

THE MACDONALD TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 263489

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1973-05-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: SUCH PUBLIC CHARITABLE OBJECTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAW OF GREAT BRITAIN AS THE SETTLOR DURING HIS LIFETIME AND IN DEFAULT THEREOF AND SUBJECT THERETO THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: The charity supports other charities carrying out charitable work in London (HIV positive families), Wales (with the elderly), Manchester (offenders, schools) and Norwich (teaching English).

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Coventry City
- Manchester City
- Norfolk
- Tower Hamlets
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£35,915	£21,580	-	-
2024-12-31	£22,197	£23,890	-	-
2023-12-31	£21,714	£20,281	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,825	£17,012	-	-
2021-12-31	£18,827	£18,924	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr SIMON J F MACDONALD	Chair	
Alexandra Rose Gosling		2024-03-01
FIONA E R MACDONALD BOX		
HELEN A L GOSLING		
Thomas James Macdonald Gosling		2020-02-25

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Trustees' Annual Report

The Macdonald Trust (Charity No. 263489)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Objectives and Activities

The Macdonald Trust is a grant-making charity established to support charitable causes in accordance with the trust deed dated 14 December 1971. The trustees apply the charity's funds to a range of charitable purposes determined by the trustees from time to time.

During the year the charity continued its policy of supporting charitable organisations and initiatives that benefit the public. The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by The Charity Commission for England and Wales when carrying out the charity's activities.

The charity primarily operates by making grants to other charities and organisations working in areas such as education, helping vulnerable children, assistance for the elderly, and other charitable activities.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the charity provided financial support to a number of charitable organisations and initiatives. These included organisations working with:

- HIV-positive families in London
- Support for elderly people in Wales
- Community and education projects in Manchester
- English language teaching initiatives in Norwich

Through these grants the trustees aim to support organisations delivering direct charitable benefit to individuals and communities.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the year ended 31 December 2025 was £35,915 with total expenditure of £21,580. Funds were applied primarily to charitable grants and the minimal administrative costs associated with operating the trust.

The trustees seek to ensure that the charity's funds are applied efficiently and in accordance with its charitable purposes.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Macdonald Trust is governed by a trust deed dated 14 December 1971. The charity is managed by a board of trustees who are responsible for the overall administration and strategic direction of the charity.

Trustees meet monthly to review charity governance, review the charity's finances, and ensure that funds are applied in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

No trustees receive remuneration or other benefits from the charity.

Plans for the Future

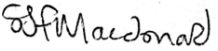
The trustees intend to continue supporting charitable organisations and projects that align with the trust's objectives. The charity will continue its grant-making activities and review opportunities to provide support where there is clear charitable benefit.

Trustee Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 7th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Simon JF Macdonald

Position: Trustee

Signature: 

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Year Ended 31st December 2025
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account

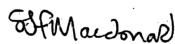
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<u>Receipts</u>				
Interest	-	6,622	6,622	1,184
Dividends	16,793	-	16,793	21,013
Gift Aid refund	2,500	-	2,500	-
Donation received	10,000	-	10,000	
	29,293	6,622	35,915	22,197
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Gift	-	-	-	2,000
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets held		<u>31/12/2025</u>	<u>31/12/2024</u>
Bank Accounts	Reliance - Current	43,969	11,060
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	Church of England Deposit	16,415	45,245
		60,384	56,305
	Church of England Unit Trusts	343,101	462,705
	£16,000 London Missional Bond 2%	-	16,000
	Rathbones Ethical Bonds	32,000	32,000
	Equity Fund	65,856	-
	Unallocated	11,000	-
	Cash Fund	171,746	-
		684,087	567,010
Liabilities		-	-

Trustees Approval Certificate

On behalf of the trustees, I approve the figures produced and confirm I have made available all books and records relevant for there preparation.



7th April 2026

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Dr SJF MacDonald - Trustee

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Year Ended 31st December 2025
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Property	Brought Forward	69,444	92,538		
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		-	-	-	84,221
SOLD					
Income	Brought Forward	2,123	40,000		
	Addition / Disposal	2,812	65,500		
		4,935	105,500	109,558	49,082
Church of England Total			343,101	574,747	821,569

Gains on Unit Trust Disposals - 31st December 2025

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Property Fund				
	SOLD			
	Proceeds	85,020		
	Cost	92,538		
			(7,518)	
			102,742	

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Year Ended 31st December 2025
Unit Trusts

		<u>No. of shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund				
Income	Brought Forward	32,431	32,000	27,899
	Addition			
		<u>32,431</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>27,899</u>

WS Epworth Cash Plus Fund

Cash introduced	267,000
Interest received	3,746
Withdrawals	(99,000)
Balance carried forward	<u>171,746</u>

Of the £99,000 withdrawn, by the year end £66,000 had bought units in the WS Epworth UK Equity Fund for Charities, £11,000 remained in the Charity current account, the withdrawal 11th December was transferred to purchase more units but had yet to be acquired, the withdrawal of 24th December was transferred to buy more units after the year end.

		<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>
WS Epworth UK Equity Fund for Charities				
17/09/2025	Purchase	5,973.0670	11,000	
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16/12/2025	Purchase	5,821.6460	11,000	
	Equalisation		(144)	
		<u>35,071.5290</u>	<u>65,856</u>	<u>67,355</u>
15/12/2025	Unallocated		<u>11,000</u>	

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Charitable Donations

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Alongside You	4,200	4,200	3,600	3,600	4,000	6,000
Manchester City Mission	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,600	6,000
English +	4,200	6,200	3,600	3,600	6,000	6,000
Jethro Kingsley	-	-	-	-	-	1,668
Faith in Families	3,850	4,200	3,500	1,500	-	-
Churches together in Cumbria	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Chaplaincy	-	-	2,001	-	-	-
New Road Old Stones Trust	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>21,250</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>18,701</u>	<u>16,700</u>	<u>18,600</u>	<u>19,668</u>

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Year Ended 31st December 2025
Independent Examiners Report

Report to the Trustees

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charitable Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the act").

The charities income does not exceed £250,000 per annum, you have chosen to prepare your accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect :

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I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....*EM Samuels*.....

Date *12th March 2026* .

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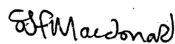
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