

WIGTOWNSHIRE AND STEWARTRY PARTNERSHIP

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

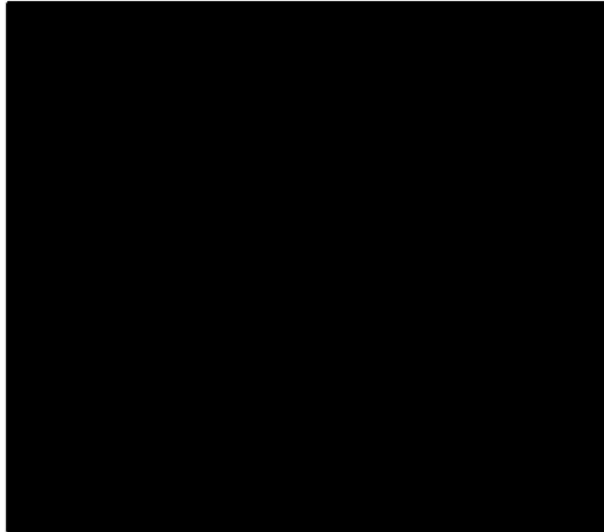
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Reference and Administrative Information for the period ended

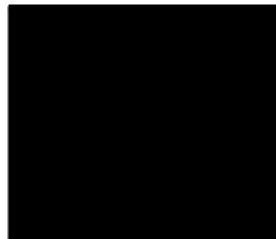
30 June 2024

Registered Charity No: SC051090

Trustees:



Contact Address:



Accountants:

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended

30 June 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 30th June 2021. The charity was previously known as Wigtownshire Stuff.

Trustees Recruitment & Appointment

The affairs of the charity are directed and managed by a Board of Charity Trustees. The members shall elect up to ten elected trustees, with one third offering themselves for re-election at each AGM. Trustees can serve for two consecutive terms. New trustees are inducted by the more experienced trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has been formed to benefit the community of younger adults with support needs across Wigtownshire and the Stewartry in Dumfries and Galloway. Younger adults will predominately consist of individuals from 16 up to their early 30s. There may be some situations where individuals out with these age ranges would also be supported. These support needs will include, but not be limited to, adults with Learning Disabilities, Learning Difficulties, Physical Disabilities, Autistic individuals including people with Asperger's, individuals with ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, individuals with visual impairments, people who are deaf or hard of hearing, individuals with Acquired Brain Injury, people with Mental Health Issues and Individuals Leaving Care.

Charitable Objectives

- The advancement of citizenship or community development,
- The development of a range of opportunities in areas such as employment, training and learning, leisure and social activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation,
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their objectives and in planning their future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the objectives they have set

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Achievements and Performance

Over the period between 1st July 2023 and the 30th of June 2024, Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has grown both in the number of people with support needs involved and the range of projects on offer. This has been in line with the aims and objectives of the charity, namely, to develop a range of opportunities for younger adults with support needs. As important though has been the fact that the ethos of ensuring that the individuals and their families are the driving force behind the opportunities and projects that are developed has been maintained.

All the projects that Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has either continued with or developed as new ones during this period have borne testimony to this statement.

A very significant development for our charity at the start of the year was being granted funding from The Holywood Trust in July of £6225 paid quarterly over two years to employ a project officer. This is key to our organisations continued work with current projects and developing new ideas and objectives. [REDACTED] was appointed to this position and has done wonderful work over the year.

The Friday Group, our original project, continues to be hugely popular with members with around 50 people attending on a Friday, these include individuals with support needs, their support staff for those that need support, Carers and other members of the community. The mix of people that attend on Fridays makes it quite unique across Dumfries and Galloway. We continue to meet in Stranraer Parish Church Hall which works extremely well given the layout of the hall with use of the large hall, smaller room and kitchen which allows volunteers and group members to make light lunches.

We continue to be led by our members when it comes to activities. Our two employed group coordinators, one of whom is a young adult with additional support needs, ensure the group is achieving our core values putting the wishes of the members first. They also help organise fund raising events such as Christmas Fairs, bingo nights, quiz nights and a barbeque as well as keeping our social media accounts up to date to raise awareness of the group activities. During group time we also run quizzes and bingo which are amongst the many activities that the adults with support needs, with appropriate support, take the lead on. This is also true, amongst other activities, such as the walking group, the music on offer, the lunch order takers as well as the drinks available throughout the session. This has helped people build confidence, develop skills, become more independent and develop friendships. These alongside arts and craft activities, card, and other board games, music and dancing, make-up, a games console make for very busy active Fridays for everyone.

The group also organises one off events – we had a visit to the group from Owl Magic and trips out to Heads of Ayr farm park and Youth Beats, the music festival in Dumfries.

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The bike project continues to be very popular with a wide range of individuals with support needs accessing the bikes; these have included individuals supported from Stranraer Skill Station, Key, Stranraer ARC, as well as by Carers. Quarriers staff have also supported the individuals they support to take part in cycling sessions. Funding from the Dumfries and Galloway Coastal Fund and Killgallioch Community Fund has secured the staffing costs for three part time employees again including people with additional support needs to run the bike sessions. The bike sessions continue to take place in the excellent location of Agnew Park in Stranraer. We received funding from Agnes Hunter Trust in June with a view to expanding the bike project to either Newton Stewart or Castle Douglas to offer accessible bike sessions in a new location as well as continuing to develop the Stranraer sessions which take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

The bike project has promoted individuals' health and well-being; it has also offered both paid and volunteering opportunities for individuals with support needs, mentored and overseen by a highly experienced and qualified individuals.

"Let's Eat Tuesdays," project gives six members of Wigtownshire Stuff the opportunity to gain real life training and skills working in the kitchen and out front to offer quality meals at a reduced cost to customers. Each of the individuals involved have been mentored by staff from Papa Rabs. This has provided the individuals with the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience by making food and serving customers, Wigtownshire Stuff received £5,125 in 2024 to support this project from Foundation Scotland. "Let's Eat Tuesday has proved successful not only for the individuals involved, but also with customers as the feedback has been extremely positive.

Our Wednesday social evening which meets between 7-9pm weekly at Papa Rabs in Stranraer continues to be very popular with our members. This social evening provides an opportunity for members of Wigtownshire Stuff, their family and friends to get together and have fun. They play games, such as darts and dominoes, have a drink and a blether. This has proved very popular with up to 30 people going along on Wednesdays. A very positive aspect of the social evening has been the growing confidence of the individuals that attend the evening sessions. Initially, these were held in the restaurant area of Papa Rabs away from other customers but after a while the group members decided to meet in the bar area with everyone else.

Following permission from OSCR the Stewartry Action Support group became part of our charity Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership. This group takes place in St Ninians Church Hall in Castle Douglas on a Thursday with 10 – 15 members attending weekly. Like the Friday group it is very much led by what activities the members with additional support needs would like to do. Arts and crafts are high on the list things to do along with other learning experiences and activities.

Financial Review

During the year the charity made a surplus of £24,093.

Reserves Policy

Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership has a reserves policy that outlines a minimum of three months of free reserves. This level of reserves was achieved at 30 June 2024.

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Future Plans

The board approved two new projects for the coming year. Caring for Carers and Whole Family Approach.

In June we received funding from Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership The Lens to create a new project Caring for Carers. Working in collaboration with the Carers Centre the aim of this project is to offer support to Carers with some basic tasks that caring for someone makes difficult for them to complete. It is planned that some of our members and volunteers could offer support with certain tasks that would be of individual need to carers. This wouldn't only benefit the carer needing support but also benefit our members in terms of increasing their confidence and self-esteem, their life experiences and their skill set. It's an approach that promotes equality and inclusiveness demonstrating innovation through new ways of working and through collaborative partnerships.

The Whole Family Approach is a pilot project working with Dumfries and Galloway Council Employability Team. A Project Worker will be employed to work with families to identify and help with issues they are experiencing that stop members of the family being able to enter into employment due to restrictions caused by a member of the family having additional support needs.

AGM also saw board members elected. These board members have a great deal of experience and skills across a wide range of sectors. They include Carers, business professionals and two treasurers, both with a financial background. It will be essential that training is provided to the Board members to ensure that they have the necessary knowledge to drive the charity forward. Staff training will also be vital to support them in their work.

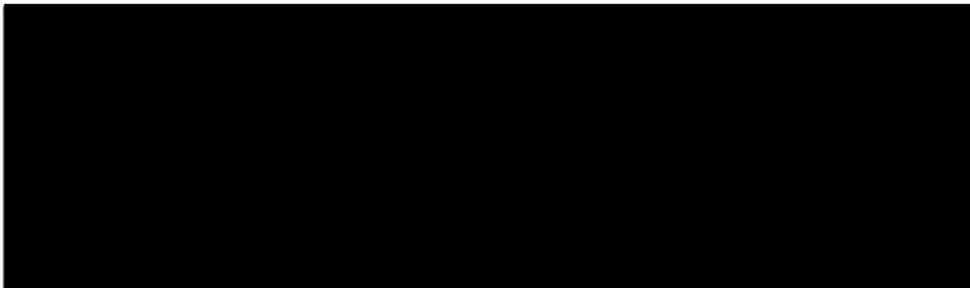
With the right support for both the staff and the board the charity will seek to enhance its growing positive reputation.

As Wigtownshire and Stewartry Partnership, progress into another year it will do so retains its core values, there is every confidence that the charity can make a significant difference to the lives of many adults with support needs across the localities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees dated

26/6/25



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirement
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation and,
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

have not been met

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

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Notes to the Accounts for the year 30th June 2024

6 Key Management Personnel

The charity considers that its key management personnel comprise of the trustees and the development officer.

The total employment benefits include employers National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions of the key management personnel were £14,357.

7 Movement - Bank Funds

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Unrestricted general fund	1,299	6,175	(1,939)	-	5,535
Friday Group	9,024	5,550	(9,815)	-	4,759
Bike & development officer	8,141	22,590	(11,365)	-	19,366
Café project	4,100	7,035	(10,213)	-	922
Development Officer	-	24,900	(14,358)	-	10,542
Caring for Carers	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Stewartry Action Support	-	4,310	(2,776)	-	1,534
	<u>22,564</u>	<u>74,560</u>	<u>(50,466)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,658</u>

Unrestricted funds are available to use at the trustees discretion.

Friday Group funding from the National Lottery & 10000 Voices in Action to cover cost of hire of hall and group activity costs and days out in the summer.

Bike & development officer funding from The Holywood Trust & Quarries Traders to employ a staff member to develop the bike project in terms of cycling opportunities for all and the policies and procedures to etc to support these endeavours.

Café project funds for training needs and opportunities from Foundation Scotland to research the way forward to develop a café project providing real training opportunities for the Wigtownshire Stuff members.

Development officer funding received from The Holywood Trust to employ a development officer.

Caring for carers funding received from Dumfries & Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership The Lens to create a new project to offer support to carers.

Stewartry Action Support - is a group in Castle Douglas running a weekly activity session for young people with additional support needs.

8 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year 30th June 2024

1 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They consist of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the charity during the financial period, along with a statement of balances. No adjustments have been made for any income due but not received, or any expenses incurred but not yet paid at the period end.

2 Grants Received

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Foundation Scotland	9,857	-	9,857	5,000
Hollywood Trust	24,900	-	24,900	4,992
10000 Voices in Action	-	-	-	2,500
National Lottery	-	-	-	9,870
D&GC	13,446	6,025	19,471	1,044
Anges Hunter Trust	8,112	-	8,112	-
	<u>56,315</u>	<u>6,025</u>	<u>62,340</u>	<u>23,406</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Project coordinator	9,606	-	9,606	7,325
Insurance	1,337	-	1,337	825
Friday group expenses	10,151	-	10,151	8,793
Bike project expenses	88	-	88	122
Room hire	-	187	187	-
Café expenses	10,213	-	10,213	3,485
Subsistence	-	27	27	0
Stewartry Action Support expenses	2,776	(23)	2,753	2,383
Bank charges	-	72	72	72
Website expenses	-	300	300	-
Project Officer	14,356	-	14,356	-
Miscellaneous	-	17	17	-
	<u>48,527</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>49,107</u>	<u>23,005</u>

4 Governance Costs

Accountancy & bookkeeping fees	-	1,359	1,359	1,138
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,359</u>	<u>1,359</u>	<u>1,138</u>

5 Trustees

No remuneration or other benefits were paid to any charity trustee or to a person connected with them, other than as noted below.

██████████ who was the co-chair of the charity during the year, received a salary of £14,357 for his role as the development officer. This payment is admissible under the Constitution.

No expenses were paid to trustee during the period.

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 30th June 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations		1,210	-	1,210	600
Donation from previous entity		425	-	425	-
Grants	2	56,315	-	56,315	23,406
Fundraising		10,434	151	10,585	-
Consultancy income		-	6,025	6,025	-
Total receipts		<u>68,384</u>	<u>6,176</u>	<u>74,560</u>	<u>24,006</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable activities	3	48,527	580	49,107	7,364
Fundraising expenses		-	-	-	-
Governance costs	4	-	1,359	1,359	1,138
Total payments		<u>48,527</u>	<u>1,939</u>	<u>50,466</u>	<u>8,502</u>
Excess/(deficit) of receipts over payments		£ <u>19,857</u>	£ <u>4,237</u>	£ <u>24,094</u>	£ <u>15,504</u>

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Statement of Balances

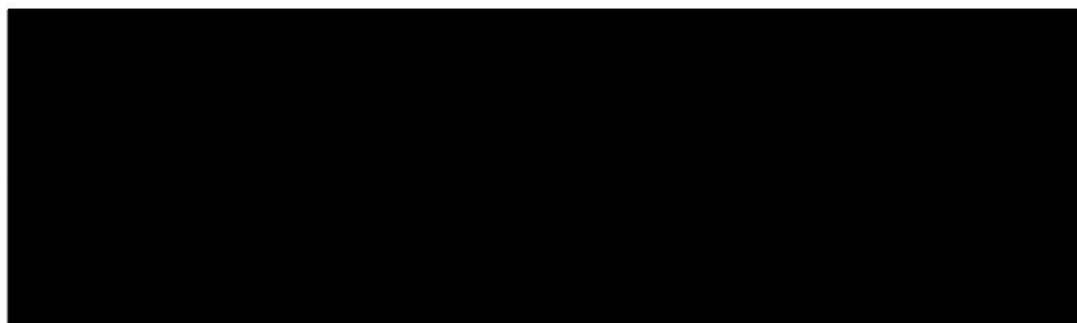
as at 30th June 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Bank balance		
Opening balance - Current account	22,564	15,858
- Movement in year	<u>24,094</u>	<u>15,504</u>
	<u>46,658</u>	<u>31,362</u>
 Closing balance - Current account	<u>46,658</u>	<u>22,564</u>
	<u>46,658</u>	<u>22,564</u>
 Fixed Assets		
Equipment	11,200	14,000
 Debtors		
Funds held for Stewartry Action	-	23
PAYE	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,247</u>
	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,270</u>
 Creditors		
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total funds	<u>60,758</u>	<u>38,834</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on

26/6/25

For and on behalf of the trustees



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9 Going Concern

The trustees have prepared a budget, which indicates that the charity would be considered a going concern.