



Circle of Comfort

Financial Statement

31st March 2021

Charity Number SC 038004

Register Address
153 Halbeath Road
Dunfermline Fife
KY11 4LF

Circle of Comfort

Members of the Board and Professional Advisers

Registered charity name Circle of Comfort

Charity number SC038004

**Registered office &
Principal Business
Address** 153 Halbeath Road
Dunfermline Fife
KY11 4LF

Trustees Roseann Haig, Chairperson
Janet Halcrow, Secretary
Lynn Cunningham, Treasurer
Robert Haig, Trustee

Independent Examiner Fife Voluntary Action,
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Saltire Centre
Glenrothes
Fife
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Bankers Bank of Scotland
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Edinburgh EH11 1YH

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Trustees Annual Report (*continued*)

Year Ended 31st March 2021

The trustees present their report of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Reference and Administrative

Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of Members of the Board and Professional Advisers on page 1 of the Annual Report.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

R Haig, Chairperson
Janet Halcrow, Secretary
Lynn Cunningham, Treasurer
Robert Haig, Trustee

Structure, Governance and Management

Circle of Comfort is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) charity number SC038004. The charity was previously an unincorporated organisation registered as a charity since March 2007.

In accordance with the charity's constitution, there shall be a maximum of 8 trustees. In the event of the number falling below 3 an additional trustee shall be appointed. The following rules govern the appointment and retirement of trustees: a) new trustees may be appointed by a resolution of the trustees; b) a trustee may retire by giving notice in writing; c) the trustees may remove any trustee by a resolution proposed at a meeting of the trustees.

Any newly appointed trustees are carefully selected by the trustees and are advised of the objectives and activities of the charity, and are to act in accordance with the charity's standard terms and conditions in force at the date of appointment.

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks of which the charity is aware and of the systems in place to mitigate those risks. Where appropriate, actions required to strengthen the existing systems and procedures have been identified and instigated.

Volunteers

The charity receives help from various volunteers to raise funds and undertakes any other work as required. It is difficult to put a monetary value on this input but the results of our volunteer help are fully appreciated.

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Trustees Annual Report (*continued*)

Year Ended 31st March 2021

Objectives and Activities

The aims and objectives of the charity are to offer complementary therapies to diagnosed cancer patients. In February 2019 the charity expanded its services to include people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. The charity continued to expand its services and in 2020 included people diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

All patients are treated in their own home or in hospital. Massage, aromatherapy or reflexology treatments are given by one of a network of self-employed therapists to patients in Fife and in Perth and surrounding Perthshire area, free of charge. The charity supports these objectives by way of raising funds, promoting public appeals and receiving contributions.

In furtherance of these objectives, the organisation seeks to: -

- provide and promote relaxation to help patients cope with the illness;
- provide enhancement of symptoms control and quality of life;
- provide patients, their family, carers and friends with time, understanding and support;
- provide support to sufferers of other debilitating illnesses and at other locations, at the discretion of the Organisation's Trustees.

The Charity also seeks to advance education through the provision of and access to appropriate and recognised accredited training.

The current Chair, Roseann Haig, created Circle of Comfort. From her experience in running a private, complementary therapies practice and working as a volunteer therapist in a local hospice, she saw the need for a charity dedicated to providing complementary therapies to cancer patients, whatever the stage of their illness. Circle of Comfort became a registered Scottish Charity in 2007 and started to provide complementary therapy treatments to cancer patients in November of that year. Its geographical area was extended from Dunfermline and West Fife to include the whole of Fife in 2009. In 2017 the geographical area was further extended to include Perth and surrounding Perthshire area.

The work of Circle of Comfort like many other charities, organisations and businesses was suspended from March 2020 due to the imposed national lockdown caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. All clients' treatments and all planned fundraising events were cancelled.

As a result of the lockdown during the year under review the charity treated only 33 clients. The number of clients who contacted Circle of Comfort directly was 23, while four clients were referred via the SLA with MS Society Fife and six clients were referred from Cornhill Day Centre – Perth via the charity's SLA with Macmillan. It is hoped our work will be able to restart sometime around the middle of 2021.

Clients, family members and or carers can contact Circle of Comfort directly however many are recommended or referred by palliative care nurses, clinical nurse specialists and district nursing staff.

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Trustees Annual Report (*continued*)

Year Ended 31st March 2021

Achievements and Performance

The suspension of all complementary therapy services in March 2020 due to Covid 19 meant the number of people able to take advantage of the charity's complementary therapy services decreased significantly compared to the previous year.

To publicise the work of the charity in providing complementary therapies to people living with cancer, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease while in lockdown a newsletter was produced and distributed all organisations and friends with which Circle of Comfort is connected.

The lockdown period also provided an opportunity to have a major redesign of the charity's website to make the site more interactive and responsive to the variety of communicative devices. This new design was also used in the production of new printed leaflets and business cards.

The Chair continues to take part in Cross Party on Cancer which meets at the Scottish Parliament Building, Edinburgh albeit the recent sessions have been held on-line.

At the end of June 2020 Circle of Comfort was delighted to be awarded the sum of £2,000:00 from the Corra Foundation. As a result of this award the charity was able to purchase suitable personal protective equipment which will be available for use by the network of therapists when the lockdown period ends and when complementary therapy services can be restarted.

We were also delighted to once again be recognised by the Co-op Community Fund and their customers and look forward to their generous support in the coming year.

All charities rely on generous donations from individuals, businesses and funding organisations and much work was done to raise funds to help provide the treatments so valued by the people the charity assists. Throughout the year a number of fundraising events were organised and Circle of Comfort are extremely grateful to everyone who supports its work.

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Trustees Annual Report (*continued*)

Year Ended 31st March 2021

Financial Review

The Charity recorded a surplus for the year of £2853.00 (2020, £3557.00 surplus).

The reserves at 31 March 2021 are £24,663 (2020 - £21,810). The current level of reserves held is for use by the charity in the forthcoming years in order to meet its goals.

During the year under review our charity was awarded the sum of £2,000:00 from Corra Foundation and also received considerable support in the way of generous donations from members of the public. Fundraising events raised £2,021.

Future Plans

The charity aims to continue with its main objective, which is the provision of complementary therapies to cancer patients and people living with Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease who live across Fife and Perthshire.

Expansion: The charity aims to build on the projects with Cornhill Macmillan Centre at Perth and MS Society Fife and hope to conclude discussions regarding a Service Level Agreement with Parkinson's UK Scotland.

Membership: We shall seek to provide the opportunity to members of the public who support the charity's aims and objectives to become members of Circle of Comfort.

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Trustees Annual Report (*continued*) Year

Ended 31st March 2021

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

Voluntary Action Fife has been appointed as Independent Examiner.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



RA Haig
Chairperson

15/07/2021

APPENDIX 1



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	01	April	2020	To	31	March	2021

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Circle of Comfort
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC038004
Charity's principal address	153 Halbeath road Dunfermline Fife Scotland
	Postcode KY11 4LF

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	Roseann Haig	Chair		
2	Janet Halcrow	Secretary		
3	Lynn Cunningham	Treasurer		
4	Robert Haig			
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Reference and administration details

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

The charity is governed by the processes and procedures laid down in a written constitution the revised version of which is applicable from 24th November 2016

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees are the principal office bearers of the charity who are elected from within the numbers of the executive committee. The executive committee members with the exception of the principal office bearers retire on an annual basis. Existing committee members may stand for re-election at the annual general meeting subject to approval by the voting membership.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Circle of Comfort fund a network of complementary therapists who provide treatment for diagnosed cancer patients and sufferers of other debilitating illnesses in Fife and Perthshire and at other locations at the discretion of the Organisation's Trustees.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The work of Circle of Comfort work was suspended from March 2020 due to the imposed national lockdown caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. All clients' treatments and all planned fundraising events were cancelled.
As a result of the lockdown during the year under review the charity treated only 33 clients.
It is hoped our work will be able to restart sometime around the middle of 2021. Overall, the charity's main aim remains credible.

APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains only one current account.

At 31st March 2021 the charity held £24,663 which the trustees believe is sufficient to continue funding the charities activities, subject to additional funds becoming available through planned fund-raising activities in the financial year 2021 / 22

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

APPENDIX 1

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)	Roseann Haig	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	15/07/2021	

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,114				2,114	15,263
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants	2,000				2,000	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,021				2,021	5,257
Gross trading receipts	-				-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-				-	8,628
	-				-	-
A1 Sub total	6,135	-	-	-	6,135	29,148
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,135	-	-	-	6,135	29,148
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	20
Gross trading payments	-				-	-
Investment management costs	-				-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3,232				3,232	25,521
Grants and donations	-				-	-
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	50				50	50
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
Other	-				-	-
	-				-	-
A3 Sub total	3,282	-	-	-	3,282	25,591
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,282	-	-	-	3,282	25,591
Net receipts / (payments)	2,853	-	-	-	2,853	3,557
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,853	-	-	-	2,853	3,557

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	21,810				21,810	18,253
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,853				2,853	3,557
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	24,663	-	-	-	24,663	21,810
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))							

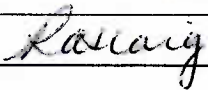
B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Laptop	Unrestricted	344	82	151
	Projector	Unrestricted	330	132	198
		Total	674	214	349

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ROSLANN HAIG	15/07/2021

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

To pay fees to complementary therapists as they fall due for payment.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Various small donations	1,661				1,661	4,329
Foundation Scotland	-				-	10,000
Gift Aid	453				453	934
					-	
Total	2,114	-	-	-	2,114	15,263

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
The Corra Foundation	2,000		2,000	-
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	2,000	-	2,000	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Reimbursement of therapist fees from Cornhill	-				-	4,533
Reimbursement of therapist fees from MS Society	-				-	4,095
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	8,628

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Postage & stationery	82				145	206
Telephone	193				193	236
Travel	-				-	418
Therapists fees and outlays	1,138				1,138	21,160
Insurance/ regulatory fees	407				407	380
Miscellaneous	-				-	55
Website & IT	273				210	417
Promotional material	-				-	393
Coordinator	978				978	2,256
Card charges	91				91	-
Training	70				70	-
Total	3,232	-	-	-	3,232	25,521

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number
On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Charity name		Circle of Comfort					
		SC038004					
Period start date			Period end date				
Day	Month	Year					
1 st	April	2020	to	31 st	March	2021	
						(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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.

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.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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, and
 - 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.

Signed:
Name:

Lynn Crichton
LYNN CRICHTON

Date:

6/8/21

FVA,
CALEDONIA HOUSE,
PONTLAND PARK, SALTIRE CENTRE,
GLENROTHES, FIFE, KY6 2AL

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.