

Smile Scotland SCIO
Scottish Charity No – SC044981
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

# Reference and Administrative Information Charity name

Smile Scotland (SCIO)

## Charity no

SC044981

#### **Address**

Ryehill, Oyne, Aberdeenshire. AB52 6QS

## **Current Trustees**

Angela Allan Chair
Heather Smith Secretary
Clive Hampshire Treasurer

Fiona Willis Craig Pithie

## Structure, Governance and Management Constitution

Smile Scotland began in earnest in July 2014 with OSCR granting us charitable status. The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). The charity has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

The board, which continues to meet as and when required, are the charity's trustees. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which will be held in December this year.

There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight trustees.

# Objectives and Activities Charitable purposes

We will empower people in Scotland with the skills, knowledge, confidence and experience to overcome the barriers that they face when getting into, or sustaining employment. We are doing this in order that they can avoid living in poverty and can sustain positive mental and physical health and well-being. Through education and training, discriminating factors such as mental ill-health; physical ill-health and disability; additional learning and support needs; criminal backgrounds; and homelessness will be overcome.

#### **Activities**

Education

Understanding all aspects of the workplace, including Health & Safety.

Understanding the needs and expectations of employers, colleagues, customers and self.

Recognising barriers to employment and how to overcome them in order to sustain employment.

Making use of positive, solution-focussed approaches with short, medium and long term goal setting and achieving.

Writing CV's and application forms.

Preparing and practicing for interviews.

### **Training**

Customer Services – appearance, manner and implementation of our values in all areas of work experience.

Building on-the-job knowledge, skills, experience and confidence in one or more areas of interest:

Procurement – Buying on-line, at auction, and face to face at various venues.

Deliveries – van driving, collection and delivery of goods, manual handling.

Furniture restoration – clean, restore and polish household goods, glassware, furniture and antiques.

Retail – pricing, merchandising, customer care and awareness, sales and end of day reconciliation, and delivery arrangement.

#### Support

Advice and guidance, and empathy from a member of staff at all times when in Education, Training and employment.

Follow up assistance once in employment to ensure sustainability, for as long as is required.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

#### Clients

Since our last report we have directly supported 7 adults within our charity. The COVID-19 lockdown has had a massive impact on how we operate and the number of people we have been able to support. We made the decision to stop almost all Unpaid Work Team placements to focus on our clients with mental health issues. We continued with socially distanced, limited activities for 3 of our clients. 1 other client very quickly moved away to stay with family during the lockdown. 2 other clients were supported to shield long term by the Mental Health team. We called or made socially distanced visits to keep contact and ensure their wellbeing.

We were unable to take on any new referrals within this reporting period.

#### New Volunteers

Due to COVID-19 we have been unable to sustain all but 4 volunteers this year. However, we have been delighted to welcome a new Trustee to the Board. They have been invaluable with their 1:1 support with our clients.

#### **Premises**

At the auction house in Oyne, Aberdeenshire, we were able to reopen with social distancing restrictions in place in June 2020. This provided a monthly focal point for our clients, and allowed for a small number of customers to attend for viewing and sales.

We have now taken on the small shop that is part of the site, and during lockdown we used our time to renovate and decorate and get it ready for opening. Due to a

lack of volunteers the shop is only open by appointment, but we hope to develop this further over the next year. We are indebted to our landlord who was a great support to us during this time.

We continued to use Broomhill Road as a base for a small number of clients, despite being closed to customers. Our staff were furloughed for the whole year. We continued to ensure our window displays were appealing, and used Facebook to promote a small number of sales, offering safe (COVID-19 compliant) delivery. Our landlords did not support us with any rent reduction during this time, which proved very challenging.

At the end of March 2021 we came to the 5 year break in our lease at Broomhill Road, and took this opportunity to leave the premises due to them not being kept wind and watertight by our landlords. They still have outstanding invoices to pay us from the damage caused. We took on a short lease of very small premises for 6 months on George Street, Aberdeen in order for us to identify new premises and keep a visible presence in Aberdeen. The small off-shore container, and the garage have been given up, as has the Rag Bag container for recycling clothes, shoes and bags.

During lockdown we gave up our small sales area in Abernyte, the Scottish Antiques Centre, once the reduced rent period was over as it was no longer profitable and did not enhance the advertising or work experience for our clients. However, we did secure a small sales area in the Cullen Antiques Centre, in Moray, which has proved helpful so far.

We continue to make use of Ebay for unusual items that have an international appeal and turned to this and our Facebook for sales during the COVID-19 lockdown. We are continuing to offer a delivery service as one way to engage our clients in a practical activity and familiar routine.

#### **Publicity**

Facebook continues to be of great benefit to us with over 5,300 follower and likes, with Instagram now building up over 500 followers, and Twitter being peripheral to this. Our websites have been of benefit to partner agencies to find out more about us before referring clients, and have been updated, one for the Auction house and the other for the Aberdeen shop. There have been no opportunities for talks to groups or organisations this year.

#### **Financial review**

Our main source of funding is through shop and auction house sales, with a small amount being raised in donations.

One successful funding applications had been made, to support us through this year. We have continued to lease a large van and are still leasing a crew cabin small van, and are soon to complete the purchase of a second, larger van.

## Plans for future period

Given the amount of uncertainty that the pandemic has created we aim to consolidate ourselves in the Auction House, with plans to move to online auctions soon. Finalising and developing new premises in Aberdeen over the next 5 years is

underway, although this will be quite a different setting from Broomhill Road. We will continue to review the requirement to employ additional members of staff, and aim to recruit additional volunteers and Trustees to support what we are doing now.

## Acknowledgements

Sincere thanks to all of our volunteers, trustees and staff, for their continued hard work, effort and empathy as they work with the clients and each other in what we all call the Smile Family.

Angela Allan

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Chair of the Board of Trustees

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Year Ended 31/03/2021 (£)	Year ended 31/03/2020 (£)
Receipts	(4)	(,,
Receipts from charitable Activities: - Shop sales (excl. Partner Income) - Partner Rent Income - Partner Commission Income Auction Receipts* Donations Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC Rag Bag Vat reclaimed from HMRC Services Provided	161126 2725 1580 38276 4894 9690 249 4280 9424	214968 9710 2613 37457 4399 9132 566 5630 1205
Covid Grants Stall Rental at fairs	63068 1140	0
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Total receipts  Payments	296452	285680
ayments		
Cost of charitable activities Purchase of equipment	262539 0	299099 0
Total payments	262539	299099
Surplus/Deficit for the year	33913	13419

\*Auction Receipts Total Auction Takings Less Paid to Sellers 76976 <u>38700</u>

Action Receipts <u>38276</u>

## Statement of Balances - As at 31 March 2021

		Year Ended 31/03/2021 (£)	Year Ended 31/03/2020 (£)
Opening cash at bank and in hand Adjustment for previous year Surplus/Deficit for the year		14618 186 33913	30255 75 13419
Closing cash at bank and in hand		48344	16911
Represented by: Bank statement at 31.03.21 March card sales to be credited 2019/20 Adjustments (*1) 2020/21 Adjustments (*2) Till float Cash in hand		45244 310 1478 1011 16468 300 0	14535 0 3417 1484 24662 360 83
		48344	16911
Other assets Shop stock		<u>25525</u>	19688
<b>Liabilities</b> Directors Loan Partners Account		0 0	0 0
		0	0
Less Credit card annual fee  (*1) 2019/20 Adjustments for Mar 20 paid in Apr 2	21 0 00 10 27 00 10 60	1959 2970 1011	
Card Processing charges 1 Credit Card Payments 6 HMRC Cheques not presented 2	172 537 75 206 388		
Total 2019/20 Adjustments		1478	

## Cost of Charitable Activities year ended 31 March 2021

	Total 2020/21 (£)	Total 2019/20 (£)
Staff Costs	16510	10441
Consultancy Fees	48000	46000
Rent, Electricity	19266	33533
Premises / Content Insurance	1533	2333
Telephone & Internet	1726	1258
Travel / Transport / Parking	7	101
Card Processing Charges	2178	2582
General shop stock	129129	143279
Advertising / Publicity	1236	4727
Subscriptions	0	0
Shop Costs	3119	4318
Office Equipment / Stationery / Postage	859	799
Accountancy Costs	0	0
Stock delivery / Collection Costs	432	374
Vehicle Costs	15004	19145
Donations	300	301
Meal on Duty for Trustees / Volunteers	1077	924
Trustee Meeting Costs	0	0
Meals for Placements / Clients	0	0
Credit Card Charges	61	64
Other Miscellaneous Costs	500	531
Partner Reimbursements	9446	14356
Abernyte Rental Costs	411	3953
Contractor Services	2296	1422 14
Coffee Shop	0 450	14
Cullen Rent	450	-
Oyne Rent	9000	8646
	262539	299099
Excluded as netted off Auction takings Auction Seller payments	38700	
Expenditure Total	301238	