



## Appendix 1

### Trustee' Annual Report of the Mill of Benholm Enterprise (SCIO) for 2022/23

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#### Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2022	To	31	03	2023

### Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Mill of Benholm Enterprise (SCIO)
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number</b>	<b>SC 047943</b>
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Burn House Burn of Benholm Benholm
	<b>Postcode DD10 0HT</b>

### 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	Emma Pollock	Chair		
2	Henning Wagner	Vice Chair/Secretary	From 08/07/2022	
3	John Maxwell	Treasurer	From 08/07/2022	
4	Sally Leavey	Minute Secretary	From 08/07/2022	
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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
Mairie Eddie	Until 08/07/2022
Tineke Taylor	Until 08/07/2022
William Roney	Until 08/07/2022
Michael Bennet	Until 29/08/2022
Simon Horne	From 08/07/2022 until 09/10/2022
Margaret Benton	From 08/07/2022 until 22/10/2022

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution Two Tier SCIO

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Communication with interested members from a continuously growing membership, use of trustee nomination forms and interview, election at AGM or appointment by the board

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

To enhance the enjoyment of art and culture on site and in the environs of the Mill of Benholm. To promote and protect the natural heritage. To promote citizenship, community development, and to create volunteering opportunities for the benefit of the community of Benholm, the surrounding area and beyond by delivering a diverse variety of services and initiatives. To provide leisure and recreation facilities within the Mill, the surrounding woods and the wider environment, with the object of improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Benholm and the surrounding area. To advance education and learning by providing workshops, training sessions and courses on the site and in the surrounding woodland

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Mill of Benholm is still owned by Aberdeenshire Council activities at the site are currently not possible. We are working together with NESPT on the transfer of the site back to the community and have partnered up with Historic Churches Scotland, the owner of the neighbouring Benholm Kirk to promote the wider area of Benholm and our objectives. With the use of social media we have promote the area, especially with creating maps for walks promoting the Historic Coach Road, Costal Path and wood walks and had joint events with Historic Churches Scotland to raise funds and promote our objectives

## Achievements and performance

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

Working together with NESPT to secure funding for the restoration of the site and enable the transfer back to the community, with Aberdeenshire Council listing their conditions which, as soon as the funding has been secured will be all matched

Gathering support from various political parties, with visits from the Scottish Secretary for Rural Affairs, Scottish Shadow Minister for Public Health, Aberdeenshire Council Leader, the local MP and various Councillors, all of them supporting and endorsing the project.

Issuing a joint statement together with Historic Churches Scotland recognising the natural and historic built of Benholm and surrounding area and committing to promote and enhance the area together in partnership.

Engaging with the owner of the Mill Brae Woods to sign a long-term lease for the Mill Brae Woods to enable the local community and visitors alike to enjoy these ancient woods once again.

More than doubling our membership to over 100 and increasing our social media following by 150% to 1250, raising awareness for the Mill of Benholm

Launching a website

Engaging with the public and promoting our objectives at the Johnshaven Fish Festival, Open Days (at Benholm Kirk) and a Christmas Carol afternoon.

Reinstating quarterly newsletters.

**Financial review**

<p><b>Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves</b></p>	<p>The trustees have set optimal reserves at £5,000, which equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure. As at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023, the level of Free Reserves organisations (defined as total general unrestricted funds) stands at £16,000 thereby exceeding the optimal reserves figure.</p>
<p><b>Details of any deficit</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Donated facilities and services (if any)</b></p>	<p>None</p>

**Other optional information**

**Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Emma Pollock	Henning Wagner
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>	Chair	Vice Chair
<b>Date</b>		