

Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund

Scotland · Charity number SC010162

Details

Status Active

Legal form Unincorporated association

Registered 1979-10-25

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 55 Annandale Street
Edinburgh
EH7 4AZ

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of health', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Provide financial assistance to local registered charities ad we meet to discuss applications and authorize donations.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: To provide financial or other assistance to such deserving causes as may be determined by the committee from time to time

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£10,385	£9,340	-	0
2024-06-30	£13,885	£15,200	-	0
2023-06-30	£15,186	£17,550	-	0
2022-06-30	£16,657	£18,300	-	0
2021-06-30	£16,612	£19,150	-	0

Accounts

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Charities Fund
Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended
30 June 2025**

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Reference & Administrative Information For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Principal Address: 55 Annandale Street
Edinburgh
EH7 4AZ

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Management Committee

The following served as Committee members (trustees of the charity) during the year or since:

Present members:

Sarah Boyd	Chair
John Benson	Vice-Chair (<i>resigned 31 March 2025</i>)
Gwen Lessels	Secretary & Treasurer
Gaynor Marshall	Communications Director
Willie Walker	Traffic (Longstone Garage)
Alan McLean	Traffic (Central Garage)
Tony Beecher	Unite (Lothian Buses)
Suzan Bousquet	Head Office Admin (<i>resigned 3 January 2025</i>)
Michael Taylor	Engineering

Independent examiner: Michael G Cockburn FCBI
Fellow & Chartered Banker
Chartered Banker Institute
8/9 Powderhall Rigg
Edinburgh
EH7 4GG

Bankers: TSB Scotland
Leith Edinburgh (877002) Branch
59 Leith Walk
Edinburgh
EH6 8LT

Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund

Annual Report of the Committee

The Committee are pleased to present their report and the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund is an unincorporated association, governed in accordance with regulations adopted in 1979, and is a registered Scottish charity.

The fund is administered by an elected Committee, from within Lothian Buses Ltd ("the company"), at a once-yearly meeting. The office bearers comprise Executive Directors of the company, as Honorary Chairman and Vice-Chair respectively, who will always be members of the Committee, and the Secretary & Treasurer. In addition, there are at least 6 ordinary members of the Committee who are representative of the contributors to the fund at the various depots and workshops of the Company. All office bearers and ordinary members of the Committee are themselves contributors to the Fund.

The names of those who served on the Committee during the year and other reference and administrative information are shown on page 2.

Objectives, Activities & Achievements

The purposes of the Fund are to donate monies to support other Scottish-based charities, whose purposes include the provision of assistance to those in need through ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and the supporting of community development.

The Committee, at the yearly meeting held on 17 February 2025, agreed to make donations to charitable organisations and other deserving causes. As in previous years, the company agreed to donate an amount to the fund.

During the year, the Fund paid out grants totalling £9000 to assist 20 charities to support those in need, or help develop the local community.

Financial Review

Receipts and payments during the year are shown on page 6 and the financial position at the end of the year is shown in the statement of balances on page 7. This shows cash funds of £2520 carried forward for future expenditure.

Subscriptions of £5885 were received from members during the year. This was added to by a donation of £4500 from the company and facilitated total grants of £9000 to be paid out to charitable institutions.

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to ensure that the Charities Fund has sufficient reserves to meet current and future liabilities. The Trustees regularly monitor the level of bank balances and meet at least once a year to allocate employee donations to local deserving causes.

Signed on behalf of the Committee:



Designation: SECRETARY/TREASURER

Date: 21/8/25

**Report of the Independent Examiner
To the Committee of Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund**

I report on the accounts of Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Committee, as trustees of the charity, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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) (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 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.

 **FCBI**

Name **MICHAEL G COCKBURN FCBI**
Position **FELLOW & CHARTERED BANKER**
Company **CHARTERED BANKER INSTITUTE**

Date: **25TH AUGUST 2025**

Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts:		
Subscriptions	5,885	6,285
Donation from Lothian Buses	4,500	7,600
Bank interest	-	-
Total receipts	<u>10,385</u>	<u>13,885</u>
Payments:		
<i>Payments for charitable activities:</i>		
Grants paid to charitable institutions	9,000	15,200
Grants paid to members in need	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments for charitable activities	<u>9,250</u>	<u>15,200</u>
<i>Governance costs:</i>		
Independent examiner's fee	90	90
Accountancy fee	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governance costs	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>
Total payments	<u>9,340</u>	<u>15,290</u>
Net (payments) / receipts in year	<u>1,045</u>	<u>(1,405)</u>

All funds are unrestricted

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees (members of the committee) did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Lothian Buses Employees' Charities Fund

Statement of Balances at 30 June 2025

	<u>Note</u>	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank			
Opening balance		1,475	2,880
Net (payments) / receipts in year		<u>1,045</u>	<u>(1,405)</u>
Closing balance		<u><u>2,520</u></u>	<u><u>1,475</u></u>

Funds:

Restricted fund for members in need	<u>1</u>	2,250	2,500
Unrestricted General fund		<u>270</u>	- 1,025
Total funds		<u><u>2,520</u></u>	<u><u>1,475</u></u>

Note 1 Restricted fund for members in need

Opening Balance	2,500	2,500
Grants paid to members in need	<u>250</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>2,250</u></u>	<u><u>2,500</u></u>

There were no liabilities at 30 June 2025 and no assets other than cash at bank as above.

Approved by the Committee and signed on their behalf:

Name: GWEN LESSELS

Position: SECRETARY/TREASURER

Date: 21/8/25