

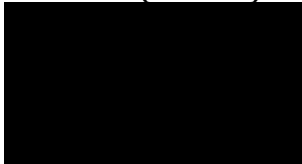
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The Highland Children's Trust
Report and financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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Trust information
For the year ended 5 April 2025

Governors (Trustees)



(appointed 17 April 2025)

Secretary, treasurer and principal address

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Administrator &
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Governor's report
For the year ended 5 April 2025

The Highland's Children's Trust was established as the successor to the Highland Orphanage Trust under the terms of a Petition by the Court of Session on 19 April 1985. The Trust is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs as a charity, reference number SC006008.

Objects

The Trust may provide financial assistance to children and young person's not exceeding the age of twenty-five years, preference being given to children resident in the Highland region. Assistance may be provided towards education, accommodation, obtaining employment, setting up in business or the provision of a holiday. Under the terms of the Murdo Matheson Memorial Fund assistance may be given to orphaned children in the Highlands and Islands.

Governors

The governors of the Trust during the year ended 5 April 2025, and subsequently were those listed on the Trust Information page. New governors are appointed following an approach to suitable candidates by existing governors. There is no formal induction or training procedures for new governors. The governors meet periodically to discuss and review the applications received, the running of the Trust and the investment reports received from Rathbones.

Management

██████████ was the administrator and the treasurer for the Trust throughout the year. The administrator is responsible for the day to day management of the Trust under the instruction of the governors.

Risk Management

The governors have considered the major risks to which the trust is exposed and, where appropriate, systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds

The general fund represents funds arising from past events that may be expended on any of the Trust objects. The capital fund is an expendable capital fund.

Results and achievements

There was a deficit of expenditure over income in unrestricted funds for the year of £25,535 (2024: £32,089). The revaluation and disposals of investments for the year produced a loss of £84,143 (2024: gain of £3,078).

During the year the Trust has assisted a total of 59 individual applicants through providing grant assistance to help with attending school trips, attending University or College, increasing skills to help with employment or having a family holiday. The Governors continue to seek ways to further improve the reach of the Trust.

Approved by the governors and signed on their behalf by:

██████████

Chair

Date

11th December 2025

Governor's report
For the year ended 5 April 2025

Statement of governors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The governors are responsible for preparing the Governor's report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the surplus or deficit of the Trust for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiner's report to the Governors on the unaudited financial statements of The Highland Children's Trust

I report on the financial statements of The Highland Children's Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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. The charity 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 financial statements 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 was 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as 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 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 8 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 financial statements to be reached.


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11th December 2025


Statement of financial activities (including the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 5 April 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	2025 total £	2024 total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		1,816	-	1,816	2,451
Government grants		-	-	-	-
Investments	2	35,570	-	35,570	50,510
Total income		37,386	-	37,386	52,961
Expenditure on:					
Investment management costs		12,412	-	12,412	11,696
Charitable activities	3	40,659	-	40,659	63,479
Other	4	9,850	-	9,850	10,307
Total resources expended		62,921	-	62,921	85,482
Net (expenditure)		(25,535)	-	(25,535)	(32,521)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		(25,535)	-	(25,535)	(32,521)
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		(84,143)	-	(84,143)	3,078
Net movement in funds		(109,678)	-	(109,678)	(29,443)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,341,047	-	1,341,047	1,370,490
Total funds carried forward		1,231,369	-	1,231,369	1,341,047

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet
As at 5 April 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets:					
Property	5		35,078		35,078
			<u>35,078</u>		<u>35,078</u>
Investments	6		1,194,182		1,296,300
Current assets:					
Debtors	7	87		85	
Bank - Current		3,750		10,448	
		<u>3,837</u>		<u>10,533</u>	
Current liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(1,728)		(864)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			2,109		9,669
Net assets			<u>1,231,369</u>		<u>1,341,047</u>
Total funds:					
Unrestricted funds	8		1,231,369		1,341,047
Restricted funds	8		-		-
Total funds			<u>1,231,369</u>		<u>1,341,047</u>

 11th December 2025
Chair

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements include all the funds governed by the terms of the principal Trust Deed constituted in terms of the Highland Orphanage Trust Scheme 1936 and 1956 as amended by section 105 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and Schedule 6 to the Education (Scotland) Act 1981.

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis.

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

1.2 Fund financial statements

The trust is comprised of two funds.

Unrestricted - general fund

The governing body may apply the annual income including any balance brought forward in executing the purposes of the scheme.

Unrestricted - capital fund

The governing body has the power to invest the whole or any part of the trust fund and may incur expenditure for any purposes of the scheme.

Restricted funds

The Trust currently has no restricted funds.

1.3 Fixed assets

Assets are recorded under the historical cost convention incorporating donated assets at the acquisition value.

Heritable property is maintained in a state of good repair and it is considered by the governors that residual values are such that depreciation is not material; consequently heritable property is not depreciated. The property was sold after the balance sheet date for proceeds in excess of its carrying value.

1.4 Tax

The trust is accepted as a charity by HM Revenue and Customs and is therefore not liable to income tax and is exempt from capital gains tax.

1.5 VAT

Expenses are charged on a VAT inclusive basis where appropriate.

1.6 Investments

Investments are included on the balance sheet at market value.

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

2 Investments

	<i>Unrestricted fund 2025</i>	<i>Restricted fund 2025</i>	<i>Total funds 2025</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
Dividends and interest received	35,570	-	35,570	50,510
	<u>35,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,570</u>	<u>50,510</u>

3 Charitable activities

	<i>Unrestricted fund 2025</i>	<i>Restricted fund 2025</i>	<i>Total funds 2025</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
Payments to beneficiaries - individuals	19,289	-	19,289	33,682
Administrator's salary	5,393	-	5,393	13,731
Secretary's fees and accountancy fee	9,065	-	9,065	6,588
Heat and light	1,116	-	1,116	1,194
Sundries	237	-	237	558
Rates and insurance	355	-	355	440
Telephone	856	-	856	830
Professional fees	4,348	-	4,348	6,456
	<u>40,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,659</u>	<u>63,479</u>

4 Other costs

	<i>Unrestricted fund 2025</i>	<i>Restricted fund 2025</i>	<i>Total funds 2025</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
Governance costs	864	-	864	2,196
Pension paid to former matron	8,986	-	8,986	8,111
	<u>9,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,850</u>	<u>10,307</u>

The governance costs relate to the independent examination fee.

5 Property

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Cost:	
At 5 April 2024 and 5 April 2025	<u>35,078</u>

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

6 Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at 5 April 2024	1,296,300	1,324,048
Acquisitions at cost	1,694,190	334,414
Equalisations/redemptions	(122)	(395)
Disposals at market value	(1,717,451)	(369,900)
Increase/(Decrease) in Rathbones account	5,408	5,055
Realised (losses)/gains	(21,909)	103,983
Unrealised (losses)	(62,234)	(100,905)
	<u>1,194,182</u>	<u>1,296,300</u>
Market Value		
Shares	1,177,218	1,284,744
Cash held by Rathbones	16,964	11,556
Market value at 5 April 2025	<u>1,194,182</u>	<u>1,296,300</u>

7 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	87	85
	<u>87</u>	<u>85</u>

8 Funds

	Balance brought forward £	Net incoming resources before gains and (losses) £	Gains / (losses) £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	21,225	(25,535)	-	-	(4,310)
Capital fund	1,319,822	-	(84,143)	-	1,235,679
	<u>1,341,047</u>	<u>(25,535)</u>	<u>(84,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,231,369</u>

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

9 Analysis of assets between funds

	Unrestricted general £	Unrestricted capital £	Restricted general £	Restricted capital £	Total £
Fixed assets	-	35,078	-	-	35,078
Investments	-	1,177,218	-	-	1,177,218
Cash held by Rathbones	16,964	-	-	-	16,964
Debtors	87	-	-	-	87
Bank	3,750	-	-	-	3,750
Creditors	(1,728)	-	-	-	(1,728)
	19,073	1,212,296	-	-	1,231,369