

The Church of Scotland
SC013139 – Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church
Trustees’ Report for Year Ended 31st December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: SC013139

Congregation Reference Number: 030193

Presbytery of Lothian and Borders

Reference Number: 3

Contact Address:

Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church Office,
156 Carnethie Street,
Rosewell,
Midlothian, EH24 9AH

Web Site: www.church.cockpen.co.uk

Trustees: Details of names and offices held – enclosed

Principal Office Bearers:

Minister:

Session Clerk:


Treasurer:

Independent Examiner:

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland,
63 High Street,
Dalkeith,
Midlothian, EH22 1JA

Trustees: names and offices held



Elder, Joint Magazine Editor, Presbytery Elder and
Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Elder, Organist and Choir Master
Elder, Gift Aid and Free Will Offering Convenor
Elder and Session Clerk
Elder
Elder
Elder and Roll Keeper
Elder
Elder
Elder and Treasurer
Minister
Elder
Elder
Elder
Elder, Fabric Convenor and Joint Magazine Editor
Elder and Health & Safety Officer

Governance, Structure and Management Information

Governing Document

On 18th December 2018 the Delegation of The General Assembly approved the transfer of Cockpen & Carrington's Church of Scotland Model Deed of Constitution to the Church of Scotland Unitary Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are the Charity Trustees chosen from members of the Church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The Minister is a member of the Kirk Session, elected by the Congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session meets on a regular basis and is responsible for the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church.

Safeguarding

The Church's organisation is compliant with the Safeguarding provisions.

Objectives and Activities


The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world.

As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church seeks to be a welcoming church and a place to believe, belong, grow and serve.

Services of Worship

Services take place on Sundays at 11.30am and on the first Sunday of February, May and November there are Services for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Services are recorded and made available online through the [Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church YouTube channel](#).

, the Lay Pastor, assists in leading worship most Sundays and offering support in pastoral care to members. She also assists during the week with a number of regular church events.

The Worship Team comprises the Lay Pastor along with the Session Clerks of both Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church and the linked congregation of Lasswade & Rosewell Parish Church. They conduct worship when the Minister is unavailable and play a significant part in supporting the Minister, assisting in the life of the congregation.

On the third Sunday of each month there is an All-Age Service, where families are invited to join in worship along with the church family.

Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, we join with Lasswade & Rosewell Parish Church and Bonnyrigg Parish Church for a combined service at Lasswade High School.

During Holy Week we take part in a number of inter-denominational services with the local Roman Catholic and Episcopalian Churches.

The church is used throughout the year for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms and for those unable to attend church, 'Home Services' for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are available.

Monthly services are held at the local Springfield Bank Care Home.

The Choir

The four-part choir, under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, leads the congregation in the hymn singing at weekly services. In addition, the organist and choirmaster chooses appropriate anthems for the choir to sing at Communion, Easter, Christmas and other significant services.

The Prayer Group

A group of members from Cockpen & Carrington, Lasswade & Rosewell, plus the Minister and Lay Pastor meets weekly during school term times to pray for matters of local, national and international concern, followed by fellowship over refreshments.

The Guild

The Guild meets on alternate Mondays from October to May with speakers giving talks on a wide variety of subjects along with general social events when invitations are extended to the wider congregation and friends.

The 'Holy Hikers'

This walking group, known as the 'Holy Hikers', meets on a regular basis for walks of scenic and historic interest, catering for people of all ages and abilities and is open to the wider community.

'Knit and Natter'

The Knit and Natter group meets on Thursday afternoons in the Church Hall providing an opportunity for members and non-members to come along to knit, crochet, natter and socialise over tea and coffee.

Church Magazine – 'The Link'

The church magazine is printed at Easter, Harvest, and Christmas and is distributed to all members of the linked congregations and other interested groups including local history societies and libraries. The magazine includes articles from each of the church's groups along with related current news and events and a dedicated section for children. Copies of '[The Link](#)' magazine can be found on the congregation's website www.church.cockpen.co.uk.

Achievements and Performance 2024

Our good news stories for 2024, relate, in particular, to the projects being run by the Community Youth Worker, [REDACTED]. His role is shared across Cockpen & Carrington, Lasswade & Rosewell and Bonnyrigg churches to run Toastie Tuesday, the follow-on Drop-In Café and other activities with young people. Toastie Tuesday continued to grow through the year and during the autumn term there were regularly 300-350 young people from Lasswade High School coming across to Our Lady Church Hall to get their toastie lunch for £1. It has been super to see the project grow and through it many good conversations take place with the youngsters each week. We continue to seek to offer the warmest welcome of the week and prayerfully to share Jesus' love with those who are interested. It is wonderful to have volunteers from each of the churches in the community –, Cockpen & Carrington, Lasswade & Rosewell and Bonnyrigg churches – all being willing to serve regularly on the team needed to run the sessions.

For those who would like to attend, Josh has also been running the Drop-In Café on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm, giving an opportunity to build relationships and to explore faith further. There are around 12-15 young people from the High School attending and the group has recently had to move from 'The Tea Room' Community Café in Bonnyrigg across to Cockpen Church Hall because the café setting was becoming too crowded. This has allowed more space for fun with table tennis and a games table which have both gone down well.

We ended our direct participation in 'Growing Young' (GY) at the end of 2024, however, the GY team that oversees our thinking and activities, will continue to meet and review our programme and planning every three months. As an outcome of taking part, one activity set up at the end of the year was a venture called 'Fun Space' which is for adults, young and old to come along and enjoy a variety of games, jigsaws, crafts and conversation over refreshments. This began at Rosewell Church Hall in November and if it takes off and does well, we will see about starting a further group at Cockpen.

After quite a delay, we were recently delighted to hear that together with Lasswade & Rosewell Church and Bonnyrigg Church, we were successful in our joint application for Church of Scotland 'Seeds for Growth' funding. This is to help us develop 'The Harbour' project together, with a vision to offer safe places for people to come and discover Jesus' love for them. Toastie Tuesday at Lasswade High School, Drop-In Café, F4 for families on a Friday lunchtime and Fun Space, are already part of this vision and we look forward to seeing these and other ventures flourish and be fruitful in encouraging local people to discover how much they are known and loved by God.

Contact with Bonnyrigg Primary School continued through the first half of the year with the lively lunchtime Bible group on a Thursday. There was also opportunity again to run two Transition sessions for the P7 classes in the summer term. Unfortunately having a room at the school to offer the lunchtime Bible group has not proved feasible in the 2024-2025 year, but we will see what may be possible for next year. The Community Youth Worker visits Burnbrae Primary School regularly and conducts assemblies there.

In our other activities, The Guild continues to be well attended and even more so now that the meetings are held in the afternoon fortnightly at the church hall, rather than in the evening. The Guild afternoon tea and Carol Party were also once again a great success in bringing the wider congregation together.

Knit and Natter also continues to go well with around thirty ladies gathering each week on a Thursday afternoon. In recent times, little mice for children going to Nursery and blankets for local Care Home residents have been amongst the knitting projects undertaken.

In fund raising, the Tea and Toast Coffee Mornings with a variety of stalls at the church hall were again very popular with the church family and members of the wider community.

This year again, we have supported the Midlothian Foodbank at Gorebridge through our Harvest Service in September and the ongoing provision of non-perishable food items and toiletries across the year. We were delighted as well again to support the annual Christian Aid Appeal in May, and Blythwood Care in their Shoebox Appeal and The Salvation Army in their Toy Appeal at Christmas.

Services continue to be held at 11.30 am on Sunday mornings at the church, with recordings of services being made available online each Sunday.

The Minister

February 2025

Financial Review

During the year a surplus of £3,544 was recorded and, when compared to last year's deficit of £14,557, resulted in a year-on-year net cash inflow of £18,101. Full details are contained within this Report (Church Accounts (pages 1-7)).

	2024	2023	Better (Worse)
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	(1,842)	(8,576)	6,734
Restricted Funds	5,288	(6,049)	11,330
Endowment Funds	105	68	37
Total	<u>3,544</u>	<u>(14,557)</u>	<u>18,101</u>

	£
Statement of Balances as at 1 st January 2024	223,755
Surplus (deficit) for the year ended 31 st December 2024	<u>3,544</u>
Statement of Balances as at 31 st December 2024	<u>227,299</u>

Reserves Policy

Funds are held to meet running costs of the church including the Hall Improvement Fund of £140,126 which is currently held on Deposit Fund Account at the Church's Head Office at 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Declaration

Responsibilities

The members of the Kirk Session (the Trustees) have prepared the financial statements to the best of their knowledge, ensuring compliance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2007. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Cockpen & Carrington Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Declaration

On behalf of the Trustees of Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church the undernoted Trustees declare that the Trustees duly approved this Report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church.


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee

Dated: 9th April 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church, the Accounts of
Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church for the Year Ended December 2024

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Regulations').

The Charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

An examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 of the statement of account for the year ended 31 December 2024 no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:
 - accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations
 - the account does not accord with those records
 - the statement of account does not comply with any of the requirements of Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

Signed:



Independent Examiner

Dated: 25th July 2025

The Church of Scotland

Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church Bonnyrigg, Midlothian

**Charity No: SC013139
Congregation No: 030193
Presbytery No: 3**

Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2024

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COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	68,286.08	149,344.80	6,124.53	223,755.41	238,313.16
<u>Movement in year</u>					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	(1,842.32)	5,280.82	105.57	3,544.07	(14,557.75)
(Figures in brackets denote a Deficit)					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	<u>66,443.76</u>	<u>154,625.62</u>	<u>6,230.10</u>	<u>227,299.48</u>	<u>223,755.41</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 9th April 2025
and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

██████████
Treasurer 1/1/2024 to 31/8/2024

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Treasurer 1/9/2024 to 31/12/2024

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Session Clerk

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

Receipts and Payments Account

<u>Receipts</u>	Note 3	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Congregation		42,965.74	7,165.51	0.00	50,131.25	48,076.33
Guild		0.00	2,007.63	0.00	2,007.63	1,716.09
Sunday School		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopefield Project		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lionel Bruce Charles Fund		0.00	0.00	105.57	105.57	68.38
Total Receipts		42,965.74	9,173.14	105.57	52,244.45	49,860.80
<u>Payments</u>	Note 4	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Congregation		46,706.85	0.00	0.00	46,706.85	62,893.20
Guild		0.00	1,843.75	0.00	1,843.75	1,387.35
Sunday School		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopefield Project		0.00	149.78	0.00	149.78	138.00
Lionel Bruce Charles Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments		46,706.85	1,993.53	0.00	48,700.38	64,418.55
<u>Excess of receipts over payments for the year (figures in brackets denote a deficit)</u>						
		(3,741.11)	7,179.61	105.57	3,544.07	(14,557.75)

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year, payments were made to members of the Kirk Session for their services as follows:

██████████ received £500 for providing services ██████████.

██████████ received £1440 for providing services as ██████████.

No trustee or person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

2. Movements in Funds

Unrestricted Funds	At 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers In / Out	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	9,877.21	41,351.96	46,706.85	1,898.79	6,421.11
Fabric Fund (Designated)	58,408.87	1,613.78	0.00	0.00	60,022.65
	68,286.08	42,965.74	46,706.85	1,898.79	66,443.76
Restricted Funds	At 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers In / Out	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Organ Fund	9,193.80	155.68	0.00	0.00	9,349.48
Benevolent Fund	1,337.82	19.40	0.00	0.00	1,357.22
Projects - Hall Improvement Fund	2,039.73	29.62	0.00	0.00	2,069.35
Investment Fund - see Note 8.	133,165.38	6,960.81	0.00	0.00	140,126.19
Guild Funds	1,559.50	2,007.63	1,843.75	0.00	1,723.38
Sunday School Funds	1,818.02	0.00	0.00	(1,818.02)	0.00
Hopefield Project	230.55	0.00	149.78	(80.77)	0.00
Church Buildings Refurbishment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	149,344.80	9,173.14	1,993.53	(1,898.79)	154,625.62
Endowment Funds	At 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers In / Out	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	
Lionel Bruce Charles Fund	6,124.53	105.57	0.00	0.00	6,230.10
	6,124.53	105.57	0.00	0.00	6,230.10
Total Funds	At 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers In / Out	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	
	223,755.41	52,244.45	48,700.38	0.00	227,299.48

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Purposes of Designated Funds

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the Church properties.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Organ Fund: This fund is primarily for the upkeep of the organ.

Benevolent Fund: This is a fund to be used to provide financial assistance to members of the church or parish.

Projects - Hall Improvement Fund: This is a fund to provide for the upgrading of the church hall.

Guild Funds: This fund covers the running costs of the Guild and donations are gifted as decided by the Guild eg to charities.

Sunday School Funds: The Sunday School closed on 9th June 2019 and, as agreed at a meeting of the Kirk Session on 13th November 2024, the account was closed and funds transferred to the congregation's General Fund.

Hopefield Project: At a meeting of the Kirk Session on 13th November 2024, it was agreed that the Hopefield Project account be closed and funds transferred to the congregation's General Fund.

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Lionel Bruce Charles Fund: This fund was set up in 1966 with an initial deposit of £500.00. The interest generated from this capital sum is to be used for the maintenance of the headstone in memory of Harriet Drury Watson in the Cockpen Church graveyard (lair G204).

3. Analysis of Receipts	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Offerings (Open Plate)	5,874.67	0.00	0.00	5,874.67	3,614.75
Offerings (Freewill)	6,547.80	0.00	0.00	6,547.80	6,366.00
Donations - General (Gift Aid)	14,271.70	0.00	0.00	14,271.70	15,883.53
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid - General	5,661.75	0.00	0.00	5,661.75	2,967.00
Donations - Harbour Project (non-Gift Aid)	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Donations - Harbour Project (Gift Aid)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid - Harbour Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weddings & Funerals	2,001.11	0.00	0.00	2,001.11	1,183.83
Life & Work Magazines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Lets	2,517.50	0.00	0.00	2,517.50	2,454.50
Donations - General (non-Gift Aid)	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	862.32
Collections & Donations for Third Parties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	2,455.65	0.00	0.00	2,455.65	2,701.00
Bank Interest	1,298.78	204.70	105.57	1,609.05	1,221.83
Investment Interest (see Note 8)	0.00	6,960.81	0.00	6,960.81	4,889.95
Guild	0.00	2,007.63	0.00	2,007.63	1,716.09
Sunday School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopefield Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Buildings Refurbishment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous	36.78	0.00	0.00	36.78	0.00
Total Income	42,965.74	9,173.14	105.57	52,244.45	49,860.80

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH
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4. Analysis of Payments	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Giving to Grow	15,273.00	0.00	0.00	15,273.00	19,429.00
Minister's expenses	355.20	0.00	0.00	355.20	355.20
Other staffing costs	10,554.04	0.00	0.00	10,554.04	9,150.37
Equipment purchases & maintenance	1,969.40	0.00	0.00	1,969.40	3,621.23
Heating and lighting	7,917.46	0.00	0.00	7,917.46	4,102.90
Insurance	4,837.43	0.00	0.00	4,837.43	4,613.46
Manse Running Costs	1,207.03	0.00	0.00	1,207.03	1,845.26
Presbytery Expenses	630.38	0.00	0.00	630.38	528.06
Ministerial Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publications, Postage & Stationery, Sundries	2,005.31	0.00	0.00	2,005.31	1,517.72
Pulpit supply	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Church	957.60	0.00	0.00	957.60	0.00
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Manse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Organ Maintenance / Upgrade	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolent Fund Disbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Fund Disbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Sunday School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guild	0.00	1,843.75	0.00	1,843.75	1,387.35
Hopefield Project	0.00	149.78	0.00	149.78	138.00
Donations to Charities from congregational f	900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	210.00
Youth Work	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Church Buildings Refurbishment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,520.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	46,706.85	1,993.53	0.00	48,700.38	64,418.55

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

5. Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the cost of all Ministers' stipends and employers' contributions for National Insurance, Pension and Housing and Loan Funds. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with remuneration rates set by the General Assembly annually.

6. Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
NESSL Syria Appeal	280.00	
St Columba's Hospice	280.00	
Christian Aid	416.00	310.00
Poppy Scotland	200.00	157.50
Toastie Tuesday		84.45
CHAS		310.05
British Red Cross		310.05
	1,176.00	1,172.05

7. Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Organist	500.00	500.00
Relief Organists	100.00	100.00
Church Officer	1,300.00	780.00
Hall Cleaner	1,440.00	1,380.00
Youth Worker	7,214.04	6,390.37
	10,554.04	9,150.37

8. Funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of Scotland General Trustees.

	At 31 Dec 2024	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£
Investment Fund - as included in Statement of Balances.	140,126.19	133,165.38
Manse Rental Income Account - not included in Statement of Balances.	7,096.66	6,768.88
	147,222.85	139,934.26

9. Fund Raising Breakdown

	2024
Tea & Toast	1,667.65
Makers' Market - raffles	165.00
Moira Scott's Easter Fundraiser - Fabric Fund	315.00
Door Open Day	58.00
Tea & Coffee donations	100.00
Dalhousie Castle / Choir Singing	150.00
Fund Raising Total	2,455.65