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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	August	2024	To	1	August	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Border Kayak and Canoe Club (SCIO)
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC049436
Charity's principal address	Roisin Dhu Holefield Kelso TD5 8BW

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ian Fingland	Chair		
2	Steven Turnbull	Treasurer		
3	William Miller	Secretary		
4	Melanie Hodgkinson	Safeguarding officer		
5	Kirstie Macmillan	Safety Officer		
6	Lawrence Caldwell			
7	Ian Miskin			
8	David Atkinson			
9	David Steel			
10	Sean Rogers-Jones			
11	Garry MacKechnie		Retired February 2026	
12	Marie MacKechnie		Retired February 2026	

Reference and administration details

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
Garry MacKechnie	Retired 20/02/2026
Marie MacKechnie	Retired 20/02/2026

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Written constitution, safety rules and code of conduct.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Garry and Marie MacKechnie retired from the roles of trustees at the AGM of February 2026. All other trustees remain.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<p>The promotion of kayaking and canoeing in southeast Scotland and north Northumberland. We provide structured progressive coaching sessions and trips on local rivers and sea with occasional more distant trips. Our activities include sea kayaking, white water kayaking and open canoeing. We also have new members with interests in sit-on-top kayaks and Stand-Up-Paddleboarding. We provide regular safety sessions for members in sea and river environments. The club provides boats and equipment for members to use for club activities in the above disciplines. We welcome everyone interested in paddlesports and help and encourage them to enjoy the sea, rivers and flat water safely.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>Sea kayak coaching, rescue practice sessions, trips: 23 River coaching, safety and trips: 5 Open canoe coaching, safety and trips: 2 Swimming pool coaching sessions: 5</p> <p>Weekly 'peer group' trips for experienced and progressing club members: > 50</p> <p>We have introduced around ten new club members to kayaking and canoeing. Some had no previous experience, some were experienced but had not been involved in the sport for several years.</p> <p>We have recently sold our older river kayaks and are in the process of upgrading to modern designs better suited to our needs.</p> <p>Our old website had become un-maintainable and we decided to create a new website containing all useful club information for current and potential new members.</p>

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Achievements and performance

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

During this past year one member has gained Sea Kayak Leader and White Water Leader qualification and one has gained Advanced Sea Kayak Leader qualification.

Paddle Scotland, the regulating body for paddle sport in Scotland along with Paddle UK, have been putting in place ‘Standards for Deployment’ for the last two years or so. The goal is to improve the safety and quality of experience for everyone involved in paddlesports. All affiliated clubs have had to put in place or improve their operational processes and make their policies public. By the end of 2026 only club members with appropriate British Canoeing Awarding Body (BCAB) will be permitted and insured to lead club events. This has had significant implications for all clubs and much time has been spent over the last year with documentation and creating a new club website. The club now has a process to provide financial support for members who wish to progress along the BCAB qualification route. Without qualified club members the club cannot after 2026 hold events.

Our club is very focussed on gaining more qualified members, through existing members gaining qualifications and by attracting currently qualified new members.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The Club holds adequate funds of between £2000 and £4000 to cover at least one year of operating expenses and purchase of replacement equipment. We do specific fund raising and look for grant support for significant capital expenditure.

Details of any deficit

We do not have a deficit.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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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) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	William Miller	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Club Secretary	
Date	21 April 2026	