

CONTACT PASTORAL TRUST
Registered in Scotland as a Charity

Number SC007607

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

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SCOTTISH CHARITY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: SC007607

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

The governing instrument of the Charity is a Deed of Trust dated 18th August 1993 which records the principal object of the Charity:

“To advance religion and to advance the education of the public by publishing literature devoted to the study of pastoral care issues periodically or occasionally as our Trustees may deem expedient.”

Trustees

Eric Stoddart Chair
Andrew Cort Treasurer
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Income from Publishers (see note)	8,331	-	8,331	9,348
Bank Interest	196	5	201	208
Total income	8,527	5	8,532	9,551
PAYMENTS				
Editors' honoraria	7,647	-	7,647	9,236
Travel, conference and meeting expenses	782	-	782	35
Book reviews and postage	2,016	-	2,016	
Total Payments	10,445	-	10,445	9,271
Net receipts/(Payments)	(1,918)	5	(1,913)	285
Balance from previous year	14,902	363	15,265	11,400
Balance at end of year	12,984	368	13,352	15,265

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

At 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 £
MONETARY ASSETS				
Cash at Bank Deposit Account	10,158	368	10,526	15,039
Cash at Bank Current Account	2,826	-	2,826	226
Total monetary assets	12,984	368	13,352	15,265

Approved by trustees and signed on their behalf by



 Chair

Date 6 March 2026

NOTES:

In consideration of these accounts, as communicated last year, the accounts are now document the actual bank account statements for both the current and deposit accounts.

The indicated loss of £ (1,915) is a timing issue due to a payment of £2,422 being deferred from the previous financial year. This being due to the ill health of the Treasurer over the summer of 2024. Taking this into account the adjusted figure for the 2025 financial period would be a small profit of £409.

Income for the year was down form 2024, this being driven by the primary publishing payments being down by £ 1,017.

When Informa was approached to give an explanation on this reduction, the following communication was received:

“(I)n 2023, we had a huge rise in OA Sales Agreements (publish) due in most part to the large sum of money under our UK agreement JISC. This figure was £38,505.06. In 2024, this figure significantly dropped for all journals due to changes in the JISC deal. You’ll see £27,576.45 as the number even with the journal doing well.

This drop in revenue may continue into 2025, however, it is difficult to predict.”
Niamh Bowe 14th May 2025.

The Pastoral Trust will need to understand what the income levels will be for 2026 onwards in order the carry appropriate planning and publication work.

Finally, the restricted fund is the Margaret Allen Fund, which is now held in the same bank account as the main fund. The object of this fund is to support an annual lecture in memory of Margaret Allen under the auspices of the Scottish Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling.