

Charity registration number SC043205 (Scotland)

DRINK LINK SCIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

1. To relieve the needs of people negatively affected by alcohol abuse,
2. To advance education in the field of alcohol misuse; and
3. To advance health by promoting the provision of support services to those affected by alcohol misuse .

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

In the current year, we have been pulling together an employability programme, which would support those individuals into work, who have been affected by someone else's drinking. This includes training, helping people with their CVs and providing mentors to assist where necessary. We are currently in the pilot stage of this project and plan to roll it out shortly to the wider community.

Since launching our family and friends website, we have also been working on optimising the content. We hope that in turn, this will enable us to partner with relevant organisations, so that we can work together to signpost all those services appropriate to those who have been affected by indirect alcohol misuse.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 31 March 2024 was £8,866. Actual 3 month cash payments totalled £527. The current level of reserves is therefore higher than is needed.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Future plans

In the following year, we will look to roll out those programmes noted at achievements & performance.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

S Summers

J Stables

L Smith

(Resigned 26 June 2023)

J Gibson

(Resigned 31 January 2024)

N Bolland

D Bruce

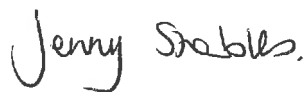
V Damyonva

J Morrison

M Melvin

(Resigned 2 September 2024)

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



J Stables

Trustee

Dated: 6 December 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DRINK LINK SCIO

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 6 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	1,073	-	1,073	644
Other income	4	2	-	2	5
Total income		<u>1,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,075</u>	<u>649</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	258	-	258	237
Charitable activities	6	1,848	-	1,848	811
Total expenditure		<u>2,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,106</u>	<u>1,048</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(1,031)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,031)</u>	<u>(399)</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(3,531)</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(1,031)</u>	<u>(399)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>9,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,897</u>	<u>10,296</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>6,366</u></u>	<u><u>2,500</u></u>	<u><u>8,866</u></u>	<u><u>9,897</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		18,892		18,477	
Current liabilities	11	<u>10,026</u>		<u>8,580</u>	
Net current assets			<u>8,866</u>		<u>9,897</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	12		2,500		-
Unrestricted funds			<u>6,366</u>		<u>9,897</u>
			<u>8,866</u>		<u>9,897</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6 December 2024



J Stables
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Drink Link SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	19	644
Grants	1,054	-
	<u>1,073</u>	<u>644</u>

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	2	5
	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Insurance	258	237
	<u>258</u>	<u>237</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Administration expenses	-	39
Travel & accommodation	-	133
Marketing	1,348	-
	<u>1,348</u>	<u>172</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	200	363
Governance	300	276
	<u>1,848</u>	<u>811</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,848</u>	<u>811</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Subscriptions	25	25
Website development	175	338
Governance costs	300	276
	<u>500</u>	<u>639</u>

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Current liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	10,026	8,580
	<u>10,026</u>	<u>8,580</u>

12 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
CNOOC	-	2,500	2,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	9,897	1,075	(2,106)	(2,500)	6,366
	<u>9,897</u>	<u>1,075</u>	<u>(2,106)</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>6,366</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	10,296	649	(1,048)	-	9,897
	<u>10,296</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>(1,048)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,897</u>

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	6,366	2,500	8,866
	<u>6,366</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>8,866</u>
	<u><u>6,366</u></u>	<u><u>2,500</u></u>	<u><u>8,866</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	9,897	-	9,897
	<u>9,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,897</u>
	<u><u>9,897</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>9,897</u></u>

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).