

TWEED TONGS

LOCAL PEOPLE
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CHILDREN

Registered Charity No. SC048410

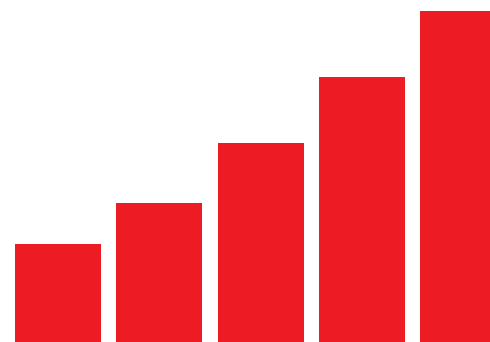
Annual Report 2024/25





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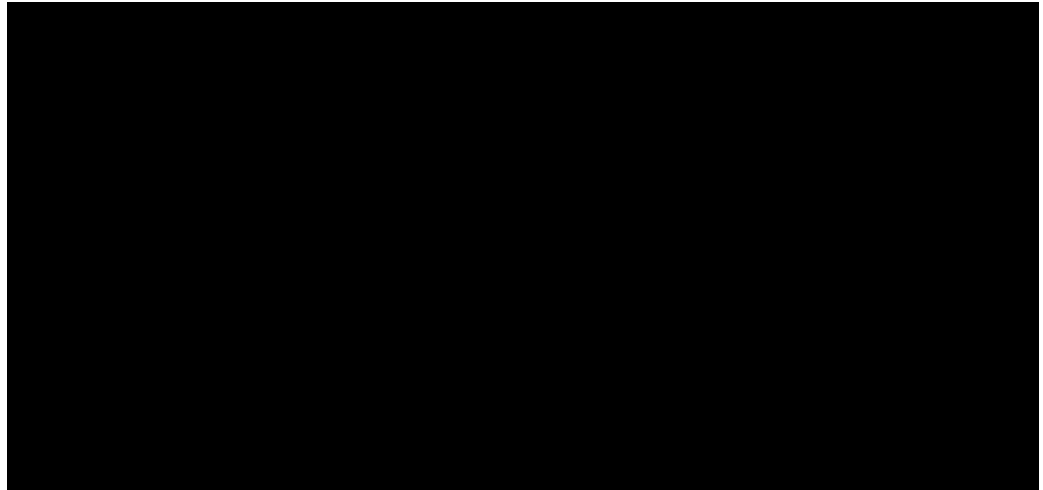




| About us

Charity Name Tweed Togs (SCIO)

Trustees



Charity number SC048410

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It was registered as a SCIO on 24 May 2018 and has a two-tier structure consisting of the Members and the Board of Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution by members of the charity.

Charitable Purposes

Tweed Togs purposes are to:

- Prevent or relieve poverty in the Scottish Borders.
- Relieve those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
- Advance citizenship or community development.
- Support sustainable living by reducing clothing waste and encouraging reuse and recycling of clothes.



Our Vision And Mission

Vision

“No child or young person should fail to realise their potential through want of suitable clothing.”

In 2017 a group of like-minded folks got together to provide a service in the Scottish Borders similar to that in neighbouring authorities - to provide donated and recycled clothes for children so they could take part in any opportunity to help fulfil their potential. Within twelve months five Trustees were in role, the charity was registered, volunteers joined, 65 children were supported with 195 bags of high quality clothes, lovingly presented as gifts in presentation bags.

With a great team of committed volunteers Tweed Togs emerged from these humble beginnings to becoming an established charity, providing a reliable, caring service for children from birth to 12 years.

Children who don't have the right clothes for many and various reasons can be denied valuable experiences which enhance their development. Lack of access to play activities, socialising, outdoor pursuits, school residential or just having enough clothes to cope with weather changes is enough to affect future development. These adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can have a lifelong impact.

“The links between poverty, trauma, and ACEs, are complex and there is not a simple link between the two. There is growing evidence of an association between deprivation and ACEs and that risk factors “cluster together in the lives of the most disadvantaged young people”¹

1. Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, Risk and Protective Factors, 2005

Our Vision And Mission

Mission

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Tweed Togs is a small charity with a huge beating heart. Since starting in 2017 all referral requests have been completed within the 14 day timescale, emergency referrals sooner and some delivered the next day when the need was most urgent. Our 'Can Do' reputation goes before us and our volunteers are more than willing to give of their time to process the very best donated clothes to fulfil requests from the diverse range of health, education and care agencies that refer to us.

Volunteers as well as groups and individuals from businesses and schools have been welcomed to join our teams to help carry out our activities.

Our community extends to other charities like Peebles Food Bank with whom we have developed a mutually supportive partnership.



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Our Vision And Mission

Mission

Our Activities:

- Collect clothes from generous donors around the Scottish Borders.
- Sort clothes into stock boxes. Redistribute items not suitable or required to other charitable organisations for reuse. Below standard items are recycled.
- Respond to requests for referrals from agencies.
- Select wardrobes of appropriate clothes for referred children.
- Launder and pack selected clothes as gifts into presentation bags.

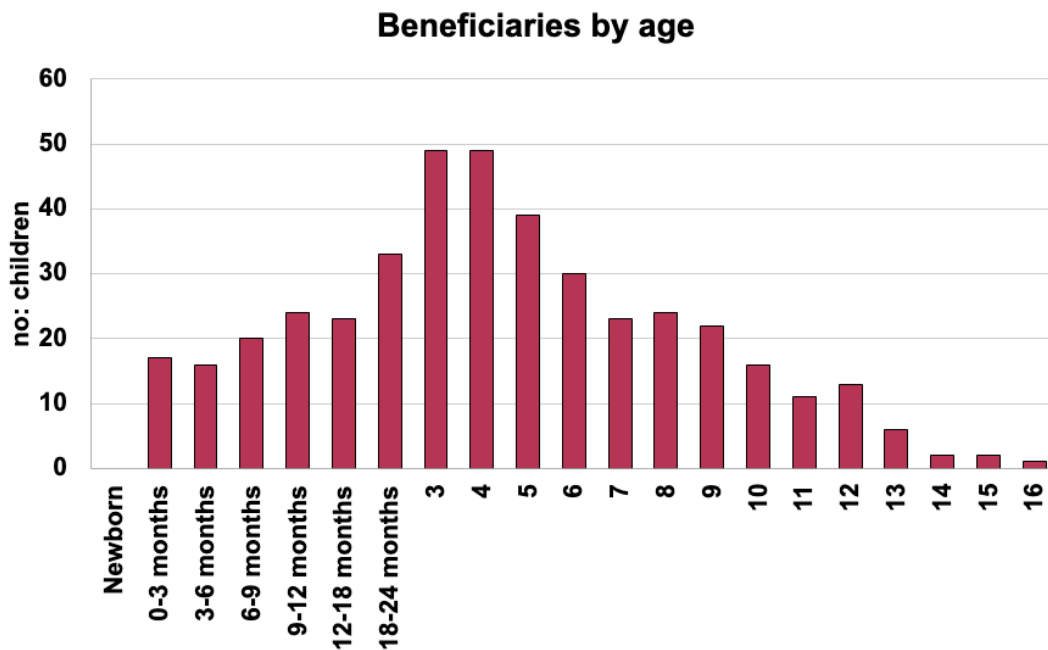




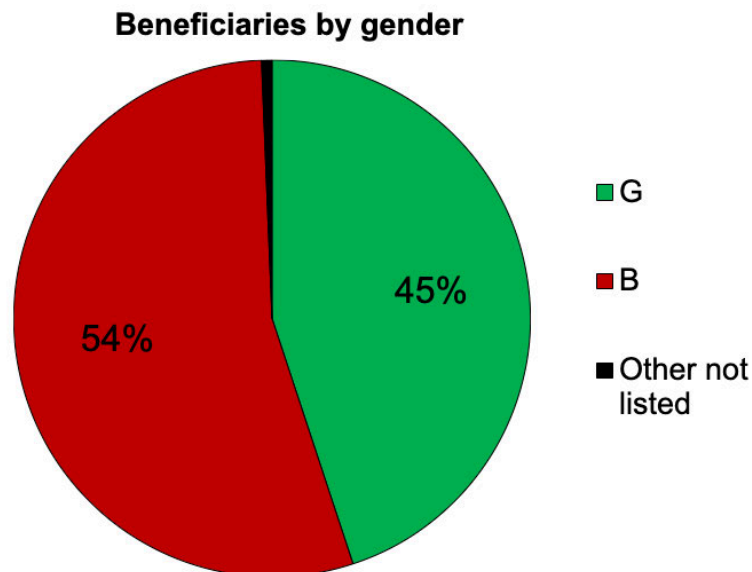
Impact Report

Between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 we delivered 463 packs comprised of around 1,389 gift bags full of hand-picked, age-appropriate clothing, carefully laundered and packed... all with the help of 43 volunteers who helped process and pack our gift bags, in an average turnaround time of 14 days.

Demand for clothing for children aged 18 months to 6 years remains particularly high:



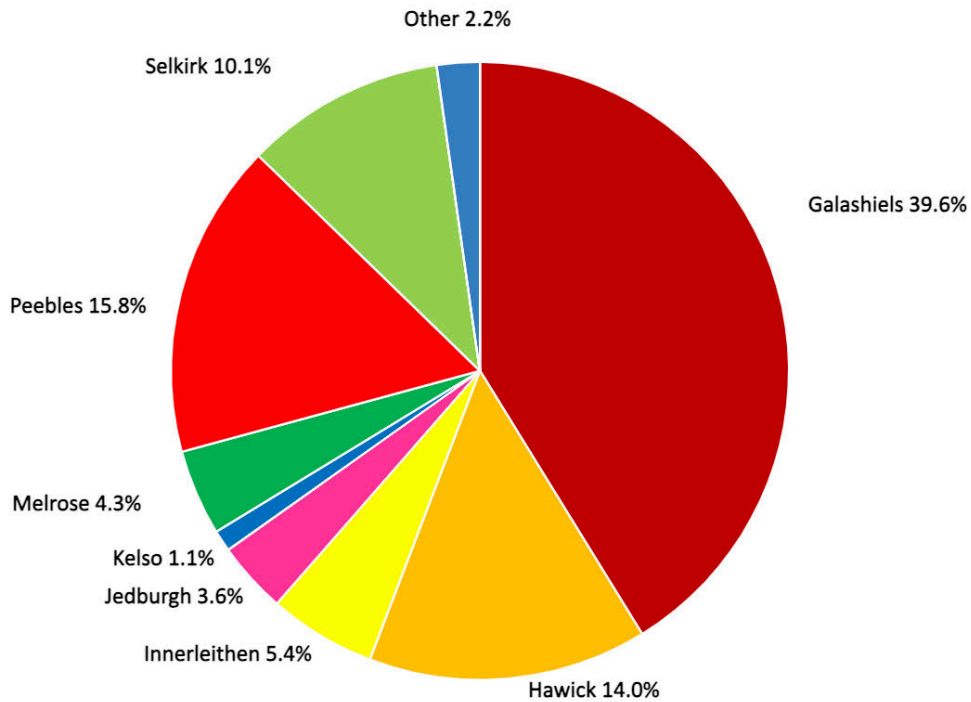
Recipients were slightly more likely to be boys (54%) than girls (45%):





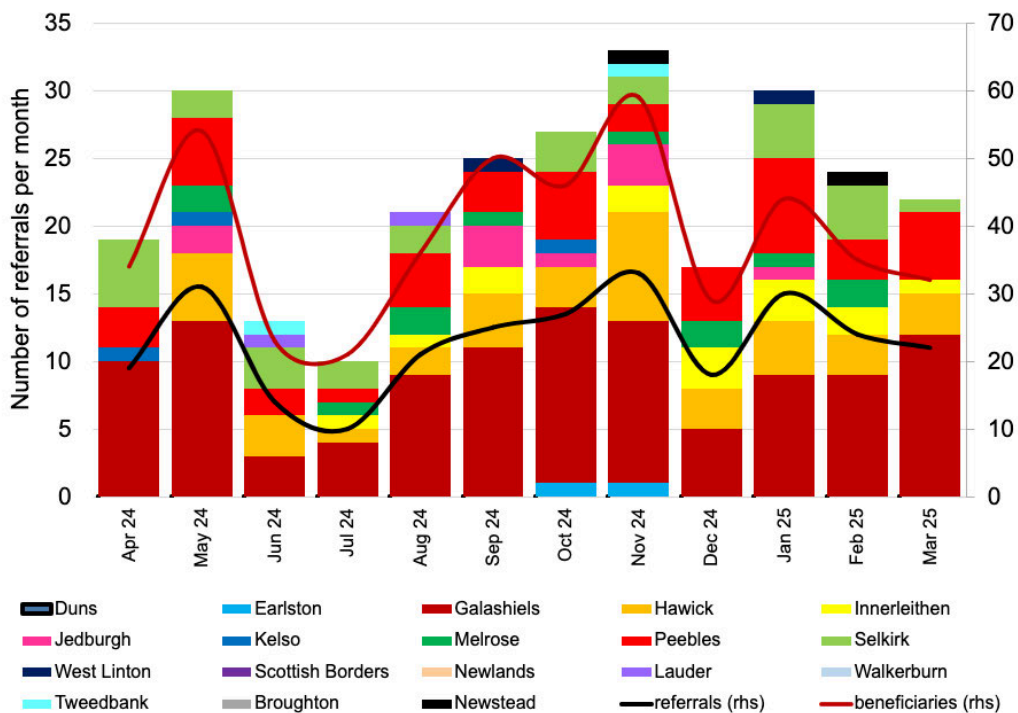
Impact Report

The majority (39.6%) of packages were delivered within the Galashiels area:



Autumn continues to be our busiest period:

Historic trend of monthly referrals/beneficiaries and referral locations



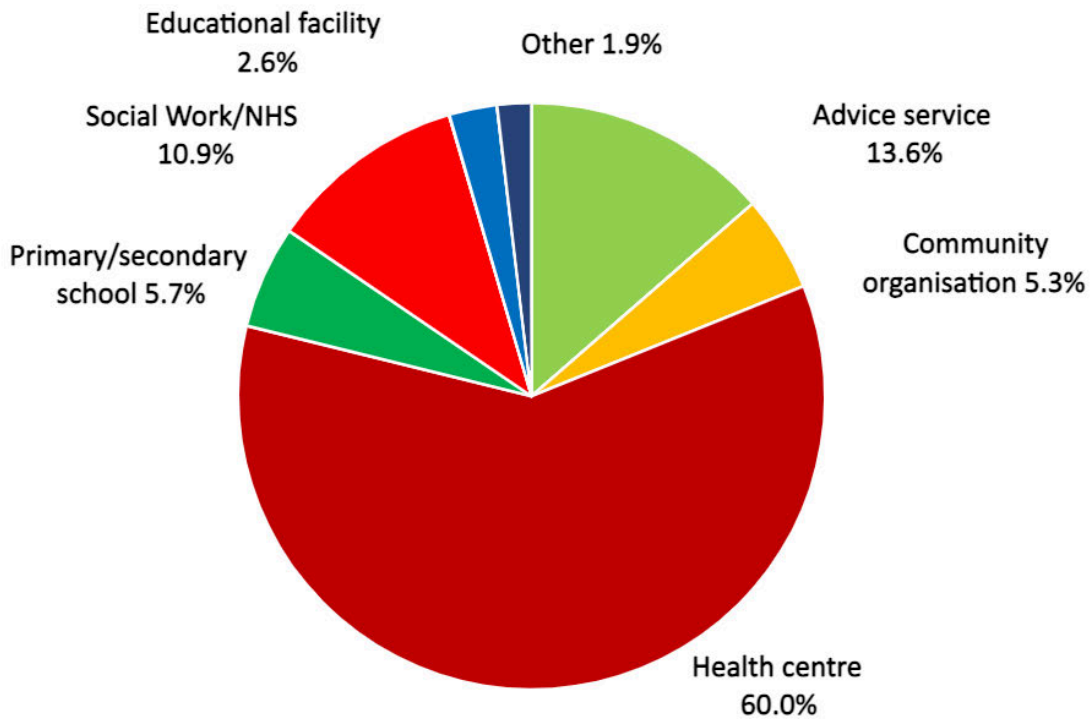
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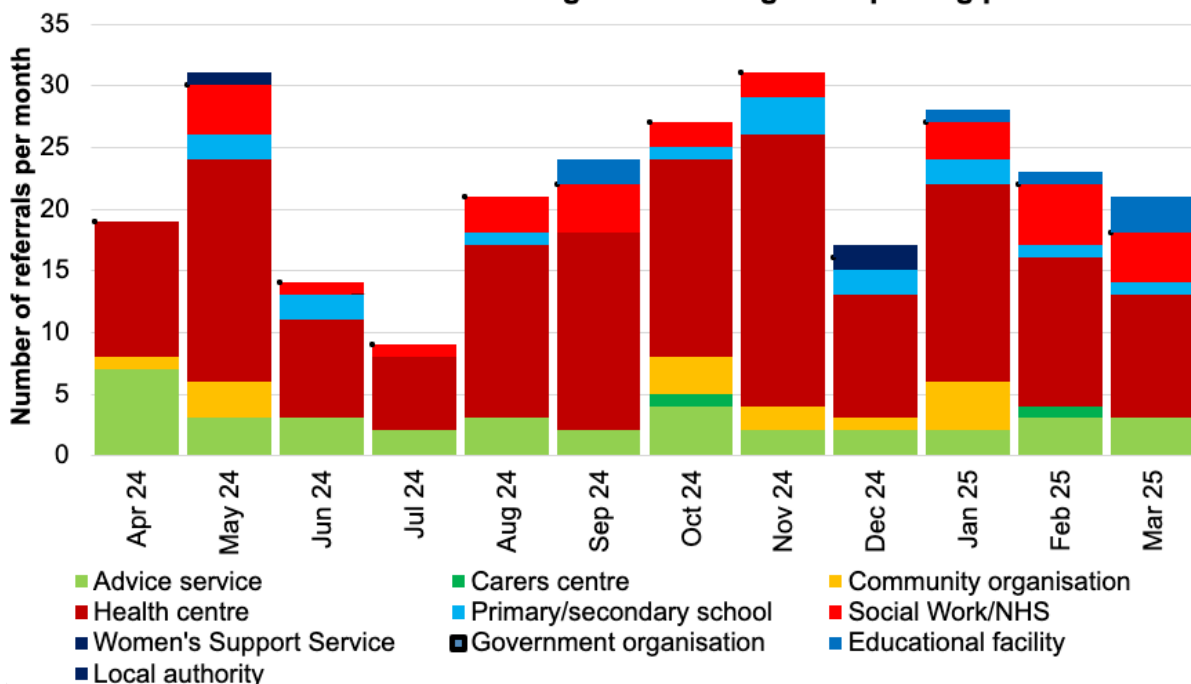
Impact Report

Referrer network - We work with qualified professionals who serve the physical, mental, social and cognitive health needs of children and families.

The majority (60%) of referrals originated from health centres:



Historic trend of referral agencies during the reporting period



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Impact Report

The difference our gift bags make - a selection of feedback we have received during the year:

“The Tweed Togs donation has evidenced to the mum that people do care about her and her child, will go out of their way to help her. This has supported her self-esteem and confidence which also has a positive effect on her believing she can, and does, make safe decisions about the care of her child. Supporting this mum with her self-confidence also means she feels more confident in accessing other support services, such as mother and baby groups and keeping to health visitor appointments, meaning her child will benefit from these links both now and in the future. Whilst donations from Tweed Togs are about meeting a clothing need, it is also about so much more - evidencing to parents that they are cared about by their local community, knowing you are cared about can improve parents’ self-esteem and confidence, potentially leading to better outcomes for children.”

“Details of the child requiring clothing are kept to a minimum, so no names are shared and privacy is protected. Tweed Togs provide a drop off service at the XXX where parent carers can collect the clothing. The bags are really nicely presented, and the clothing is clean. For children with sensory support needs clothing that has been worn in can be much more comfortable for them. Our efforts also help to reduce textile waste and poverty through working together as a community.”

“The support that Tweed Togs provide is invaluable, they support vulnerable families/children with clothing, which they would not normally be able to afford. This allows the child to wear age and stage appropriate clothing. We aim to reduce social inequalities and Adverse Childhood Events and Tweed Togs are a part of this. Often the older children are so excited to open the bags as they receive very little to themselves and take pride in wearing good quality items. The service is second to none, with friendly and helpful staff who respond in a timely manner to requests. We would struggle without Tweed Togs service! THANK YOU.”

“I regularly meet families who are struggling financially - often finding it difficult to provide appropriate clothing for their children, particularly in the winter months. The service provided by Tweed togs has been vital to the children and families I work with - making a massive difference to the families I work with who often feel they have no-where else to turn. On a personal note your service is also vital - the simple referral process, quick turnaround, wonderfully-packaged items which are always in excellent condition, and your always friendly and polite team have helped me to quickly make a difference to the families I work with.”



Review of activities



Demand for our service remains high

In 2024/25 we delivered 463 packs of clothing to children throughout the Scottish Borders (a 42% increase since 2022/23 and a 2% increase since 2023/24). We also delivered 52 bundles of summer clothing to local health centres and schools and donated any excess baby clothes to the Scot Baby Box Appeal for Ukraine initiative. We have responded well to the significant increase in demand over the past two years thanks to a steady flow of donations and the tireless work of our dedicated volunteers.

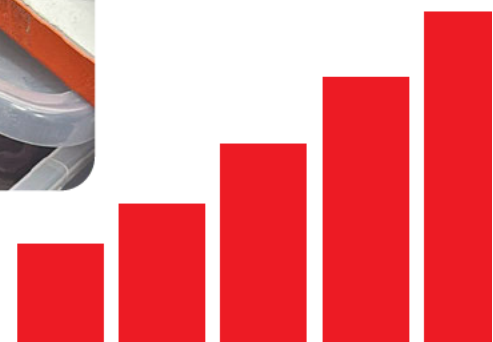
We would like to thank our collection points at Fat Face Peebles, Coop Innerleithen, Treetop Toys in Melrose as well as St Andrew's Church in West Linton and Cafe ReCharge in Galashiels (both new this year). Many thanks also to the Post Office in West Linton and Treetop toys in Kelso and The Wee Souk in Galashiels for being collection points for us until this year.

Raising awareness and boosting our funds

Despite the regular flow of donations, demand for some ages, particularly 2, 3 and 4 years continues to exceed supply. As such it has been necessary to use funds to provide essential clothing items such as coats, joggers and warm tops for these age groups.



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Review of activities



In attempt to mitigate these ongoing pressures we have:

- Further increased our social media presence
- Attended local events to drum up support, including Peebles Community Festival, Cardona Summer Fayre, Peebles High School Careers Forum and Kingsland School Summer Fayre.
- Set up a wishlist on Amazon so that people can buy new clothes for us to use in our gift bags.
- Increased the number of collection points
- Put in place plans to sell any excess or unsuitable stock to fund the purchase of new underwear for our gift bags
- Welcomed a new trustee with fundraising experience and further increased our fundraising efforts:
 - In addition to our ongoing, volunteer-run 50:50 club, we have received several generous donations from a number of local organisations and individuals, including Innerleithen Coop, Kailzie Gardens, Scots Pine Tearoom, the Preloved Network, Broughton Women's Rural Institute, Lyne and Manor Church, The Crown Hotel in Peebles, Peebles Round Table and Borders Competitions.
 - Our Coffee Morning held in November November was extremely well attended and raised a whopping £1,231.40.
 - We were successful in securing grants from SPIFOX and The National Lottery Cost of Living fund.

Our Volunteers and Trustees

Tweed Togs owes its ongoing success to the unwavering commitment and effort of our 43 volunteers, who gave up around 4,000 hours of their time this year. We have welcomed 2 new delivery drivers this year and have also seen a number of changes to our Trustees, with two stepping down and two coming on board. We are hugely grateful for all that the outgoing Trustees have done to keep Tweed Togs thriving.

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Financial Review

Income for the period was £62,010 and expenditure was £26,332 giving a surplus of +£35,677.

This compares to a surplus of +£49 in 2024.

The accumulated surplus at 31 March 2025 of £56,646, is made up of unrestricted funds of £27,834 and restricted funds of £28,812.

Our main funding during this period has come from a grant from National Lottery - Cost of Living Support Fund Grant of £33,600 and a SPIFOX Grant of £10,250 towards the cost of providing underwear and other essential clothing.

During the year we spent £5,301 on underwear and sleepwear and £5,554 on other essential clothing, all of which was added to the clothing donations we received. In addition, £4,110 was spent to provide sets of new clothes to support outdoor, educational activities and wellbeing. These funds came from remaining £363 restricted funds grant received in March 2023 from the Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund as well as from the in year SPIFOX and National Lottery Grants

In addition, we received donations from individuals, companies, and local groups in the sum of £13,430 and we are very grateful to all those who donated to us, many of whom do so year-on-year.

Income from fundraising activities amounted to £4,302 through running our own 50/50 club, the generosity of Kailzie Gardens who hosted two Garden Open days as fundraising events and through own organised coffee morning & Other items.

We have had a successful year of Fundraising. Mainly to cover the costs of underwear and the purchasing of essential clothing but are intending to apply for grants to cover annual operating cost (mainly rent & running costs), although these types of grants are less prevalent.

Reserves Policy

At the present time, the trustees consider that the balance of unrestricted funds will be sufficient to carry on the current level of activities for 2025/2026 and beyond. The Trustees are therefore comfortable that Tweed Togs has sufficient reserves to operate normally for the foreseeable future.



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Tweed Togs (SCIO)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31 March 2025 which are set out on the pages below.

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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 examiners statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 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 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: a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations b) 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





Statement of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year Ended	Year Ended
		Funds	Funds	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
		£	£	£	
Donations		13,430	-	13,430	13,783
Grants	4	-	43,850	43,850	5,000
Fund Raising - 50/50 Club		2,140	-	2,140	1,680
Fund Raising - Kailzie		742	-	742	480
Fund Raising - Coffee Morning		1,420	-	1,420	644
Fund Raising - Other		-	-	-	38
Just Giving		-	-	-	395
Rag bag sales		132	-	132	144
Gift Aid		-	-	-	673
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	615
Interest Received		295	-	295	5
Total Receipts		18,160	43,850	62,010	23,457
Payments					
Fund Raising - 50/50 Club		1,178	-	1,178	723
Fund Raising - Coffee Morning		300	-	300	67
Fundraising Costs		1,477	-	1,477	790
Cost of Charitable Activities	5	9,454	15,401	24,855	22,619
Total Payments		10,932	15,401	26,332	23,408
Surplus/(Deficit) for period		7,228	28,449	35,677	49



Statement of Balances

Statement of Balances to

31/03/2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	20,606	363	20,969	20,920
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	7,228	28,449	35,677	49
Closing cash at bank and in hand	27,834	28,812	56,646	20,969

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Current Account			2,576	10,583
Bank Savings Account			54,071	10,305
Cash in hand			-	81
			56,646	20,969

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:





Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. 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 a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation/

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3. Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

4. Grants Received

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
SPIFOX		10,250	10,250	-
National Lottery - Cost of Living Support Fund		33,600	33,600	-
Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund	-	-	-	5,000
	-	43,850	43,850	5,000

5. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bags & Paper	0	436	436	1,057
Cleaning Materials	53	0	53	152
Clothing - Underwear & sleepwear	0	5,301	5,301	4,176
Other Essential Clothing	0	5,554	5,554	838
Outdoor Clothing Project	0	4,110	4,110	8,757
Shelving	0	0	0	122
Storage Boxes	259	0	259	179
Meetings	0	0	0	0
Insurance	325	0	325	320
Premises costs	245	0	245	63
Heating & Lighting	21	0	21	153
Rent	8,075	0	8,075	6,460
Equipment, Tables	0	0	0	0
Stationery	49	0	49	38
Website	334	0	334	249
Advertising	68	0	68	55
Volunteer costs	25	0	25	0
	9,454	15,401	24,855	22,619

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Notes to the Financial Statements

6. Statement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Closing Balance
Lottery - Website	-	-	-	-	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	-	-
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing	363	-	(363)	-	-
SPIFOX	-	10,250	(6,280)	-	3,970
Nat. Lottery - Cost of Living Support Fund	-	33,600	(8,758)	-	24,842
Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds	363	43,850	(15,401)	0	28,812
Unrestricted Funds	20,606	18,160	(10,932)	0	27,834
Total Funds	20,969	62,010	(26,332)	0	56,646

Purpose of restricted funds

COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The remaining £363 of the £9,120 grant awarded in the previous financial year were spent to provide sets of new clothes to support outdoor, educational activities and wellbeing.

SPIFOX

£436 of the Grant was used to purchase packaging materials (out of £1,250 awarded), £5,100 was spent on underwear etc. (out of £6,800 awarded) and the full award of £2,200 on additional essential clothing was spent.

NATIONAL LOTTERY - COST OF LIVING SUPPORT FUND

£7,302 of £16,800 awarded for the first full year was spent on underwear & essential clothing. Remaining balance of £26,928 has been carried forward.

Liabilities/Commitments

The Charity has entered a rental agreement for two rooms at the Peebles Business Hub at a total monthly cost of c£655 with notice periods of 8 weeks for one room and 3 months for the second respectively.

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