



# Trustees Annual Report

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

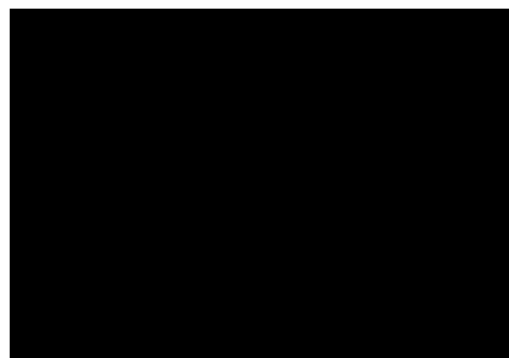
Registered Charity No. SC048410

## CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name

Tweed Togs (SCIO)

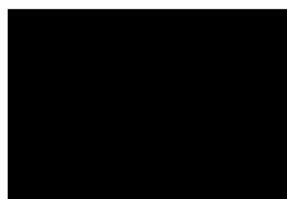
Trustees



Charity Number

SC048410

Principal Address



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## **Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## **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 the 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

**“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.

As the number of requests and range of referring agencies increased it became very clear that deprivation for some in the rural Scottish Borders was not only confined to economic poverty. Children who simply 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 residentials 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 in particular, are complex and there is not a simple link between the two. There is, however, growing evidence of an association between deprivation and ACEs and that risk factors “cluster together in the lives of the most disadvantaged young people”<sup>1</sup>. There is also evidence that people who experience ACEs are more likely to experience poverty as an adult. When children experience poverty and trauma at the same time, the impacts can be even more profound, damaging and long-lasting.”

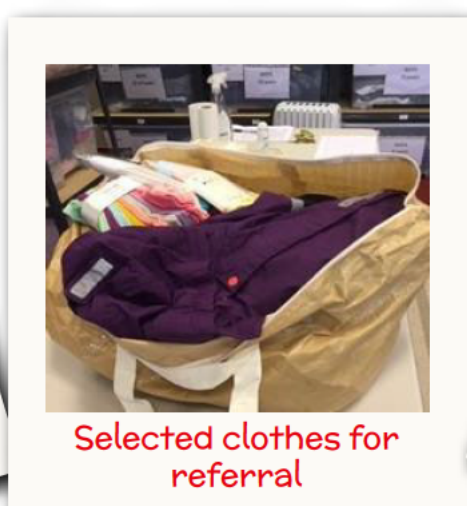
<sup>1</sup> Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, Risk and Protective Factors, 2005

### Local People Clothing Local Families

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 ever increasing diverse range of Health Care Professionals.

### Our Activities

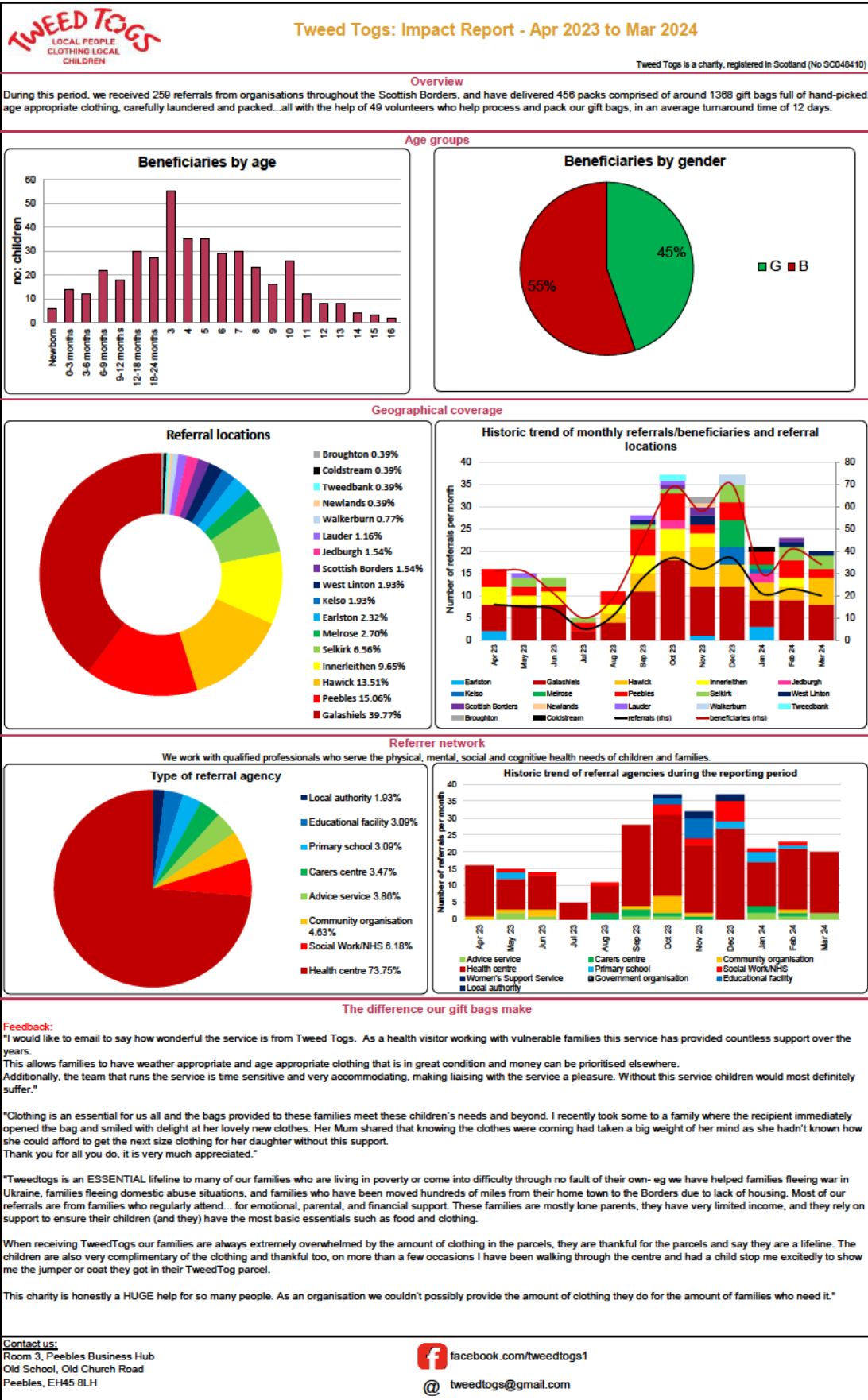
- Collect clothes from generous donors around the Scottish Borders.
- Sort clothes into stock boxes. Redistribute items not suitable or required to other charitable organisations for reuse. Below standard items are recycled.
- Respond to requests for referrals from Health Care Professionals.
- Select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



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 eg Peebles Food Bank with whom we have developed a mutually supportive partnership.





## Objectives and Activities

### Increased activity to meet rising demand

2023/24 has been a year of significant growth for Tweed Togs. 456 children have benefitted from packs of seasonally appropriate clothing. This is a huge increase on 326 children in the previous year.

In addition to this we have provided 136 bundles of outdoor clothing, thanks to a grant from the Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing fund. This additional activity to our usual practice aims to help more families benefit from the educational opportunities and improvements in health and wellbeing that outdoor play can offer.

We believe the increase in demand we are seeing is being driven by the rising cost of living. It is also because we have extended the geographic area we cover into the South and East of the Scottish Borders. We agreed to cover referrals here following the closure of Cheviot Togs in August.

To help meet this rising demand we:

- are growing our social media presence;
- have increased the number of collection points for donations (thanks go Treetop Toys in Melrose and Kelso, The Wee Souk in Galashiels, as well as our longstanding collection points at Peebles Fat Face, Coop Innerleithen and the Post Office in West Linton);
- are making regular targeted requests for clothing donations.

During the year we have been successful in securing a number of funds. In addition to the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing fund mentioned above we have received funding from the Scottish Borders Council Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Grant. We also received 300 pants from UK charity Smalls for All®.

In addition to our ongoing, volunteer- run 50:50 club raising vital funds throughout the year, we have received several generous donations from a number of local organisations and individuals. We are very grateful to Kalizie Gardens, The Crown Inn, Galashiels and District Rotary Club, Peebles and District Round Table, Eddleston Voices Choir, Scots Pine Cafe, Loving Hands, The Perfect Fit and Priorsford Primary children for their support this year.

With the increase in activity, at the end of 2023 we started renting an additional room at our hub. This is to store donations, completed referrals and our outdoor clothing parcels. It is great to have this additional space and help keep our existing room clear to sort clothing and make up referrals.

### Boosting volunteer numbers and trustee changes

Tweed Togs owes its ongoing success to the unwavering commitment and effort of our generous volunteers. Over the past year we have welcomed 8 new volunteers, bringing our total to 48. This includes a team of 4 delivery drivers. We have also seen a number of changes to our trustees, with two stepping down and four coming on board. We are hugely grateful for all that the outgoing trustees have done to keep Tweed Togs thriving.

On 26 March 2024, our outgoing Chair, [REDACTED] accepted the Tweeddale Citizen of the Year award 2024. [REDACTED] was very flattered and a bit overwhelmed to be nominated, so agreed to accept the nomination on behalf of Tweed Togs as a whole. A wonderful way to round off an action packed year for all volunteers!



## Financial Review

### **TWEED TOGS ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024**

Income for the period was £23,457 and expenditure was £23,408 giving a surplus of +£49.

This compares to a surplus of +£1,344 in 2023.

The accumulated surplus at 31 March 2024 of £20,969, is made up of unrestricted funds of £20,606 and restricted funds of £363.

Our main funding during this period has come from a grant from Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund of £5,000 towards the rental cost of our premises. During the year we took on a further room to allow for more efficient workflows and accommodate higher demands for the Charities' services.

During the year we spent £4,176 on underwear and sleepwear and £838 on other essential clothing, all of which was added to the clothing donations we received. In addition, £8,757 was spent to provide sets of new clothes to support outdoor, educational activities and wellbeing. These funds came from a restricted funds grant received in March 2023 from the Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. In addition, we received donations from individuals, companies, and local groups in the sum of £13,783 and we are very grateful to all those who donated to us.

Income from fundraising activities amounted to £4,675 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, as well as Just Giving activities & Other items (including Gift Aid).

We are aiming to maintain our retained funds as a safety buffer and intend to apply for additional funding to cover annual operating cost as well as the cost of underwear and the purchasing of essential clothing.

#### **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 2024/2025 and beyond. The Trustees are therefore comfortable that Tweed Togs has sufficient reserves to operate normally for the foreseeable future.

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tweed Togs (SCIO)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31 March 2024 which are set out on 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 examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with 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 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

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Date: 19th May 2024

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 March 2024

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ended 31 March 2024 £	Year Ended 31 March 2023
Donations		13,783	-	13,783	4,080
Grants	4	-	5,000	5,000	11,870
Fund Raising - 50/50 Club		1,680	-	1,680	1,770
Fund Raising - Kailzie		480	-	480	798
Fund Raising - Coffee Morning		644	-	644	840
Fund Raising - Co-op		38	-	38	
Just Giving		395	-	395	
Rag bag sales		144	-	144	186
Gift Aid		673	-	673	-
Miscellaneous		615	-	615	
Interest Received		5	-	5	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>18,457</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>23,457</b>	<b>19,544</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Fundraising Costs		790	-	790	801
Cost of Charitable Activities	5	8,390	14,229	22,619	17,399
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>9,179</b>	<b>14,229</b>	<b>23,408</b>	<b>18,200</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for period</b>		<b>9,278</b>	<b>(9,229)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,344</b>

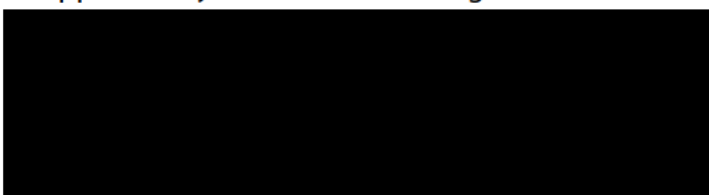
## Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	11,328	9,592	20,920	19,576
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	9,278	-	49	1,344
<b>Closing cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>20,606</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>20,969</b>	<b>20,920</b>

### Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	10,583	20,839
Bank Savings Account	10,305	
Cash in hand	81	81
	<b>20,969</b>	<b>20,920</b>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



## Notes to the financial statements for the year to 31 March 2024

### 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 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	2,000
Communities Mental Health & Fat Face	-	-	-	9,120
	-	-	-	750
Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support	-	5,000	5,000	-
	-	5,000	5,000	11,870

### 5. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bags & Paper	1,057	0	1,057	574
Cleaning Materials	152	0	152	206
Clothing - Underwear & sleepwear	3,772	404	4,176	5,555
Other Essential Clothing	838	0	838	1,812
Outdoor Clothing Project		8,757	8,757	0
Shelving	122	0	122	3,060
Storage Boxes	179	0	179	0
Meetings	0	0	0	84
Insurance	320	0	320	309
Premises costs	63	0	63	72
Heating & Lighting	153	0	153	0
Rent	1,460	5,000	6,460	4,080
Equipment, Tables	0	0	0	474
Stationery	38	0	38	75
Website	180	68	249	1,099
Advertising	55	0	55	0
Volunteer costs	0	0	0	0
	8,390	14,229	22,619	17,399



## 6. Statement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Closing Balance
Lottery - Website	68	-	(68)	-
Arnold Clark	404	-	(404)	-
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing	9,120	-	(8,757)	363
Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>(14,229)</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>11,328</b>	<b>18,457</b>	<b>(9,179)</b>	<b>20,606</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>23,457</b>	<b>(23,408)</b>	<b>20,969</b>

### Purpose of restricted funds

#### ARNOLD CLARK

The remaining funds of £404 (of the grant awarded in the previous financial year) were used for the buying of new underwear to be included in the children's gift bags.

#### NATIONAL LOTTERY

The remaining funds of £68 (of the grant awarded in the previous financial year) were used in the upkeep of the website.

#### COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING

A total of £8,757 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.

#### TWEEDDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND

The grant of £5,000 awarded in the 2023-2024 financial year was used towards the paying of rent for the charities' premises in Peebles.

#### Liabilities/Commitments

The Charity has entered a rental agreement for two rooms at the Peebles Business Hub at a total monthly cost of c£645 with notice periods of 8 weeks for one room and 3 months for the second respectively.



## 5. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bags	549	25	574	583
Cleaning materials	206	0	206	59
Clothing - Underwear & sleepwear	0	5,554	5,554	6,836
Other Essential Clothing	1,812	-	1,812	-
Shelving	3,060	0	3,060	0
Meetings	84	0	84	23
Insurance	309	0	309	303
Premises costs	72	0	72	25
Heating & Lighting	0	0	0	42
Rent	2,745	1,335	4,080	4,420
Equipment	474	0	474	0
Stationery	75	0	75	37
Website	0	1,099	1,099	1,281
Volunteer costs		0	0	51
	<b>9,386</b>	<b>8,013</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>13,660</b>

Charged to:	Restricted Funds	<b>8,013</b>	<b>13,056</b>
	Unrestricted Funds	<b>9,386</b>	<b>604</b>
		<b>17,399</b>	<b>13,660</b>

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	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Closing
	Balance	Resources	Resources	Balance
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Year Ended 31 March 2022</u></b>	<b>1.4.22</b>			<b>31.3.23</b>
SPIFOX	383	-	(383)	-
National Lottery	1,167	-	(1,099)	<b>68</b>
Bank of Scotland Foundation	3,600	-	(3,600)	-
Scottish Borders Council	1,335	-	(1,335)	-
Arnold Clark	-	2,000	(1,596)	<b>404</b>
Communities Mental Health and Well Being	-	9,120	-	<b>9,120</b>
Restricted Funds	<b>6,485</b>	<b>11,120</b>	<b>(8,013)</b>	<b>9,592</b>
Unrestricted Funds	<b>13,091</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>(10,187)</b>	<b>11,328</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>19,576</b>	<b>19,544</b>	<b>(18,200)</b>	<b>20,920</b>

### Purpose of restricted funds

#### SPIFOX

The charity SPIFOX awarded Tweed Togs a grant of £13,000, payable in four instalments, to fund the purchase of essential clothing, underwear and sleepwear to be added to donations when clothing bags are given out as a result of referrals. In the year to March 2023 Tweed Togs spent £383 being the remaining balance of the £13,000 received.



### **Bank of Scotland Foundation**

The grant of £3,600 is to provide new underwear, pants, vests, socks and sleepwear for children who are disadvantaged through poverty or social circumstances, emotional trauma or social displacement (refugees).

### **Scottish Borders Council**

The Council awarded a grant of £5,755 to assist Tweed Togs with its relocation costs and towards the rent it pays on its new premises.

### **National Lottery**

The National Lottery Board awarded Tweed Togs a grant of £2,448 towards establishing and maintaining a website.

### **Arnold Clark**

The funds of £2,000 are for buying sets of new underwear to be included in the children's gift bags.

### **Communities Mental Health and Well Being**

The funding of £9,120 is from Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund to provide sets of new clothes to support outdoor, educational activities and wellbeing.