



Prewired

Trustees' Annual Report 2024-2025

Scottish Charity Number SC047780

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Administrative information

Charity name	Prewired
Registration number	SC047780
Principal address	CodeBase, 37a Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EL

Prewired trustees

Name	Office	
Rikki Guy	Chair	
Rayo Verweij	Treasurer (outgoing)	Became regular trustee on 17/03/2025
Christina Ovezik	Treasurer (incoming)	Joined 17/03/2025
India Thomson	Secretary	
Athina Frantzana	Child Protection and EDI Officer	
Charlotte Holland	Session Co-ordinator	
Cameron Gray		
Claire Wheelan		

Structure and governance

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (an SCIO) and was registered in its current legal form on 27 September 2017. The charity was an unincorporated association before changing its legal form to an SCIO. Its governing document is a Constitution, according to which the charity has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Trustees must retire from office at the Annual General Meeting but will be deemed to have been re-elected except under certain conditions. In addition, the board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of eleven trustees.



Objectives and activities

Charitable purpose

Prewired's charitable purpose is to advance the education of young people and in furtherance of this:

- to encourage young people to become active participants in creatively using and building digital technologies;
- to provide a supportive environment in which young people can work collaboratively with their peers and with more experienced mentors to develop their digital skills and undertake individual and team projects; and
- to support mentors in building on their existing strengths and in acquiring new skills by working with young people, and to support them in demonstrating how they have developed personally and how they have made a positive impact.

Prewired is a programming club for young people under the age of 19 and is based in Edinburgh. Participants attend weekly evening sessions where they improve their skills in digital technologies within a friendly, collaborative, and supportive environment. They pursue a wide variety of projects, including web development, mobile applications, games and constructing robots and other hardware devices.

Prewired sets no lower bound on the age or experience of participants, as these do not help us to understand an individual's abilities or potential. The only requirement for attendance is enthusiasm about programming and a desire to learn. We think technology can help us move towards a better world, but only if future generations understand the opportunities it brings and the impact it can have.

Activities

Prewired's main activity is the running of weekly two-hour-long sessions where attendees work on their own projects relating programming or robotics, using their own equipment or borrowing ours. In addition, with the support of a Digital Xtra grant, in the 24-25 school year we started supporting two teams to participate in the FIRST LEGO League Edinburgh – where one won the prize for Best Innovation Project. Over the course of the 2024 calendar year, our events were attended by an average of 18.8 children, with a peak of 37 when we hosted our FIRST LEGO League info session in September.

In addition, we continued hosting several special events, including our second Summer Make-a-Thon, with 16 attendees working on a team project for a full weekend in July, and our third Festive Party with Digital Skills 4 Girls, which saw 27 attendees. For the first time, in March 2025, we participated in Astro Pi Mission Zero, with two sessions in which attendees received a guest lecture about space medicine and worked on Python visualisations that were displayed in the International Space Station.

Developments

This year, we managed to reach more young people than ever since re-starting in-person sessions in 2022 – 124 unique attendees across all of our events in the 2024 calendar year.

In addition, we made several improvements to our operations:

- We changed our bank account to a new charity account with Bank of Scotland – our old one with RBS was no longer fit for purpose for RBS administrative reasons out of our control and had to be closed.
- We switched our booking system from Eventbrite to TicketTailor for improved ease-of-use and to ensure it stayed free of charge.
- We updated our mentor policies and training procedures to set clearer expectations of our volunteers and adapt to the updated PVG process from Disclosure Scotland.
- We have started the process of creating an Online Safety Policy, vetting the apps and services that are commonly used by our attendees.
- We also started the process of building a new website for Prewired that will be easier to maintain in the future.

Financial review

For the 2024-2025 financial year, Prewired's total income was £4,036 and the total expenditure was £2,955. This year, Prewired was supported by a generous £2403 unrestricted donation from a private donor in November 2024, a £1814 grant from Digital Xtra to start a FIRST LEGO League programme in July 2024 (paid in multiple instalments), as well as a £250 donation from Hypercube to support the running of the Summer Make-a-Thon. Prewired does not charge any fee to participants.

Prewired's regular expenditure breaks down into two main components: the cost of providing snacks and soft drinks to participants during the weekly evening sessions, and occasional purchases of computing hardware and accessories. In addition, there are some one-off costs incurred by running special events such as the Make-a-Thon and FIRST LEGO League, such as the purchasing of equipment and prizes. At present, Prewired does not employ any paid staff.

Policy on reserves

To date, Prewired has been able to keep costs low due to the high level of volunteer effort and in-kind donations of services and facilities. Our average expenditure across this financial year was approximately £245 per month. Our current policy is to maintain a reserve appropriate to the level of the organisation's level of activities.

Donated services and facilities in kind

Prewired has benefited hugely from the generosity of expertise, time, event space, and equipment. Central to this are the Prewired mentors, who bring a huge amount of commitment, dedication and technical knowledge to our weekly sessions. In terms of time commitment, our regular mentors as a group have donated at least 604 person-hours to running the weekly sessions as well as an additional 105 to running the Summer Make-a-Thon and 59 for the FIRST LEGO League competition.

We estimate the nominal value of donated services and facilities in kind as follows:

Mentoring at weekly sessions	£7,780
Mentoring at Summer Make-a-Thon	£1,352
Mentoring during FLL competition	£760
Donation of event space by CodeBase	£10,000
Total	£19,892

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees,



Christina Ovezik, Treasurer

Financial statement

Receipts and payments for the year to 31 March	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024-25	Total Funds 2023-24
	£	£	£	£
A1 Receipts				
Donations	2,403	-	2,403	250
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	1,633	1,633	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	61	-	-	-
A1 Sub total	2,464	1,633	4,097	250
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,464	1,633	4,097	250
A3 Payments				
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-

Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,320	1,636	2,955	1,330
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-
Governance costs: Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	21
Governance costs: Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-
Governance costs: Legal costs	-	-	-	-
Governance costs: Other	-	-	-	119
A3 Sub total	1,320	1,636	2,955	1,470
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements				
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,320	1,636	2,955	1,470
Net receipts / (payments)	1,145	(3)	1,142	(1,220)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,145	(3)	1,142	(1,220)

Statement of Balances 2024-2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024-25	Total Funds 2023-24
	£	£	£	£
B1 Cash Funds Details				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	2,671	-	2,671	3,890
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	1,145	(3)	1,142	(1,220)
Cash and bank balances at end of year	3,815	(3)	3,812	2,670

B3 Other assets	Fund to which asset belongs	Current Value	Last Year
IT Equipment	Unrestricted Fund	289	419

C1 Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the organisation and for the day-to-day running expenses. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor.

Additional Analysis

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£
Equipment	35	1,184	1,219	176
Safety (incl. insurance, licences, PAT testing)	293	-	293	276
Sundry expenses (incl. snacks, office supplies, batteries)	608	-	608	878
Activity registration fees	-	306	306	-
Attendee rewards (incl. prizes, team t-shirts)	185	145	331	-
Mentor support (incl. training, food)	198	-	198	-
Total	1,320	1,636	2,955	1,330

Notes to financial statement

Basis of accounting

The financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

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Fixed assets

Fixed assets are assessed as to whether there are indications of impairment.

IT Equipment	2024	2025
	Cost	Current Value
	£419.00	£289.00



Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on page 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

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 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:

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: *MJBoot*

26 January 2026

Dr Marit Boot

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