

# Scottish Borders Council Welfare Trust

Charity Registration Number: SC044765

# annual report and financial statements

for the year to 31 March 2020



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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 2017/18 further work on the reorganisation of charity funds continued and on 21st December 2017, Scottish Borders Council approved the reorganisation, in consultation with OSCR, for a number of funds to be amalgamated into this Trust on 1st April 2018.

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

### Structure

On 21 December 2017, Scottish Borders Council approved the delegation of authority to the Services Director of Customer and Communities for the following:

1. Approve applications for funding up to the value of £500 from the SBC Community Enhancement Trust and SBC Welfare Trust;
2. Approve applications for grants from £501 to £2,500 to the SBC Welfare Trust, subject to the agreement of at least 50% of the Members in the relevant Wards; and
3. Approve applications for grants from £501 to £5,000 to the SBC Community Enhancement Trust, subject to the agreement of at least 50% of the Members in the relevant Wards.

Grants over £5,000 require approval by the Executive Committee of Scottish Borders Council.

## Charitable Purpose

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage or
- 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.

## 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 totalling £1,620 during the financial year to 31 March 2020.
- Criteria and revised governance structure approved by Scottish Borders Council on 21st December 2017, following public consultation.
- Approval given by Scottish Borders Council and where required OSCR for a number of Trusts and Bequests to be amalgamated into the Trust from 1st April 2018.

## Plans for the Future

- The fund will be promoted via Scottish Borders Council web site and continue to grant awards to recipients who may be eligible for disbursement of funds under the eligibility restrictions of the funds.

## 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 21 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.

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 102 (FRS102), 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 2020, the reserves of the SBC Welfare Trust amounted to:

- Restricted Income Funds - £660,089

### Investments

Per the Councils Common Good and Trust Fund investment strategy, the main balance of funds are invested with Kames Capital plc in a diversified income fund.



## Reference and Administrative Information

**Charity Name** Scottish Borders Council Welfare Trust

**Charity registration number** SC044765

**Business Address** Council HQ  
Newtown St Boswells  
Melrose  
Scottish Borders  
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### Trustees

The Trustees of this charity for the year to 31 March 2020 were the duly elected members of Scottish Borders Council (the Council), a local authority constituted under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994, at that time. These were:

Sandy Aitchison	Andy Anderson	Heather Anderson
Stuart Bell	Jim Brown	Kris Chapman
Caroline Cochrane	Kevin Drum (to 7 March 2020)	Gordon Edgar
Jim Fullarton	John Greenwell	Carol Hamilton
Scott Hamilton	Shona Haslam	Euan Jardine
Helen Laing	Stuart Marshall	Watson McAteer
Tom Miers	Donald Moffat	Simon Mountford
David Parker	David Paterson	Clair Ramage
Neil Richards	Euan Robson	Mark Rowley
Harry Scott	Sandy Scott	Eric Small
Robin Tatler	Elaine Thornton-Nicol	George Turnbull
Tom Weatherston		

**Chief Executive** During the period of these financial statements, the Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council was Tracey Logan; at the date the audited accounts are authorised for issue, the Executive Director Finance & Regulatory, David Robertson, and the Executive Director Corporate Improvement & Economy, Rob Dickson, are covering the duties undertaken by the Chief Executive.

**Auditor** Audit Scotland  
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### Professional support

The Council provides the Administrative, Legal and Financial support and advice to the Welfare Trust. All financial transactions go through the Council's books of account and their Bankers are the Bank of Scotland, Galashiels.

**Shona Haslam**  
**Trustee**  
**Scottish Borders Council Welfare Trust**

## 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 FRS102, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 information/section on the Scottish Borders Council 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 2020

2018/19 £		2019/20 £	Notes
	<b>Income From:</b>		
500	Donations and legacies	500	3
36,459	Investments	33,254	1
<b>36,959</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,754</b>	
	<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
0	Raising funds	0	
(233)	Charitable activities	(1,620)	2
(500)	Other: Governance costs	(500)	3
<b>(733)</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(2,120)</b>	
6,301	Gain / (loss) on investment assets	(98,389)	
<b>42,527</b>	<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>(66,755)</b>	
	<b>Other Recognised Gains / (Losses)</b>		
574,589	Recognition of Investments	0	
<b>617,116</b>	<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>(66,755)</b>	
	<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
109,728	Total funds brought forward	726,844	
<b>726,844</b>	<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>660,089</b>	8



## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2020

as at 31 March 2019			as at 31 March 2020		Notes
£	£		£	£	
624,488	624,488	<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
		Investments	526,629		4
				<b>526,629</b>	
2,643	102,356	<b>Current Assets</b>			
		Debtors	2,437		5
99,713		Short term investment in SBC loans fund	131,023		6
				<b>133,460</b>	
		<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
	0	Creditors:			
		Amounts falling due within 1 year		0	7
	<b>102,356</b>	<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>133,460</b>	
	<b>726,844</b>	<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>660,089</b>	
		<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>			
(726,844)		Restricted income funds	(660,089)		8
	<b>(726,844)</b>	<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<b>(660,089)</b>	

All income and expenditure transactions derive from continuing activities.

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

The unaudited accounts were issued on 23 June 2020 and the audited accounts were authorised for issue on 5 November 2020.

David Robertson CPFA  
Executive Director, Finance & Regulatory

Shona Haslam  
Trustee  
Scottish Borders Council Welfare Trust

## 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

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 FRS102, 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 or if approved in principle only, when final confirmation of amount is received by the applying body.
- 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.

### Income Recognition

Under FRS102, income is recognised when its receipt is “probable”, rather than “virtually certain”, which was the case under the previous Charities SORP 2005.

Full recognition criteria are:

- Entitlement – control over the rights or other access to the economic benefit has passed to the charity
- Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits will flow to the charity
- Measurement – the monetary value or amount of the income and the costs to complete the transactions can be measured reliably

## 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 raising 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 purchased 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.

## Short Term Investments

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

2018/19 £		2019/20 £
417	Bank Interest Receivable	531
36,042	Income from Investment Portfolio	32,723
<b>36,459</b>		<b>33,254</b>

### 2 Charitable Activities

The charitable activities during 2019/20 are shown in note 8 by individual fund within the charity.

### 3 Governance Costs

The fee for the external audit of the charity is charged against Scottish Borders Council General Fund and notionally recharged to the SBC Welfare Trust, recognised under Governance Costs. This fee amounted to £500 in 2019/20. A notional grant from SBC to cover the full cost is recognised under Donations and legacies. No Trustee remuneration or other expenses were incurred.

### 4 Investments

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

At 31 March 2020 all investments were with the Kames Capital Diversified Monthly Income Fund. As a result of the COVID-19, global markets across most asset classes have seen a drop, resulting in an unrealised loss for 2019/20.

### 5 Debtors

2018/19 £		2019/20 £
2,643	Prepayments and accrued income	2,437
<b>2,643</b>		<b>2,437</b>

### 6 Short Term Investments in SBC Loans Fund

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

### 7 Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

2018/19 £		2019/20 £
0	Grants payable	0
<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>

## 8 Restricted Funds

The funds held with the Charity are restricted by area, purpose or both. Expenditure includes the unrealised loss on the Kames Capital plc investment during the year.

The restrictions for each are shown in the table below. The purpose of these funds are:

- 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

2018/19 Balance	Restricted by Area	Restricted by Purpose	Income	Expenditure	2019/20 Balance
£	£		£	£	£
224,100	Berwickshire	a&b	9,793	30,358	203,535
125,047	Galashiels & District	a&b	5,960	18,695	112,312
22,464	Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage	a&b	975	3,017	20,422
43,513	Jedburgh & District	a&b	1,899	5,885	39,527
9,318	Leaderdale & Melrose	a&b	398	1,229	8,487
7,500	Tweeddale East & West	a&b	327	1,013	6,814
764	Tweeddale East & West	Unrestricted	33	103	694
59,841	Mid & East Berwickshire	a&b	2,463	7,566	54,738
26,790	Hawick & Hermitage	c	1,170	3,626	24,334
584	Hawick & Hermitage	a&b	25	79	530
7,165	Hawick Denholm	a&b	314	974	6,505
21,660	Jedburgh & District	c	1,200	2,861	19,999
7,219	Kelso & District	a&b	315	976	6,558
89,185	Selkirkshire	a&b	3,886	12,042	81,029
16,897	Lauder	a&b	745	2,432	15,210
7,713	Melrose & District	a&b	342	1,060	6,995
56,758	Tweeddale	a&b	3,895	8,549	52,104
326	Bowden	a&b	14	44	296
<b>726,844</b>			<b>33,754</b>	<b>100,509</b>	<b>660,089</b>

## 9 Related Party Transactions

Due to the nature of the operations and composition of the SBC Welfare Trust (Trustees are comprised of Elected Council Members of Scottish Borders Council), Scottish Borders Council is registered as a related party. Transactions with Scottish Borders Council for the year under review are listed below:

	£
Interest received on funds invested in SBC Loans Fund	531

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### to the trustees of Scottish Borders Welfare Trust and the Accounts Commission for Scotland

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

##### Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Scottish Borders Council Welfare Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the 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 my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2020 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

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

##### Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require me to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about ability of the charity to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

##### Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, 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 deemed inappropriate.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

My 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 auditor's report that includes my 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.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of my auditor's report.

### **Other information in the statement of accounts**

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission or required by applicable law to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read all the other information in the statement of accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Report on other requirements**

### **Opinion on matter prescribed by the Accounts Commission**

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

### **Matters on which I am required to report by exception**

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

## Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Asif A Haseeb OBE  
4th Floor  
102 West Port Edinburgh  
EH3 9DN

Asif A Haseeb OBE is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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