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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	29	05	2024	To	28	05	2025

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Autistic Voices Advocating Together for Autonomous Rights	
AVATAR	
SC053393	
C/O 1 Drygrange Avenue	
Melrose	
Postcode – TD6 9DJ	

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Parker	Acting Chair (13/04/26)	29/05/24	
2	Declan McKendrick	Secretary	30/09/24	
3	Lynsay Laird		04/05/26	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
George Watts	29/05/24 - 30/06/25
Keith Farnish	
Yvonne Barrowman	29/05/24 - 02/09/24
Katherine Mackay	29/07/24 - 28/02/26
Michael Greaves Mackintosh	28/07/24 - 24/03/26
	28/07/24 - 24/02/26

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Yvonne Barrowman
Katherine Mackay
Michael Greaves Mackintosh

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

- a) The advancement of citizenship or community development for autistic people living in the Scottish Borders to improve understanding, acceptance and meaningful inclusion of autistic people, including collaborating with policy makers and services, to provide evidence-based information and represent the views of our members.
- b) The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, which meet the needs of the members of the autistic community in the Scottish Borders, improving inclusion and reducing social isolation.
- c) The promotion of equality, diversity and autonomy of autistic people within the Scottish Borders by working in partnership with other local

**Summary of the main activities
in relation to these objects**

bodies, local and national government, businesses and wider public, participating in and/or running community
• Co-Produced the charity branding. • Set up and maintained an online community for peer support. • Promotion of the charity to a variety of stakeholders through printed materials and the media. • Set up a charity bank account. • Built and published a website and social media platforms to secure an online presence for the charity and increase awareness. • Presented to the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group for Autism. • Organised and hosted the first ever Autistic Pride Picnic for the Scottish Borders. • Hosted a series of launch events in collaboration with other organisations and social enterprises, these included events for professionals, self advocacy for autistic people and a variety of creative and social events for autistic adults. • Campaigned through the media against the cuts to disability benefits and the conflation of being in receipt of PIP being equated to being unemployed • Engaged with the Scottish Borders Autism Strategy Group to represent members interests

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

- Co-Produced the charity branding.
- Set up and maintained an online community for peer support.
- Promotion of the charity to a variety of stakeholders through printed materials and the media.
- Set up a charity bank account.
- Built and published a website and social media platforms to secure an online presence for the charity and increase awareness.
- Presented to the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group for Autism.
- Organised and hosted the first ever Autistic Pride Picnic for the Scottish Borders.
- Hosted a series of launch events in collaboration with other organisations and social enterprises, these included events for professionals, self advocacy for autistic people and a variety of creative and social events for autistic adults.
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- Engaged with the Scottish Borders Autism Strategy Group to represent members interests

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not yet have a reserves policy

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Promotional materials, projector

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)
*OSCR will accept
digital or typed
signatures*



Full name(s) Rachel Parker

Position (e.g. Chair)

Acting Chair

Date 18/05/26