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Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	April	2020	To	31	March	2021

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Chirnside Common Good Association
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC011711
Charity's principal address	18 Lammerview
	Chirnside
	Berwickshire
	Postcode TD11 3UW

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	Mrs Sara Doggett	Chair		
2	Mrs Linda Gray	Secretary		
3	Mr Simon Wright	Vice Chair		
4	Mr Kevin Prior	Treasurer		
5	Mrs Sally Leighton			Chirnside Primary School
6	Mrs Anne Robertson			
7	Mrs Susan Swan			
8	Mr Mark Kinghorn			
9	Mrs Muriel Kinghorn			
10	Mrs Jane Taylor			
11	Mrs Annette Scobie			
12	Mr David Wesley			
13	Mr Mike Taylor	Co-opted		
14	Mrs Maureen Anderson			
15	Mrs Deborah Hales			
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Unincorporated association - Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Membership open to all those aged 16 and over resident within the parish of Chirnside. Appointment as trustee by election at the

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science, The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations, It carries out activities or services itself

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	See attached Chair's report for the period 2020 -21.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Maintain at a level to ensure future expenditure.
Details of any deficit	
Donated facilities and services (if any)	Donation to Primary School for school prizes and activity materials. Replacement of Village Festive Lights, maintenance of Village Notice Board, Support for Civic Week activities, Floral Gateway plants and boxes, Village Newsletter, Village Litter Picks.

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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)		
Full name(s)	Sara Anne Doggett	James Kevin Prior
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	**17/06/2021**	**17/06/2021**

Chirnside Common Good

So, the 20-21 year of the Common Good has been a shorter than normal with Pandemic restrictions putting back the previous AGM to September in 2020, 9 months later we are back to the AGM once again and back on our normal track of June AGM.

This last 9 months has been still one of ups and downs with Covid restrictions on and off, school on and off life behind closed doors more often than not.
Hopefully now coming out of it for the last time, many people are vaccinated, and confidence is rising slowly but surely although caution is still being taken with meetings still taking place online and support is still there if people need it from the Common Good Association and the other groups within the village.

Over the last 9 months the resilience group set up by the Community Council, Common Good and other local groups have worked hard to help the people of the village in their time of need.
The resilience group since its conception has helped a number of families directly with monetary donations and indirectly with the delivering of groceries, prescriptions and donating towards covid recovery initiatives like the covid pantomime and activity packs for the children of the village distributed during lockdown.
Now that the country is coming out of the grips of lockdown and isolation the decision has been made to dissolve the resilience group as the need is no longer as high a priority for the people of Chirnside.

The years other activities have been reduced in many ways, we have not been able to do as much in person and not been able to do any active fundraising, but we have still managed to achieve some items on our agenda.

We have initiated and completed the walking paths around the south side of the village, this allows people to travel around the village on a circular route without having to walk on busy roads with no pavements. It connects the already well used Loanings paths on the north side, to an area of Chirnside that became popular during lockdown from all parts of the village down to the river and beyond. This extension of the paths within the village has been made possible with successful bids by the Common Good to the Fallago Trust and Scotland Loves Local. as well as some very generous anonymous donations and the generosity of Steve and Susan Swan whose land these paths are situated. These paths are already very well used by everyone, we are already looking into how we can make these paths more accessible for more people.

We have managed a few litter picks that have been well attended in-between the more restrictive times, which has helped the village clean up after the windy bin days and mask litter that seems to have appeared since the pandemic. We will continue to promote these and engage more people in keeping our village clean and well cared for.

The Village Enhancement Group has continued with its work in the village when able. Spending money on more hardy plants which local volunteers have planted the Common Good planters to brighten up the streets and businesses. We continue to work with the Community Council and the SBC parks department to improve some of the other areas within the village.

As part of our ongoing activities, we continue to work closely with the School awarding:

- the Frances Edgar Award,
- the Eric Hunter Award and
- the ‘Spirit of Chirnside’ Award.

The head teacher has asked that we re-evaluate the awarding of the Spirit of Chirnside award to include more community-based contributions by the students. We will work and collaborate on this and hope encourages more direct community partnerships with the school.

The primary sixes writing their essays to showcase their story making skills to a wider audience for the Frances Edgar award enjoying the competition between each other and the opportunity to show their skills to the Common Good and the community.
The Eric Hunter prize being awarded for endeavour in physical skills within their time at the school and is normally awarded at the annual sports day at the school. We look forward to hearing about who is awarded this and the reasons behind them being chosen.
We have also collaborated with the School this year on a litter poster competition where each child in the school has drawn a poster, 8 will be chosen to be printed to metal signs and displayed around the village permanently. There is a very high standard of posters and we have chosen some extra posters to print for display around the school. We hope to increase the engagement of the children to help keep the village clean and tidy and to help them have a feel of pride for their homes.
The current head Sally Leighton is leaving for new challenges, we wish her well and look forward to working with the School throughout this new year and with the new head teacher going forward.

Thanks to the volunteer team once again during these difficult times have given us a ray of light with the erection of the Christmas lights around the village. The switch on of the lights were somewhat reduced celebrations attended by the Gala Queen, and the Common Good, filmed and streamed for the rest of the village to join in.

The Civic Week has decided to branch out on their own rather than being part of the Common Good anymore and we wish them all the best in their new direction.
We will continue to sponsor the Gala Queen and take our part in the annual Crowning of the Queen during the Civic Week.

It has been brought to our attention more as the year has gone on especially with the restrictions keeping people in the area and reduced contact with people indoors that there is maybe not enough in the village to engage our younger members of the community. There has been an increased amount of vandalism, loitering and fire raising across the area.
We have therefore started a consultation on what these people, their parents and other members of the community may thing would be advantageous to occupy misspent time.

Modernisation

The committee have fully agreed to modernise to a SCIO and with this the current organisation as it stands will be passed over to the new and dissolved as and when the legalities are completed. All of the hard work getting the paperwork in order has been done by the Treasurer and the sub-group, and the application to OSCR is ready to be submitted after the AGM. Work will continue after the application is submitted to prepare the next stage of papers required.

Communications

Our communications strategy has proved robust during the year continuing to keep the village informed of our projects and intentions going forward. Our social media and web presence has proved useful as a means of communicating with Chirnside residents; the print version of our village information flyer has proved to be the “go to” source for many people, even though there are not quite as many events happening, as previous issues before covid-19 hit. We hope this and the other channels of communication will prove to be a help to all the groups and individuals of the community.

Appreciation

The Common Good works throughout the year for the benefit of the village and thanks are due to all the members of the committee. A special appreciation to Linda Gray, Secretary, Simon Wright, Vice Chair and Kevin Prior, Treasurer

Sara Doggett
Chair

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