

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST JANUARY 2024
FOR
THE NORTH EAST SCOTLAND CRICKET SCIO**

CHARITY NUMBER: SC048890

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2024

Reference and administration details

Charity Name	The North East Scotland Cricket SCIO
Registered Charity Number	SC048890
Charity's Principal Address	c/o Bain Henry Reid 4 West Craibstone Street Bon-Accord Square Aberdeen, AB11 6YL

Charity Trustees

B. Lynas	Chair
L. Watson	Vice Chair
A. Burnett	Treasurer
I. Pandit	Secretary
M. Auld	
T. Malik	
R. Swiergon	
A. Ajazi	
T. Khan (resigned during the year)	
S. Gollakota (resigned during the year)	
H. Konda (appointed during the year)	
R. Chandu (appointed during the year)	
P. Tenneti (appointed during the year)	

Other officials

P. Gray	Administrator
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Charitable Status

The North East Scotland Cricket (NESC) SCIO have been a registered charity from 6th December 2018.

Governing Document

The organisation operates under a SCVO constitution.

Charitable Purpose

The purposes of the NESC SCIO, as stated in its constitution, are:

- the advancement of public participation in cricket within the North East of Scotland
- the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, and only in relation to recreational or activities which are available to members of the public at large.

Trustee Remuneration and expenses

There were no transactions between the SCIO and the trustees or their interests during the year.

Financial Review

The accounts show an overall deficit for the year of £16,103 (2023: surplus £21,367), made up of: a surplus of £3,433 on unrestricted funds and a deficit of £19,536 on restricted funds.

Reserves

At the end of the year the SCIO held total unrestricted reserves of £9,550.

The SCIO will retain reserves which are commensurate with the activities & aims of the organisation. These will be reviewed annually to ensure that there are sufficient funds for the SCIO to continue to operate throughout the coming year with any funds over and above that level being available for strategic development opportunities.

There are no restricted funds at the year end.

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Activities and achievements

For the North East Scotland Cricket SCIO, this year has seen cricket across all categories with continuing focus on Women's cricket, All Abilities cricket and junior cricket. The SCIO members have also assisted regional government efforts to provide opportunities for Asylum seekers to participate in cricket as part of making them feel settled in the region. For the 2023 season, the SCIO was able to complete all its competitions.

On the fundraising stream SCIO held a successful Annual cricket dinner working in partnership with Aberdeenshire Cricket Club and reflecting upon the 75th anniversary of Sir Donald Bradman playing his last match in the United Kingdom. The Bradman foundation supported the dinner and shared learnings from their community work involving cricket globally. The dinner was an opportunity to raise funds for the SCIO, and for the cricketing community to come together and celebrate achievements. The SCIO continues to share learnings with the Cricket Builds Hope charity through the involvement of the SCIO chair in that charity's community Cricket enabled work in Rwanda.

Martin Auld has represented the SCIO on the Cricket Scotland Council as it transitions to its new governance structure and delivers new capabilities such as the creation of a Cricket Scotland membership system, more centralised disciplinary procedures, and an emphasis on diversity and inclusiveness, as well as onfield behaviour. New Governance models are being established and cascaded to the regions, and the SCIO will align with these strategies and look for opportunities to link into initiatives around participation and fund raising.

The 2023 senior league season saw 29 active teams across 3 leagues with continued strength in the number of juniors playing senior cricket. The trustees have accepted applications for 2 new teams to join the existing league structure in 2024, and a further 2 applications from new clubs are likely to be deferred due to a lack of venue availability. The game is still showing growth in the region, and this should be celebrated and rewarded. Pathways for development of juniors and players to their full potential continue to be explored with Cricket Scotland in order to retain the value proposition of the sport.

Availability of high-quality grounds and facilities remains a persistent challenge in terms of meeting demand, not helped by localised vandalism of grounds. The availability of the new SCIO managed Inverdee facility with its two new artificial pitches in Aberdeen since June 2023 has helped manage the concern. The SCIO is extremely grateful to Sport Aberdeen for their support and assistance with the Inverdee project, and to the Aberdeen City Council Common Good Fund and the Cricket Scotland Development Trust for their financial input which allowed the development to go ahead. That said the SCIO continues to work with partners to maintain existing grounds and seek out opportunities for greater provision of playing surfaces – grass or artificial and indoors. An additional artificial pitch is also planned at the Inverdee site, and the intention is to develop the site as a core base for local cricket and regional pathway activity. The NESC intends to improve the outfielders at the facility and provide additional cricket facilities such as a pavilion and net practice facility as and when funding supports this.

The SCIO acknowledges the continued efforts by Tony McKenna our Cricket Scotland Regional Development Officer to promote junior cricket, Women's and Girls, and All Abilities cricket in the region. Whilst it is disappointing to see the Northern Lights women's team pull out of the Cricket Scotland league structure, it is hoped that the underlying trend in participation continues to be

positive. The availability of courses for umpiring and child protection are a positive, as are work with schools and clubs to nurture young players. We thank the club volunteers such as those from Inverurie, Stoneywood Dyce, Aberdeenshire, Gordonians, Banchory, Stonehaven, Fraserburgh and others for their efforts, and giving up their time so generously for the development of junior players. We should also note the success of Gordonians in winning the Under 14 Scottish Cup and performing so well for the region at the other 3 age group finals days.

The SCIO is also grateful to the Cricket Scotland Match Officials Association for the provision of umpires when available, and we also reflect on the quality of our local umpires and scorers who continue to perform well at the higher levels of the Scottish game.

The SCIO is also proud to continue to support the Cricket charity Chance to Shine, who in partnership with Cricket Scotland took cricket into schools in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire through its 'Schools' cricket programme. This gave children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket, teaching key life skills and supporting their physical, social, and mental wellbeing.

The Aberdeenshire programme thanks Inverurie-based butcher Donald Russell and their parent company Vestey Foods Group for their generous and continued support of this initiative.

For the SCIO, its financial position is solid even after the five-figure investment at Inverdee, with all clubs and associate members supporting the SCIO. New trustees joined over the year and these members provide further expertise in cricket development and fundraising as well as on the playing side.

Finally, as Chair, I would like to thank all the trustees for all their time and work over the last year. Particular thanks go to the SCIO's administrator - Paul Gray, who despite personal challenges on his time has been instrumental in organising the fixtures, managing cup matches and supporting the SCIO and its sub- committees in its work.

I would also like to thank Martin Auld, who has remained as a trustee to represent the SCIO on the Cricket Scotland Council and associated Management Groups but will step down as a trustee at the March 2024 AGM. Martin's experience and his vision in creating the SCIO leaves a lasting legacy for the sport in Scotland. Martin's skills will be hard to replace!

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Brian Lynas

Chair – NESC SCIO (Charity Number SC048890)

13/02/2024

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st January 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Donations	1	223	-	223	344
Grants	2	-	864	864	19,536
Fundraising	3	1,396	-	1,396	737
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
Receipts from Charitable Activities	4	19,244	-	19,244	8,899
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		20,863	864	21,727	29,516
Payments					
Governance Costs	5	1,500	-	1,500	1,200
Charitable activities	6	15,930	20,400	36,330	6,949
Total payments		17,430	20,400	37,830	8,149
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		3,433	(19,536)	(16,103)	21,367

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Statement of Balances as at 31st January 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Bank and cash in hand					
Opening balances		6,117	19,536	25,653	4,286
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		3,433	(19,536)	(16,103)	21,367
Closing balances		<u>9,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,550</u>	<u>25,653</u>
Debtors					
None		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Creditors					
None		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

A Burnett
Trustee
Date: 18/02/2024

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Receipts and Payments Account Notes for the year ended 31st January 2024

	Note	Year to 31/01/2024		Year to 31/01/2023	
		£		£	
Receipts					
<u>Donations:</u>					
	1				
Cricket Scotland - Zoom		-		144	
Various re dinner		123		-	
Charities Aid Foundation		100	223	200	344
<u>Grants</u>					
	2				
Common Good Fund		-		19,536	
Cricket Development Trust Scotland		864	864	-	19,536
<u>Fundraising</u>					
	3				
Annual Dinner		1,276		737	
Other		120	1,396	-	737
<u>Bank Interest</u>					
			-		-
<u>Receipts from Charitable Activities</u>					
	4				
Membership Fees		2,895		2,885	
Ball Levy		-		12	
Cricket Scotland recharges		960		1,020	
Pitch Hire recharges		6,731		4,692	
Match Ball recharges		8,608		265	
Player Transfer fees		50	19,244	25	8,899
<u>Other Income</u>					
None			-		-
TOTAL			21,727		29,516

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	Note	Year to 31/01/2024 £	Year to 31/01/2023 £
Payments			
<u>Governance Costs:</u>	5		
Admin Honoraria		1,500	1,200
<u>Charitable activities:</u>	6		
Cricket Scotland subscriptions		1,020	1,080
Cup finals/ Representative Games etc		544	298
Pitch Hire costs		4,120	4,104
Match Ball costs		6,961	556
Inverdee costs		22,464	-
Cost of meetings etc		263	184
Website costs		120	120
Insurance (PL & Trophy)		197	85
Trophy engraving & upkeep		590	522
Other misc expenses		51	-
		<u>36,330</u>	<u>6,949</u>
TOTAL		<u>37,830</u>	<u>8,149</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The North East Scotland Cricket SCIO**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st January 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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

Signed:

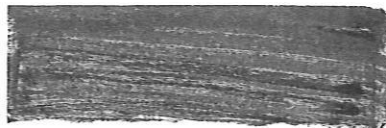
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Date:

06/03/2024