

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC196243 (Scotland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC029027

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 SEPTEMBER 2021  
FOR  
THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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## THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS102 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (revised in 2015).

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Registered Company number**

SC196243 (Scotland)

**Registered Charity number**

SC029027

**Registered office**

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**Trustees**

M Whitmore  
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Chairperson  
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Director  
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Director -  
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Director

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## **THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees are recruited by self-nomination or invitation. They are normally appointed by membership vote at each Annual General Meeting. North Ayrshire Council, NatureScot and The National Trust for Scotland are each entitled to nominate one trustee.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

There are no formal induction and training arrangements in place for new trustees. Such persons are normally well-known to the Trust and the current Trustee categories ensure that they will already have a reasonable working knowledge of the activities, structure and objectives of the Trust. Any new trustee can learn more about the Trust by attending meetings regularly, reading minutes and Trust literature, and can also be guided by existing trustees regarding its everyday workings.

##### **Risk management**

The trustees have reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed and consider that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity are as follows:

- a) to advance, provide for, improve and maintain access opportunities on the Islands of Arran, Holy Island and Pladda and promote good management of that access, for the benefit of the public as a whole and in a way which integrates the needs of land managers, access users, the local community and the natural heritage.
- b) to promote the aims and principles of the Access Concordat, as published by the National Access Forum, to bring together the various interests who have a key role in its implementation and to promote its effective delivery on the Islands of Arran, Holy Island and Pladda.
- c) to seek the funds needed to secure the above objectives and management of access on Arran following the above principles.

##### **Volunteers and donated facilities**

All trustees are volunteers who give freely of their time and experience and receive no form of payment or expenses while carrying out their duties. Similarly, Public Sector Members receive no additional payment or expenses whilst engaged in Trust business.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The main activities in the past year were as follows:

- Improving access provision on Arran.
- Settling disputes arising from access matters.
- Construction, repair and maintenance of paths and routes in Arran.
- Sourcing funding for the above activities.
- Liaising with other national organisations in regard to access laws etc.

## **THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

Unrestricted funds: these consist of funds which are available to the charity to use in furtherance of achieving its objectives.

The unrestricted fund balance of £20,460 represents the free reserves of the charity arising from operating results. The trustees would like to apply "best practice" and have free reserves at a level which would cover at least three months operating activity.

Restricted funds are those to which income has been received with the condition that it be reserved for a particular purpose. During the year, a total of £21,256 has been classed as restricted income. This was received from NatureScot towards the Arran Geopark Project.

##### **Principal funding sources**

During the year, the charity received donations and subscriptions.

The Arran Geopark project is now in its fourth year. A new Project Coordinator was employed in April and work continues to move the project towards UNESCO status.

A series of guided walks was held over the summer when Covid restrictions allowed. Six self-guided walk leaflets are available via the website and printed copies are available on the Visit Arran desk on the ferry.

##### **AAT General Work**

The volunteer groups have continued to give considerable support to the Trust with work being completed all over the island.

The Trust commissioned a report on the future management of Fisherman's Walk and is in discussion with Brodick Golf Club and North Ayrshire Council regarding future management of the path.

The Trust employed a Seasonal Ranger between July and October, primarily to assist with the influx of visitors following relaxation of Covid restrictions. His role involved leading guided walks, patrol an interaction with visitors and liaison with landowners.

The Geopark project remains principally funded by Coastal Communities Fund. Outside of the Geopark, the Trust received funding from NatureScot and the Betty and Roy Ure Trust.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Trust will continue to attempt to resolve any access issues brought to their attention. They will also continue to seek funding to create and maintain paths on the Isle of Arran in conjunction with local landowners and the needs of the general public.

Work will continue on the Geopark and Coastal Way trails. The Arran Access Trust will continue to work together with other organisation on Arran to achieve good management of the island's footpath network.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

K J Morrison - Trustee

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021 which are set out on pages five to fourteen.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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.

### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking 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 financial statements.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with 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 (as amended); and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended).

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Stephen McKelvie  
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Cornerstone Accountants  
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24 March 2022

**THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	2,330	615	2,945	3,649
Raising funds	4	-	-	-	312
Charitable activities	5	<u>972</u>	<u>21,256</u>	<u>22,228</u>	<u>36,809</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>3,302</b>	<b>21,871</b>	<b>25,173</b>	<b>40,770</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	<u>7,650</u>	<u>41,013</u>	<u>48,663</u>	<u>61,430</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>7,650</u></b>	<b><u>41,013</u></b>	<b><u>48,663</u></b>	<b><u>61,430</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(4,348)</b>	<b>(19,142)</b>	<b>(23,490)</b>	<b>(20,660)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		24,808	59,437	84,245	104,905
FUND TRANSFERS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>20,460</u></b>	<b><u>40,295</u></b>	<b><u>60,755</u></b>	<b><u>84,245</u></b>

All the activities of the charity relate to continuing activities.

**THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Notes	<b>2021</b> £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	9	11,197	8,877
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	10	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>52,555</u>	<u>76,903</u>
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<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(2,997)</u>	<u>(1,535)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>49,558</u>	<u>75,368</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>60,755</u>	<u>84,245</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>60,755</u>	<u>84,245</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12,13		
Unrestricted funds		20,460	24,808
Restricted funds		<u>40,295</u>	<u>59,437</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>60,755</u>	<u>84,245</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



**THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED  
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 30 September 2021.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

K J Morrison -Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Net (expenditure)/ income for the period	(23,490)		(20,660)	
Depreciation charges	4,527		3,358	
Decrease in debtors	-		-	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,462		(1,462)	
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Cash provided by operating activities		(17,501)		(18,764)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
(Purchases)/Sales of fixed assets	(6,847)		(3,579)	
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Cash (used in) investing activities		(6,847)		(3,579)
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(24,348)</b>		<b>(22,243)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>76,903</b>		<b>99,246</b>
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<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>52,555</b>		<b>76,903</b>
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents comprise:</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		52,555		76,903
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in Scotland with the registered office as noted on page 1. The financial statements are compliant with the charity's constitution, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS 102 "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2015), and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

**Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. For donations and legacies this is normally upon receipt; for income from raising funds this is normally when the goods have been sold or the services delivered; and for charitable grant income this is recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to it. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure on charitable purposes comprises those direct costs incurred by the charity in the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, along with an allocation of overhead support costs required to run the charity. Governance costs are those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. As required by Charities SORP (FRS 102) governance costs are included within expenditure on charitable activities.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on a reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	- 25% on a reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33% on a straight-line basis

**Debtors**

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

##### Cash

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar.

##### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

##### Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT: therefore, costs are stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	<b>£</b>	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,527	3,358
Independent examiner's fee	1,200	1,184
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Donations	1,194	615	1,809	2,493
Subscriptions	1,136	-	1,136	1,156
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	2,330	615	2,945	3,649
	=====	=====	=====	=====

2020 comprised £3,067 of unrestricted donations, grants and subs and £582 of restricted donations and subs.

4. RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted 2021 Total £	Restricted 2020 Total £
Sale of leaflets	-	312
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	-	312
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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted 2021 Total £	Restricted 2020 Total £
Grants from Coastal Communities Fund	-	31,801
NatureScot	21,256	-
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	21,256	31,801
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6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Direct project costs	-	13,677	13,677	38,384
Wages & salaries (note 7)	-	26,143	26,143	9,656
Support costs (note 8)	7,650	1,193	8,843	13,390
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	7,650	41,013	48,663	61,430
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2020 costs comprise £12,197 of unrestricted costs and £49,233 of restricted costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

7. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	26,143	9,656
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>26,143</u>	<u>9,656</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Full-time	1	1
Part-time	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The Trustees are considered to be key management and are not remunerated.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2020.

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Postage and stationery	455	-	455	348
Sundries	193	-	193	95
Small works	1,890	-	1,890	8,405
Insurance	578	-	578	-
Depreciation	3,334	1,193	4,527	3,358
Governance costs	1,200	-	1,200	1,184
	<u>7,650</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>8,843</u>	<u>13,390</u>
<u>Governance costs comprise</u>				
Accountancy	1,200	-	1,200	1,184
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,184</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor Vehicles £	Plant & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 October 2020	15,000	1,054	3,579	19,633
Additions	-	6,847	-	6,847
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2021	<u>15,000</u>	<u>7,901</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>26,480</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 October 2020	8,672	891	1,193	10,756
Charge for year	1,582	1,752	1,193	4,527
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2021	<u>10,254</u>	<u>2,643</u>	<u>2,386</u>	<u>15,283</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 30 September 2021	<u>4,746</u>	<u>5,258</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>11,197</u>
At 30 September 2020	<u>6,328</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>2,386</u>	<u>8,877</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
PAYE	1,797	365
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	1,170
	<u>2,997</u>	<u>1,535</u>

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THE ARRAN ACCESS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 Oct 20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 Sep 21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>24,808</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>(7,650)</b>	<b>20,460</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
- Arran Geopark Project	59,437	21,871	(41,013)	40,295
	<u>84,245</u>	<u>25,173</u>	<u>(48,663)</u>	<u>60,755</u>

Arran Geopark Project: this consists of grants from a number of different sources as set out in note 5, received to provide interpretation centres and walks to Arran's unique geological sites.

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed assets	10,004	1,193	11,197	8,877
Current assets	11,656	40,899	52,555	76,903
Current liabilities	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>(1,797)</u>	<u>(2,997)</u>	<u>(1,535)</u>
	<u>20,460</u>	<u>40,295</u>	<u>60,755</u>	<u>84,245</u>

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is constituted by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is controlled by its appointed trustees.