

GLASGOW SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS



Scottish Charity Number SC001591

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 December 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

T Ferguson (President – resigned 5th April 2025)
R McQuade (President from 5th April 2025)
Ms T Vong (Vice President – resigned 5th April 2025)
P Howard (Vice President from 5th April 2025)
A McConnell (Secretary)
A G Kitchen (Treasurer)
C Donnelly (Membership Secretary – resigned 5th April 2025)
A Sim (Membership Secretary – appointed 5th April 2025)
Mrs C J Furnish
B Kean (Appointed 5th April 2025)
P McNeill
R Powell
J Smith
P Wakeford (Appointed 5th April 2025)

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the charity, usually held in April each year.

Governing Document

The Glasgow Society of Organists is an unincorporated association, and the purposes and administration arrangements are contained in the Constitution dated 6 April 2013 and is regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the Society as set out in the Constitution are education of its members and the public in the art of music, with particular reference to organ and choral music.

Activities

The syllabus for the session is structured to encompass the education of both GSO members and the public. An Annual General Meeting is held in April when Members appoint Office Bearers and other Trustees (and can be proposed for a vacant post).

Each session the Trustees aim to provide a balanced syllabus of events which are accessible to players of all standards as well as non-players and the general public. During 2025 events ranged from organ recitals in various churches within Glasgow and the surrounding area, a recital given by David Hamilton in Motherwell Cathedral in memory of former GSO Honorary President Stewart Alston, a "come and sing" event in Glasgow University Memorial Chapel featuring Vivaldi's Gloria and an organ crawl to Largs/Millport to visit three churches with the opportunity for members to play the organs within each church.

The Society also supported and contributed financially towards a WOOFYT (Wooden One-Octave Organ For Young Technologists) workshop hosted by St. Mary's Cathedral Glasgow as part of their organ restoration project. This was an interactive workshop in which participants had the opportunity to play with a bare-bones arrangement of organ pipes and bellows. It is designed to teach the physics and engineering principals behind the instrument. The GSO considered this to be a good outreach project to raise the awareness of the pipe organ amongst young people within the Glasgow area.

The Society continued to support Sowne of Organe who are undertaking important work to raise awareness and document/record organs that are at risk of being lost with the large scale of church closures planned. The Society hosted an event with Sowne of Organe in St. Margaret's Knightswood which profiled the endangered 1865 Father Willis organ.

In order to keep members of the Society up to date, the GSO continued to distribute its newsletter, called "The Glasgow Diapason" which is greatly appreciated by the membership. As well as providing space for members to share their news, the newsletter covers a range of matters including forthcoming syllabus events, updates from the President, Membership Secretary and Treasurer as well as topics that are being discussed by the Trustees. Articles covering a wider variety of subjects that are felt to be of interest to the members are also featured in the newsletter.

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Activities (continued)

In between newsletter distribution the GSO continued to keep its members who had consented to receive email communication informed of events that may be of interest to them.

For each financial year the Treasurer prepares a budget to aid the Trustees in making informed decisions regarding various events, particularly when considering any larger, more costly, events such as a recital by a "celebrity" organist or events involving multiple musicians.

The Trustees remain acutely aware that the Society has in the past benefited from generous legacies which continue to be invested in the M&G Charifund units and as a result the Society continues to benefit from an increased level of investment income. The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that the legacies are used to enhance the activities of the Society and are keeping under continual review the most appropriate use of the funds.

The value of the investment at the year-end has increased significantly from the prior year and at 31 December 2025 was approximately 20.7% above the initial amounts invested (31 December 2024 – 3% above the initial amounts invested). The Trustees see the investment as being held for the long term and are aware that during that time the capital value of the investment will fluctuate. Given that the income yielded on the investment has been significantly in excess of any bank interest that would have been generated the Trustees remain satisfied with its performance.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No Trustees received remuneration for services and six Trustees received reimbursement of expenses during the year (see Notes to the Accounts for further details).

Reserves

As a result of net receipts of £745 (2024 – £1,315), the Society held unrestricted funds of £12,141 at 31 December 2025 (31 December 2024- £11,396).

Investments

During the year ended 31 December 2025 the Society did not make any further investments (2024 – no further investments were made).

The Society held Investments in M&G Charifunds with a market value of £50,158 (cost £41,500) at 31 December 2025 (2024 – market value £42,750; cost £41,500).

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Ronan McQuade
(President)

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Date: 23 February 2026

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
RECEIPTS						
<i>Receipts from Donations:</i>						
Members' subscriptions	1,431	-	1,431	1,376	-	1,376
Donations	1,041	-	1,041	510	-	510
Legacies received	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	340	-	340	358	-	358
Total Receipts from Donations	2,812	-	2,812	2,244	-	2,244
<i>Receipts from Investments</i>	2,744	-	2,744	2,613	-	2,613
<i>Receipts from other charitable activities:</i>						
Advertising	150	-	150	80	-	80
Easy fundraising/Amazon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts from other charitable activities	150	-	150	80	-	80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,706	-	5,706	4,937	-	4,937
PAYMENTS						
<i>Payments relating directly to charitable activities</i>						
Meeting expenses	2,131	-	2,131	2,215	-	2,215
Newsletter printing & postage	424	-	424	358	-	358
Other printing & postage	274	-	274	82	-	82
IAO capitation fees	300	-	300	319	-	319
IAO prize money donation	-	-	-	50	-	50
Glasgow Music Festival	50	-	50	50	-	50
Website hosting and domain	185	-	185	183	-	183
Presentations & gifts	214	-	214	-	-	-
Donation to Sowne of Organe	500	-	500	-	-	-
Donation to WOOFYT	500	-	500	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	8	-	8
Total payments relating directly to charitable activities	4,578	-	4,578	3,265	-	3,265
<i>Governance costs</i>						
Trustees' Meetings	155	-	155	130	-	130
AGM	153	-	153	152	-	152
Independent Examiner's Fee	75	-	75	75	-	75
Total Governance costs	383	-	383	357	-	357
<i>Payments relating to asset / investment movements</i>						
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments relating to asset / investment movements	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,961	-	4,961	3,622	-	3,622
NET RECEIPTS	745	-	745	1,315	-	1,315

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

As at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
BANK & DEPOSIT BALANCES		
Bank & deposit balances b/fwd	11,396	10,081
Net Receipts	745	1,315
<i>Bank & Deposit balances c/fwd</i>	<u>12,141</u>	<u>11,396</u>
INVESTMENTS AT MARKET VALUE	<u>50,158</u>	<u>42,750</u>

All funds are unrestricted.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Ronan McQuade
(President)

Date: 23 February 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No Trustees received remuneration during the year.

During the year six Trustees received reimbursement of expenses as follows:

	2025
	£
C Donnelly – postage and stationery expenses	152
C Furnish – for meeting/AGM expenses	91
A Kitchen – for meeting expenses	29
R McQuade – for presentation/gift expenses	214
A Sim – for postage and stationery expenses	99
J Smith – for meeting expenses	65

2. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year with the exception of those outlined in Note 1.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GLASGOW SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

AC Allison

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Date:

16 March 2026