Charity number:SC044032

INDEPENDENCE FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL SCOTLAND (SCIO)

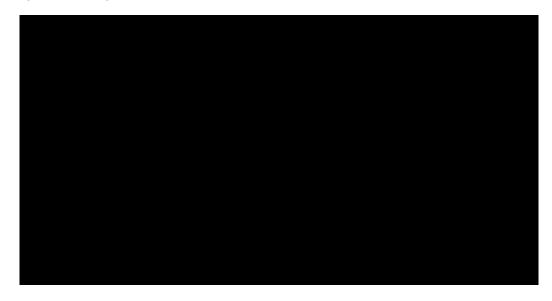
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees



Charity registered

number SC044032

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

Independence from Drugs and Alcohol Scotland (IFDAS) was registered as a charity in Scotland in May 2013. Its mission is to develop a unique residential community to support individuals in the early stages of recovery from drug and alcohol substance dependency. The charity purchased a beautiful 48.5-acre site on the banks of the River Ayr in South Ayrshire, including land, buildings, and a historic Walled Garden, in November 2017. River Garden Auchincruive (RGA) was formally established in March 2018.

RGA offers individuals the opportunity to overcome substance dependency, rebuild their lives, and reintegrate into society as productive, healthy, and accomplished individuals through a work-integrated community model. Inspired by global success stories like San Patrignano (Italy) and Basta (Sweden), RGA has tailored its model to fit its unique context, with residents playing a vital role in its development.

The programme operates on two core pillars:

- A supportive, peer-led rehabilitation community.
- Engagement in social enterprise.

Through this model, residents acquire confidence, skills, and a renewed sense of purpose, with support from staff and recovery development workers, many of whom have lived experience of substance dependency. Social enterprises provide opportunities to gain work-related skills and generate income for the charity. Additionally, the organisation demonstrates a strong commitment to education for residents whilst prioritising the ongoing development of its staff and trustees, fostering growth and sustainability within the community.

RGA's mission is increasingly urgent in the face of Scotland's escalating drug and alcohol death rates, the highest in Europe. In 2023, the National Records of Scotland reported 1,172 drug-related deaths - a devastating 12% increase from the prior year.

In line with the Scottish Government's 2021 National Mission to reduce drug deaths, RGA plays a vital role in offering effective, community-based recovery solutions.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The charity's objectives include:

- Creating and maintaining a residential community to help individuals achieve abstinence and reintegration into society.
- Providing a safe, stable environment away from chaotic settings typically associated with substance dependency.
- Supporting residents in maintaining long-term abstinence and accessing necessary health services.
- Teaching daily routines, work ethics, and transferable skills through social enterprises.
- Promoting personal growth and preparing residents for reintegration into society.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

RGA achieves its objectives through:

- Providing pre-admission support.
- Providing safe and comfortable housing with necessities provided.
- Providing relapse prevention and recovery maintenance supported by peer interaction, staff guidance, and

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

drug screening.

- Providing access to local services for physical and mental health care.
- Providing work opportunities and formal training through social enterprises.
- Enhancing communication and social skills through public engagement.
- Assisting residents in securing paid employment.
- · Providing aftercare and support for alumni.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Capital Build Progress

This year marked a critical juncture in our efforts to expand residential capacity. We are nearing completion of Phase 1 of a new facility, which could accommodate up to 24 residents.

However, in October 2023, the Scottish Government halted grant funding due to a presumed (and contested) breach of the grant agreement. An independent audit of the project was conducted in full, confirming that no breach of grant conditions had occurred. While the findings of the audit were welcomed, the time taken to complete this review has contributed to delays in reaching a resolution. As a result, the organisation has faced challenges in finalising the project, completing the build, and settling outstanding creditor payments. Consequently, we suspended Phase 2 of the build and capped future resident capacity at 24 instead of the originally planned 56.

Without the reinstatement of this funding, Phase 1 remains incomplete, and resident numbers cannot increase from the current six to the revised target of 24.

Financial Challenges

The grant suspension delayed submission of the 2022/23 accounts to OSCR until August 2024. These accounts were submitted on an "Other than Going Concern" basis, reflecting the precarious financial position of IFDAS.

While we hope for the resumption of Scottish Government funding, the trustees acknowledge that continuation as a going concern depends on the outcome of ongoing negotiations.

Operational Highlights

Despite financial uncertainties, the senior leadership team—led by General Manager Jardine Simpson and Operations Manager Georgios Paparakis—has maintained a safe and therapeutic environment for residents. The team also oversees heritage garden stewardship, social enterprise development, and volunteer coordination amidst active construction work.

Key achievements include:

- Continuous development of *The Bothy Café*, a vital financial and social hub, thanks to the leadership of chef Jason and his dedicated team.
- Launching a **woodshed initiative**, producing and selling wood products with the help of volunteer carpenters.
- Commencement of garden produce sales and forming partnerships with local businesses for wider distribution.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Acknowledgements

We extend heartfelt thanks to:

- River Garden Staff & The Senior Leadership Team Their unwavering dedication to the vision of River Garden, demonstrating resilience and commitment despite the challenges of the past year.
- Fundraising champions like Chantal McFeely and Bryan Chambers, whose extraordinary efforts inspire us.
- Volunteers, including several local businesses, whose time, expertise, and kindness are the backbone of RGA's success.

Despite challenges, our commitment to delivering a safe, transformative recovery journey remains steadfast.

Financial review

a. Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a basis other than going concern. This is due to the total unrestricted funds being in deficit of £(348,200) at the balance sheet date. Of which £267,491 is tied up in the unrestricted capital project fund and £6,410 in the designated fund, leaving general reserves of £(622,101).

Since the charity's inception, it has been undertaking a large multi-year capital project to transform the River Garden estate with facilities to support its strategic objectives and overall mission. The charity relies on Scottish Government funding, which includes both revenue and capital funding, to support its charitable objectives in both the short & long term.

In December 2023, the Scottish Government paused all funding due to a perceived breach of grant contract. Following a thorough independent audit, which concluded that no breach had occurred, the Government has resumed revenue funding.

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As can be seen at note 25 to the financial statements, the charity has defaulted on loans subsequent to the year end. These loans are repayable on demand as per the terms of the loan agreement. The Trustees are in communication with the lenders and are actively exploring options to address the situation.

As a result of preparing the financial statements on a basis other than going concern, Fixed Assets are shown as Current Assets on the balance sheet.

The Board and Senior Leadership Team have worked diligently to engage with the Scottish Government to secure River Garden's long-term future. We remain committed to resolve this matter and secure the necessary financial support, ensuring the sustainability of the organisation.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the charity would aim to maintain a level of free reserves equivalent to 3 months of operating costs, thus enabling the charity to sustain its charitable activities. Satisfactory levels of reserves and liquid cash resources can only be achieved by securing a sustainable mix of funding levels and income generation levels year on year. This is a short-term policy until such time the Capital project is completed and a longer-term view, followed by an annual review, would then be undertaken.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2024 were £(348,200) (2023 - £273,462). Of this amount, £267,491 is tied up in tangible fixed assets, £6,410 is designated for the residents fund, leaving an unrestricted general reserve balance of £(622,101).

Restricted reserves at 31 March 2024 were £4,861,410 (2023 - £2,840,162). Of this amount, £4,852,245 is tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Trustees acknowledge that the level of reserves is not adhering to the current policy. As discussed in the going concern section of these financial statements, the Trustees are dedicated to securing the future and long-term sustainability of River Garden.

c. Principal funding

We are grateful to the Scottish Government and the Social Inclusion Project for their funding contributions, as well as other donors - named, anonymous, and pro bono. These contributions support both our infrastructure development and operational costs.

d. Donated facilities and services

The Trustees and charity are very grateful for the donated services received from supporters. Significant amounts relate to architectural & legal fees.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Independence From Drugs and Alcohol Scotland (SCIO) is a registered charity, number SC044032, and is constituted under a Constitution.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

As per the constitution, Charity Trusteeship is open to any person aged 16 or over and to any individual who subscribes to the purposes of the organisation and wishes to see them fulfilled. The maximum number of Charity Trustees is twelve and the minimum number of Charity Trustees is six.

There is no set term of office for trustees. When a trustee indicates that they wish to leave we will consider options for appointment. Our recruitment process involves identifying skills gaps and seeking to find qualified, committed people to fill these roles.

Potential trustees attend a Board meeting as observers to assess commitment and suitability for the role. References are sought prior to acceptance.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Board Developments

In 2023/24, the Board focused on diversifying and expanding trustee expertise.

The current nine trustees bring expertise in governance, finance, operations, research, and strategic planning across public, private, and charity sectors. Several trustees also have lived experience of substance dependency or familial connections to the issue.

d. Leadership Appointments

The senior leadership team of the charity comprises of the General Manager and the Operations Manager. In October 2023, we appointed Jardine Simpson as General Manager. Jardine is a seasoned recovery development professional, with expertise in substance dependency treatment and advocacy.

Plans for future periods

While financial uncertainty continues, our immediate focus is on securing RGA's survival by addressing key funding and operational challenges. Looking ahead, we aim to transform RGA into a flagship recovery project and explore the full potential of our 48.5-acre site for future development and new social enterprises.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Date: 19/12/2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee Date:

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL SCOTLAND (SCIO)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Independence From Drugs and Alcohol Scotland (SCIO) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter -- non-going concern basis of preparation

We draw attention to Note 2.2 to the financial statements which explains that the Trustees are unable to conclude that the charity is a going concern, and therefore do not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL SCOTLAND (SCIO) (CONTINUED)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL SCOTLAND (SCIO) (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material accounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were The Charities Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities including fraud to be:

- Management override of controls to manipulate the charity's key performance indicators to meet targets
- Income recognition
- Compliance with relevant laws and regulations which directly impact the financial statements and those that the charity needs to comply with for the purpose of trading

Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included:

- Testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness
- Evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing judgements made by management in their calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias
- · Enquiries of management about litigation and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence
- Reviewing legal and professional fees to identify indications of actual or potential litigation, claims and any on-compliance with laws and regulations
- Testing a sample of income transactions to source documentation

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL SCOTLAND (SCIO) (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

for and on behalf of Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP Statutory Auditors 133 Finnieston Street Glasgow G3 8HB

Date:

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	129,638	4,000	133,638	495,503
Charitable activities	4	201,419	2,525,850	2,727,269	2,155,933
Investments	5	785	-	785	1,114
Total income		331,842	2,529,850	2,861,692	2,652,550
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	576,371	885,735	1,462,106	1,125,117
Total expenditure	,	576,371	885,735	1,462,106	1,125,117
Net (expenditure)/income		(244,529)	1,644,115	1,399,586	1,527,433
Transfers between funds	16	(377,133)	377,133	-	-
Net movement in funds	,	(621,662)	2,021,248	1,399,586	1,527,433
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		273,462	2,840,162	3,113,624	1,586,191
Net movement in funds		(621,662)	2,021,248	1,399,586	1,527,433
Total funds carried forward	,	(348,200)	4,861,410	4,513,210	3,113,624

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

CHARITY NUMBER: SC044032 REGISTERED NUMBER: CS001154

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets			~		~
Tangible assets			_		_
-					
Current assets			-		-
Stocks	12	2,750		3,500	
Debtors	13	621,191		69,882	
Cash at bank and in hand		105,355		944,197	
		5,849,032		4,139,041	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,165,188)		(772,887)	
Net current (liabilities) / assets			4,683,844		3,366,154
Total assets less current liabilities			4,683,844		3,366,154
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(170,634)		(252,530)
Total net assets			4,513,210		3,113,624
Charity funds Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	16	9,165		2,840,162	
Restricted capital project fund	16	4,852,245		-	
Total restricted funds	16		4,861,410		2,840,162
Unrestricted funds	16		(348,200)		273,462
Total funds		•	4,513,210		3,113,624

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Date:

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Nata	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities	Note	£	£
Net cash used in operating activities	18	1,716,375	2,967,325
Net cash used in operating activities	10	1,710,373	2,907,323
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,515,773)	(2,076,225)
Interest payable		(11,035)	(1,859)
Interest received		785	1,114
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,526,023)	(2,076,970)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash inflows from new borrowing		50,000	130,000
Repayments of borrowing		(79,193)	(115,582)
Loan converted to donation		-	(20,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(29,193)	(5,582)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(838,841)	884,773
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		944,197	59,424
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	19	105,356	944,197

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

Independence from Drugs and Alcohol Scotland (SCIO) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in Scotland. The charity number is SC044032 and the registered number is CS001154. The registered office is The Bothy Office, River Garden, Auchincruive, Ayr, KA6 5AE.

The principal activity of the charity is to provide support and services to aid individuals recovering from substance abuse.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Independence From Drugs and Alcohol Scotland (SCIO) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Going concern

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Income from Government grants, whether capital grants or revenue grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Land and buildings - 50 years straight line
Plant and machinery - 5 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings - 5 years straight line
Property improvements - 10 years straight line

A full years depreciation is recorded in the year of acquisition, irrespective of the actual date the asset is purchased or placed in service.

2.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Pensions

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

The capital project fund comprises the net book value of assets funded by grants & donations to build the residential accommodation and other capital projects at River Garden. Depreciation is applied against this fund annually.

Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	129,638	4,000	133,638	495,503
Total 2023	488,003	7,500	495,503	

Donations include £42,000 of donations in kind (2023 - £350,671).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Income from charitable activities

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Total 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rental income Enterprise income	200 201,219	-	200 201,219	1,200 217,883
Grants	-	2,525,850	2,525,850	1,936,850
	201,419	2,525,850	2,727,269	2,155,933
Total 2023	219,083	1,936,850	2,155,933	
See note 16 for breakdown of grant income.				
Investment income				
		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income		785	785	1,114
Total 2023		1,114	1,114	
Analysis of expenditure on charitable activit	ies			
Summary by fund type				
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Residential Beneficiaries	483,619	860,176	1,343,795	987,388
Enterprises	92,752	25,559	118,311	137,729

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Residential Beneficiaries	63,304	1,280,491	1,343,795	987,388
Enterprises	118,311	-	118,311	137,729
	181,615	1,280,491	1,462,106	1,125,117
Total 2023	232,620	892,497	1,125,117	
Analysis of direct costs				
	Residential Beneficiaries 2024 £	Enterprises 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	48,246	_	48,246	79,206
Residents' food	11,074	_	11,074	10,946
Training	3,984	-	3,984	4,739
Horticultural supplies	-	29,730	29,730	26,924
Cafe supplies	-	88,581	88,581	110,805
	63,304	118,311	181,615	232,620

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

		Residential Beneficiaries 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Staff costs	296,604	296,604	253,864
	Depreciation	591,577	591,577	274,512
	Rates	2,989	2,989	_
	Insurances	24,246	24,246	18,612
	Travel & entertainment	309	309	48
	Printing, postage & stationery	2,239	2,239	5,067
	Premises expenses	23,192	23,192	6,380
	Bank charges	14,931	14,931	6,152
	Recruitment expenses	50	50	1,010
	Telephone & computer costs	14,486	14,486	21,644
	Sundry expenses	3,868	3,868	3,066
	Motor expenses	11,603	11,603	17,479
	Heat & light	62,882	62,882	28,806
	Legal & professional fees	215,219	215,219	240,067
	Consultancy fees	-	-	250
	Governance costs - Audit fees	16,296	16,296	15,540
		1,280,491	1,280,491	892,497
8.	Auditors' remuneration			
			2024 £	2023 £
	Fees payable to the charity's auditor for the audit of the characcounts	ity's annual	16,296	15,540
	Fees payable to the charity's auditor in respect of:			
	Taxation advisory services		4,760	-
	Accountancy services		1,400	1,400

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	309,443	304,448
Social security costs	24,859	18,417
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	10,548	10,205
	344,850	333,070
The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was	as follows:	
	2024 No.	2023 No.
Employees	15	17

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The senior leadership team of the charity comprises of the General Manager and the Operations Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £67,177 (2023 - £90,468).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to any of the trustees (2023 - £NIL).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. Tangible fixed assets

		Land and buildings	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings	Property improvements £	Total £
	Cost or valuation					
	At 1 April 2023	629,751	55,835	138,302	2,804,551	3,628,439
	Additions	-	-	17,381	2,572,470	2,589,851
	At 31 March 2024	629,751	55,835	155,683	5,377,021	6,218,290
	Depreciation					
	At 1 April 2023	71,970	30,272	56,248	348,487	506,977
	Charge for the year	12,595	10,714	30,566	537,702	591,577
	At 31 March 2024	84,565	40,986	86,814	886,189	1,098,554
	Net book value					
	At 31 March 2024	545,186	14,849	68,869	4,490,832	5,119,736
	At 31 March 2023	557,781	25,563	82,054	2,456,064	3,121,462
12.	Stocks					
					2024 £	2023 £
	Finished goods and goods for	r resale			2,750	3,500
13.	Debtors					
					2024 £	2023 £
	Trade debtors				6,205	1,227
	Other debtors				4,790	47,877
	Prepayments and accrued in	come			610,196	20,778
					621,191	69,882

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	28,359	15,986
Other loans	108,644	58,863
Trade creditors	605,251	109,720
Other taxation and social security	130,679	-
Accruals	292,255	588,318
	1,165,188	772,887

Other loans include amounts recevied from individuals, including some resigned Trustees, and two fixed rate bank loans from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Loans from individuals are due for repayment between 2024 & 2025. The bank loan repayments are to be made monthly over a 60 month period.

RBS hold standard securities over the Bothy Building at River Garden.

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	120,135	93,166
Other loans	50,499	159,364
	170,634	252,530

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Residents Fund	_	6,840	(430)	_	6,410
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General funds					
General Funds	273,462	325,002	(535,825)	(684,740)	(622,101)
Unrestricted capital project fund	213,402	323,002	(40,116)	307,607	267,491
Office titled Capital project fund	-	_	(40,110)	307,007	201,491
	273,462	325,002	(575,941)	(377,133)	(354,610)
Total Unrestricted funds	273,462	331,842	(576,371)	(377,133)	(348,200)
Restricted funds					
Garfield	27,902	_	_	(27,902)	_
Hugh Fraser	27,718	_	-	(27,718)	_
Colin Weir	29,204	-	-	(29,204)	-
Scottish Government	2,141,420	2,442,500	(268,500)	(4,315,420)	-
SIP	191,565	50,000	(41,215)	(193,305)	7,045
Robertson	188,630	-	-	(188,630)	-
Individuals and trusts	(14,924)	-	-	14,924	-
City/SPDC	172,500	-	-	(172,500)	-
Cayzor	76,147	-	-	(76,147)	-
Neogen	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Green Action Trust	-	8,950	(8,950)	-	-
Health and Social Care		0.000	(0.705)		045
Partnership	-	3,000	(2,785)	- (074)	215
CMS	-	2,000	(758)	(671)	571
Schuh Trust	-	9,400	(8,066)	(40,000)	1,334
EV Charger grant	-	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
	2,840,162	2,529,850	(334,274)	(5,026,573)	9,165
Restricted capital project fund					
Restricted capital project fund		-	(551,461)	5,403,706	4,852,245

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Total Restricted funds	2,840,162	2,529,850	(885,735)	377,133	4,861,410
Total of funds	3,113,624	2,861,692	(1,462,106)		4,513,210

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. Statement of funds (continued)

Designated funds - this is a fund designated for residents. The income for this fund comprises gratuity received in the Bothy café which is fully spent on our residents.

General funds - unrestricted monies which are expendable in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted Capital Project Fund - this represents the net book value of assets purchased with unrestricted funds to build the residential accommodation and other capital projects at River Garden. During the financial year, the Trustees performed an exercise to present the funds analysis in a way which is transparent about the amount of funds that are tied up in fixed assets. This is what the significant transfers in the year relate to.

Garfield, Hugh Fraser & City/SPDC funds - all in respect of costs relating to the Cafe,

Colin Weir - this fund relates to new windows for the gardeners cottage.

Scottish Government (Revenue Fund) - this is in respect of salary costs & associated expenditure. The amount both received and expended in the year was £268,500. All other income from the Scottish Government was in relation to capital.

SIP - this funding is to support the overall River Garden project.

Robertson Trust - this funding is for site running costs and improvements.

Individuals & Trusts - funding relates to various site improvement costs, training for residents, social activities and events for residents and peer worker salary costs.

Neogen - this fund represents a donation received to cover certain professional fees.

Cayzor - funds are in respect of the development of the family accommodation.

Green Action Trust - this funding is to purchase garden related equipment & expenditure.

Health and Social Care Partnership - funding is to deliver Walking Recovery Meetings for up to 40 people in recovery and to purchase required outdoor walking boots, clothing and equipment for participants.

CMS - this fund represents income to be used towards landscaping and purchase garden items for the female residence.

Schuh - this income is to be used towards garden equipment, material and to provide training.

EV Charger Grant - this funding was used to purchase electric vehicle chargers for River Garden.

Restricted Capital Project Fund - this represents the net book value of assets funded by grants & donations to build the residential accommodation and other capital projects at River Garden. Historically, donations & grants remained within each individual restricted fund pot with only the depreciation charge being set off against this. After consideration by the Trustees, an exercise was performed to transfer all of these balances to one restricted capital fund to ensure transparency for users of the financial statements. This is what the significant transfers in the year relate to.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	179,599	707,086	(609,193)	(4,030)	273,462
Restricted funds					
Garfield	67,554	_	(4,518)	(35,134)	27,902
	30,328	_	(2,610)	-	27,718
	29,204	-	-	_	29,204
Scottish Government	628,182	1,936,850	(423,612)	-	2,141,420
SIP	229,217	-	(37,652)	-	191,565
Robertson	158,262	-	(8,796)	39,164	188,630
Individuals and trusts	(12,139)	7,500	(10,285)	-	(14,924)
City/SPDC	194,000	-	(21,500)	-	172,500
	1,984	-	(1,984)	-	-
Cayzor	80,000	-	(3,853)	-	76,147
	1,406,592	1,944,350	(514,810)	4,030	2,840,162
Total of funds	1,586,191	2,651,436	(1,124,003)		3,113,624

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Capital Fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	267,491	-	4,852,245	5,119,736
Current assets	720,131	9,165	-	729,296
Creditors due within one year	(1,165,188)	-	-	(1,165,188)
Creditors due in more than one year	(170,634)	-	-	(170,634)
Total	(348,200)	9,165	4,852,245	4,513,210

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	275,458	2,846,004	3,121,462
Current assets	193,667	823,912	1,017,579
Creditors due within one year	(102,497)	(670,390)	(772,887)
Creditors due in more than one year	(93,166)	(159,364)	(252,530)
Total	273,462	2,840,162	3,113,624
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow	nom operating	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activity	ties)	1,399,586	1,527,433
Adjustments for:	,		
Depreciation charges		591,577	274,512
Capatilised donated services		-	(263,985)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks		750	(2,100)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		(565,855)	863,611
Increase in creditors		280,067	567,109
Interest payable		11,035	1,859
Interest receivable		(785)	(1,114)
Net cash provided by operating activities	,	1,716,375	2,967,325
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	105,356	944,197
Total cash and cash equivalents	105,356	944,197

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows	New loans £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	944,197	(838,842)	-	-	105,355
Debt due within 1 year	(74,849)	78,182	(3,333)	(137,003)	(137,003)
Debts due after 1 year	(252,530)	1,011	(46,667)	127,552	(170,634)
	616,818	(759,649)	(50,000)	(9,451)	(202,282)

21. Capital commitments

	2024	2023
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	£	£
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets		794,558

22. Pension commitments

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year. The amount contributed within the year ending 31 March 2024 was £10,548 (2023 - £10,205).

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	7,194	12,016
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	4,004	15,032
	11,198	27,048

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24. Related party transactions

Control

Throughout the year, the charity was controlled by the Board of Trustees.

Transactions

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £12,500 (2023 - £7,278) from two separate companies in which Trustees are key management personnel.

25. Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the charity defaulted on loans from two individuals totalling £102,604. The charity was unable to meet the repayment obligations in full due to cash flow difficulties.

The loans are repayable on demand as per the terms of the loan agreement. The Trustees are in communications with the lenders and are actively exploring options to address the situation.