

UNAUDITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND

ACCOUNTS

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

WELFARE TRUST

Charity Registration Number: SC044765

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2017

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FOREWORD

The implementation of the audit and reporting requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity regulator (OSCR) now requires that full audited accounts for this Charity are prepared.

Working with OSCR, Scottish Borders Council completed the first step of the re-organisation of a number of trusts. This resulted in the establishment of the SBC Welfare Trust, the "Trust", which was established for the purpose of:

- a) The prevention or relief of poverty;
- b) The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; or
- c) The advancement of health, including the advancement of education in health.

By among other things, the payment of grants and/or loans to such charities or other organisations or to such individuals who are deserving of benefit as the Trustees shall, in their sole and unfettered discretion, select as suitable recipients of such benefit, to be applied by such recipients for the charitable purposes of either the prevention or relief of poverty or the relief of those in need or the advancement of health, as appropriate.

During 2016/17 further work on the reorganisation of charity funds continued and will continue in 2017/18 and is expected to result in additional resources being transferred into this Charitable Trust.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Structure

Following the establishment of the Trust, Scottish Borders Council on 21st May 2015 approved the appointment of the Convenor of Scottish Borders Council as the Chairman and the creation of Charitable Trusts Sub-Committees. The Council has delegated powers to the Sub-Committee to manage the operation of the Trust.

Charitable Purpose

The prevention or relief of poverty

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The advancement of health, including the advancement of education in health

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Summary of the Main Activities

The Charity has taken steps to ensure that the assets of the funds are properly managed and accounted for. The charity made donations to two eligible beneficiaries during the year to 31 March 2017.

Plans for the Future

The fund will be promoted and continue to grant awards to recipients who may be eligible for disbursement of funds under the eligibility restrictions of the funds.

It is anticipated that the ongoing reorganisation work undertaken by Scottish Borders Council officers, including further refinement of existing disbursement criteria, will result in the amalgamation of other registered and non-registered trusts and bequests into the SBC Education Trust in 2017/18.

Governance and Management

Type of Governing Documents

- a) A Trust Deed has been established and approved by OSCR detailing the purpose and structure of the newly established Charity.
- b) In terms of the Trustee's governance of the fund, these have been approved by Scottish Borders Council at its meeting on 21st May 2015 and have been reflected in its governance codes. The codes covering the governance of the Charity comprise of the following:



- c) When considering any action in connection with the Charity the Trustees have to act in the interest of the Charity Funds.
- d) The financial statements comply with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

There is no recruitment process. Appointment is by virtue of election to the Council.

Financial Review

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements and the charity's governing document.

The applications of the Funds' are detailed in the Notes to the Accounts.

Reserves

The charity has considered the reserves required and have taken into account its current and future liabilities, ensuring reserves will be maintained at a level sufficient to respond to:

- all approved applications for grants
- all support and governance costs are covered

At 31 March 2017, the reserves of the SBC Welfare Trust amounted to:

- Restricted Income Funds - £110,968

Investments

Per the Councils Common Good and Trust Fund investment strategy the main balance of funds are invested in the Newton Real Return Fund.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	SBC Welfare Trust
Charity registration number	SC044765
Business Address	Council HQ Newtown St Boswells Melrose Scottish Borders TD6 0SA

Trustees

The Trustees of this charity are the duly elected members of Scottish Borders Council (the Council), a local authority constituted under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994. These are:

Sandy Aitchison	Willie Archibald	Michelle Ballantyne
Stuart Bell	Catriona Bhatia	Jim Brown
Joan Campbell	Michael J Cook	Keith Cockburn
Alastair Cranston	Vicky M Davidson	Gordon Edgar
James A Fullerton	Graham H T Garvie	Iain Gillespie
John Greenwell	Bill Herd	Gavin Logan
Stuart Marshall	Watson McAteer (from May 2014)	John G Mitchell
Donald Moffat	Simon Mountford	Alexander J Nicol
David Parker	David Paterson	Francis Renton
Sandy Scott	Ron Smith	Rory Stewart
Jim Torrance	George Turnbull	Tom Weatherspoon
Bill White		

Chief Executive The Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council is Tracey Logan.

Auditor Audit Scotland
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Professional support

The Council provides the Administrative, Legal and Financial support and advice to the Welfare Fund.

All financial transactions go through the Council's books of account and their Bankers are the Bank of Scotland, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose.

Shona Haslam
Trustee
Scottish Borders Council Welfare Trust
28 June 2017

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRSSE *The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- **Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;**
- **Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;**
- **State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;**
- **State where applicable, whether the financial statements comply with the trust deeds and rules, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and**
- **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 required to act in accordance with the rules of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that Act. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial and other information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2017

2015/16 £		2016/17 £	Notes
	Income From:		
2,677	Investments	2,529	1
2,677	Total Income	2,529	
	Expenditure on:		
176	Charitable activities	(277)	2
176	Total Expenditure	(277)	
2,853	Net Income / (Expenditure)	2,252	
	Other Recognised Gains and Losses		
(1,678)	(Loss) / gain on investment assets	(407)	
1,175	Net Movement in Funds	1,845	
	Reconciliation of Funds		
107,949	Total funds brought forward	109,124	
109,124	Total Funds Carried Forward	110,968	6

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2017

as at 31 March 2016 RESTATED			as at 31 March 2017		Notes
£	£		£	£	
98,898		Fixed Assets			
		Investments	98,491		4
	98,898			98,491	
		Current Assets			
	10,226	Short term investment in SBC loans fund		12,477	5
		Current Liabilities			
	0	Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year		0	
	10,226	Net Current Assets		12,477	
	109,124	Total Net Assets		110,968	
		The Funds of the Charity			
(109,124)		Restricted income funds	(110,968)		6,7
	(109,124)	Total Charity Funds		(110,968)	

All of the charity's activities are continuing.

The Accounting Policies on pages 10 and 11 and the Notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these Financial Statements.

The unaudited accounts were issued on 28 June 2017.

David Robertson CPFA
Chief Financial Officer
28 June 2017

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the financial statements.

Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller entities (FRSSE), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

- Donations and grants are recorded as expenditure when they are approved.
- Where income and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the balance sheet.
- Income and expenditure are credited and debited to the relevant revenue account, unless they properly represent capital receipts or capital expenditure.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include the designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Donations & Legacies

All donations and gifts are included within incoming resources under Restricted Funds.

Donations and Gifts in Kind are brought into the financial statements at their market value to the charity.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are analysed between charitable activities, costs of generating funds and governance costs. Charitable activities include all direct costs and other support costs.

Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using closing quoted market price.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between market value at the beginning and the end of the financial year, or if purchases in the year the difference between cost and market value at the end of the financial year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds and cost.

Cash and Short Term Investments

Cash, for the purposes of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand. Short Term Investments are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values. Short Term Investments comprise of call deposits with the Council.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Investment Income

2015/16 £		2016/17 £
95	Bank Interest Receivable	33
2,581	Income from Investment Portfolio	2,495
2,677		2,529

2 Charitable Activities

Charitable activities during the year related to grants accrued and or paid to:

Galashiels Local Relief Fund - £108.86, and
Senior Citizens Co-Ordinating Committee - £168.33

3 Governance Costs

The fee for the external audit of the charity is charged against Scottish Borders Council General Fund. There were no governance costs paid directly by the charity.

4 Investments

All investments are through regulated funds or are traded on a recognised investment exchange.

At 31 March 2017 all investments were with the Newton Real Return Fund.

5 Short Term Investments in SBC Loans Fund

All surplus cash invested on behalf of the charity with Scottish Borders Council

6 Restricted Funds

The funds held with the Charity are restricted by area, purpose or both. The restrictions for each are shown in the table below. Expenditure in the year relates to net loss on Newton investments made in the year. It is included here to reconcile the restricted balances.

2015/16 Balance	Restricted by Area	Restricted by Purpose	Income	Expenditure	Loss on investment assets	2016/17 Balance
£	£		£	£	£	£
60,151	Mid & East Berwickshire	a&b	1,361	0	218	61,294
4,188	Galashiels & District	a&b	109	109	18	4,170
8,898	Leaderdale & Melrose	a&b	205	0	33	9,070
19,875	Jedburgh & District	a&b	476	0	77	20,274
8,120	Hawick/Denholm/Hermitage	a&b	192	0	31	8,281
717	Tweeddale East & West	Unrestricted	17	0	3	731
7,175	Tweeddale East & West	a&b	168	168	27	7,148
109,124			2,528	277	407	110,968

7 Reserves Policy

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
to the trustees of Scottish Borders Welfare Trust and the Accounts

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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