confident that basic operating costs will be met.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The Charity Trustees donated an estimated total of 550 hours of free labour towards the delivery of the audio course, and the development and maintenance of the website, blogs and Twitter.

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Other optional information

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)	Chair, Treasurer and Secretary	Assistant Treasurer
Date	1 March 2025	1 March 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

Synergy Explorers

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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 accounts.

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
 - 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.

Date:

5 March 2025

Fellow of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Brett Nicholls Associates

Herbert House

24 Herbert Street

Glasgow, G20 6NB

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
Day Month Year
01 July 2023

Period end date
Day Month Year
30 June 2024

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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable to nearest £	Permanent to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds last to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	4,832	-	-	-	4,832	8,838
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	2,608
A1 Sub total	4,832	-	-	-	4,832	11,446
A2 Receipts from asset & investment						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,832	-	-	-	4,832	11,446
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable	7,533	-	-	-	7,533	7,728
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Independent examination	480	-	-	-	480	480
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trustee Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraud	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	8,013	-	-	-	8,013	8,208
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,013	-	-	-	8,013	8,208
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,181)	-	-	-	(3,181)	3,238
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,181)	-	-	-	(3,181)	3,238

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Opening Cash and Bank at start of the year	4,940	-	-	-	4,940	1,702
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(3,181)	-	-	-	(3,181)	3,238
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	1,759	-	-	-	1,759	4,940
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Nil			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total			-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Total			-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Independent Examination Fee		Unrestricted	480	480
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total			480	480

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Nil			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

			01.03.2025
			01.03.2025

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donation via Charities Aid Foundation	4,832	-	-	-	4,832	8,825
Amazon Europe Core	-	-	-	-	-	13
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,832	-	-	-	4,832	8,838

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Computer consumables and website management	617	-	-	-	617	437
Insurance	546	-	-	-	546	494
Office Space	371	-	-	-	371	365
Advertising and Promotion	4,400	-	-	-	4,400	4,800
Research costs (including Books and Journals)	34	-	-	-	34	196
Bank/Finance Charges	5	-	-	-	5	4
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	34
Consultancy fees	1,552	-	-	-	1,552	1,393
Cell phone	-	-	-	-	-	5
Postage	8	-	-	-	8	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,533	-	-	-	7,533	7,728