SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC027472

VOLUNTEER CENTRE WESTERN ISLES SCIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER:	SC027472
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	John E Moffat BA FCA CIB Services 63 Kenneth Street Stornoway Isle of Lewis HS1 2DS
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Scottish Charity Number	SC027472	
Current trustees	P J Carpenter (Chair)	- appointed 16 August 2025
	C McKee (Treasurer)	
	S Reid	
	K Macleod	
	V Manchester	
	I Macneil	
	A Murray	
Other trustees during the year	C Rowlands	- resigned 20 May 2025
	K Macinnes	- resigned 26 January 2026
Contact address	95 Cromwell Street Stornoway Isle of Lewis HS1 2DG	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 22 January 2018 and the purposes and administration of the charity are set out in our constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Association's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting and the board may at any time appoint any member.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable purposes

Aims

Actively, encouraging, supporting and promoting volunteering.

Purposes

- to advance citizenship and to actively encourage, support and promote volunteering throughout the Western Isles;

- to advance education through reducing barriers to education and training opportunities and delivering effective developmental initiatives to improve skills and employability opportunities to the community.

Vision

Our Vision is of a community where everyone volunteers. Where volunteering is recognised as integral to the health, wealth and vitality of the Outer Hebrides. Where the Volunteer Centre Western Isles provides a high-quality localised service that supports the growth of volunteering in all islands, in every community, in each home, to any individual.

Activities and achievements

Over the past year, the Volunteer Centre Western Isles (VCWI) has continued to deliver significant impact across Lewis, Harris, Uist and Barra. Key achievements include:

- 111 volunteer opportunities registered on MILO and promoted through the VCWI website and Volunteer Scotland.
- 72 volunteers placed in suitable volunteering roles.
- 10 new organisations registered for VCWI support.
- 98 organisations supported, receiving guidance, one-to-one training, and help developing placements across 1,349 interactions.
- Continued development and support of youth volunteering, working closely with schools, colleges, and other educational settings across the islands.
- Island-wide engagement in Saltire and Callanish Awards, including:
    - 201 Callanish Youth Awards issued
    - 59 new Saltire registrations
    - 185 Saltire Awards achieved
    - 5 ceremonies delivered and 11 further ceremonies supported
    - 2 new Saltire-eligible organisations registered
- Ongoing facilitation of the YPI Programme across all four secondary schools, bringing £12,000 to island charities.
- Continued expansion of intergenerational work within schools and community groups.
- Development of short-term, task-based volunteering through craft-based projects supporting local charity appeals.

These achievements demonstrate the breadth and depth of volunteering activity across the Western Isles and highlight the strong foundations on which further development work is being built.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As a result of the deficit of £11,517 for the year (2025 - deficit of £7,852), the charity had unrestricted funds of £41,204 (2025 - £55,019) and restricted funds of £3,292 (2025 - £994) at year-end, which the Trustees consider adequate to enable the charity to continue for the forthcoming year. Restricted funds represent grant funding received to assist with ongoing projects.

Reserves policy

The general fund represents the unrestricted funds from past operating results not yet utilised. It also represents the free reserves of the charity. The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity and consider that three months operating expenditure, which currently equates to around £40,000, should be held in unrestricted reserves. This would allow the charity to continue to operate in the event of an interruption in its income streams and the unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2026 is in line with this target. Funds are also raised for specific projects as required.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

C McKee - Trustee

Date: 3 November 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31 March 2026	Year ended 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Sponsorship:				
Hebridean Housing Partnership	**1,000**	**-**	**1,000**	-
Lewis Wind Power	**-**	**-**	**-**	1,300
Grants:				
Scottish Government	**103,784**	**-**	**103,784**	103,784
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	**22,000**	**-**	**22,000**	22,000
The Wood Foundation	**1,760**	**-**	**1,760**	1,495
Department for Work and Pensions	**-**	**-**	**-**	3,055
Co-op Community Fund	**2,909**	**-**	**2,909**	500
CnES - Ward Priority Fund	**400**	**-**	**400**	-
Barra & Vatersay - Spagan Award	**300**	**-**	**300**	-
Volunteering Support Scotland	**-**	**4,352**	**4,352**	-
Employment Allowance	**10,500**	**-**	**10,500**	5,000
Other income	**364**	**-**	**364**	252
Interest received	**135**	**-**	**135**	141
	143,152	**4,352**	**147,504**	137,527
Payments:				
Wages	**111,710**	**226**	**111,936**	102,279
Social security	**11,536**	**-**	**11,536**	5,694
Pensions	**5,597**	**-**	**5,597**	5,021
Rent	**8,260**	**-**	**8,260**	8,260
Projects	**565**	**1,814**	**2,379**	4.006
Travel	**2,711**	**-**	**2,711**	2,699
Conferences and training	**1,519**	**-**	**1,519**	1,269
Events	**29**	**-**	**29**	20
Heat and light	**4,987**	**-**	**4,987**	5,819
Insurance	**1,976**	**-**	**1,976**	1,931
Telephone	**2,775**	**-**	**2,775**	3,400
Postage and stationery	**216**	**14**	**230**	221
Office expenses	**2,846**	**-**	**2,846**	2,382
Software expenses	**528**	**-**	**528**	440
Advertising and promotion	**60**	**-**	**60**	510
Recruitment	**59**	**-**	**59**	95
Subscriptions and memberships	**976**	**-**	**976**	835
Meeting expenses	**59**	**-**	**59**	24
Bank charges	**60**	**-**	**60**	60
Accountancy fees	**498**	**-**	**498**	414
	156,967	**2,054**	**159,021**	145,379
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**(13,815)**	**2,298**	**(11,517)**	(7,852)

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	At 31 March 2026	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Bank and cash in hand	**41,204**	**3,292**	**44,496**	56,013
Funds				
Opening funds	**55,019**	**994**	**56,013**	63,865
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**(13,815)**	**2,298**	**(11,517)**	(7,852)
	41,204	**3,292**	**44,496**	56,013

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

C McKee - Trustee

Date: 3 November 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VOLUNTEER CENTRE WESTERN ISLES SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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's 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:
• to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
• 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 understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 9 November 2026