

# Famine Relief for Orphans Malawi(SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC037977

## Details

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Known as	FROM Scotland
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2007-03-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Whiteford Croft Pitcaple Inverurie Aberdeenshire AB51 5EB
Website	<a href="http://www.fromscotland.org.uk">www.fromscotland.org.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

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

**What the charity does:** WE SUPPORT FEEDING STATIONS FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE ALSO SPONSOR 3 STUDENTS THROUGH UNIVERSITY AND SUPPORT THE MALAWIAN CHARITY STEKA BY PAYING SOME STAFF WAGES.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

**Objectives:** 4 The organisation's purposes are the support of orphans and other disadvantaged persons in Malawi

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Aberdeenshire
- **Geographical spread:** Overseas only

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-02-28	£19,069	£17,971	-	0
2025-02-28	£14,262	£16,679	-	0
2024-02-28	£16,212	£16,081	-	0
2023-02-28	£24,055	£24,779	-	0
2022-02-28	£16,276	£15,749	-	0
2021-02-28	£26,945	£31,151	-	0

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# Accounts

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**F.R.O.M Scotland SCIO  
Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts  
Trustees Annual Report  
1st March 2025– 28th February 2026**

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**Charity No. SCO37977**

## **Reference and Administration Information**

Charity Name: F.R.O.M. Scotland SCIO  
Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi  
Charity Registration No. SCO37977  
Contact Address: Whiteford Croft, Pitcaple, Inverurie AB51 5EB

### **Trustees:**

Miss Lorna Bell, Mrs Patricia Lawie, Mr Alexander Malley, Mrs Janette Massie, Mrs Elizabeth Morrison, Mrs Doreen Taylor, Mr Lewis Taylor, Mr David Thomson, Mrs Kathleen Thomson, Mr Andrew Wainwright, Mrs Lisa Wainwright, Mr Chris Wright, Mrs Patricia Wright, Professor Tracy Morse, Mrs Laura Cartney.

**Principle Office Bearers:** Chairperson – Mr Chris Wright  
Secretary - Mrs Patricia Wright  
Treasurer - Mrs Kathleen Thomson

**Bank:** Bank of Scotland account closed and account transferred in November due to excessive bank charges.  
Bank: Virgin Money 19-21 West High St Inverurie AB51 3SA

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Appointment is by invitation and Office Bearers are elected from Trustees at the A.G.M

### **Governing Document**

F.R.O.M. SCIO registered since 2016 is a charitable unincorporated organisation.  
The purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

### **Charitable Purposes**

Our purpose, as recorded in the constitution, is to raise funds to improve the lives of deprived and vulnerable children and families in Malawi.

# Trustees Report

1<sup>st</sup> March 2025—28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The FROM Scotland Trustees have continued to organise a number of events over the last year. During this period we have held several successful events (Afternoon Teas, Soup and Sandwich, Open Golf, Concerts and Wreath Making). In addition, Trustees have continued to create and sell crafts at a range of events, profits of which they gift to the charity. Our gift investment continues to be managed by three appointed Trustees who meet with the investment manager regularly. Due to changes in the investment portfolio, we also withdrew funds from this investment. Given the continuing increase in the cost of delivering our committed support, this has helped to ensure the continued support of our feeding programmes and student scholarships.

We continue to be incredibly fortunate and grateful to have such a dedicated team of Trustees, volunteers and supporters, particularly when many are facing challenges with the increase to the cost of living here in the UK. With rising costs in Malawi and the UK, we are conscious that each year further funds need to be raised to maintain our commitments.

Our key focus for this year, as last, has been to maintain support for our existing organisations and partners in Malawi to ensure they could maintain the services and feeding programmes they provide to some of the most vulnerable children in Chikwawa, Blantyre and Mangochi.

As in previous years priority was the provision of fortified maize (likuni phala) to our community groups to ensure they could maintain under five feeding to families most in need.

## Fortified Maize

- We have provided 15900kg of likuni phala to under five nurseries across the southern region of Malawi. Every month this equates to over 1325kg distributed per month.
- We currently support Open Arms Infant Home, STEKA, disability centre (Ndirande), Mango school (Mangochi), and three nurseries in Chikwawa District.
- Fortified maize flour is collected directly from the supplier for both Open Arms Infant Home and STEKA. All other organisations receive a direct delivery facilitated by our partners at the WASHTED Centre (Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences) who support this activity as part of their community outreach.

## Student support

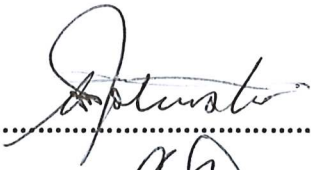
- We continue to support a graduate from Mfera CDSS who is now in fourth year at Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences. The support provides for accommodation and a living allowance to support their studies.
- We continue to support two additional graduates of Mfera CSDD who are in their second year of study at Domasi College of Education. This support has helped to pay for their tuition fees and enabled them to continue with their studies.

## Specific organisational support

- We continued to support STEKA home with funding for a cleaner for their home to help maintain the standards in the orphanage.
- We support Mwai Orphanage in Ndirande to repair and replace emergency toilets for their facility following heavy rains which left the organisation with no sanitation facilities in the middle of a slum area and exposed to high level of health risks for vulnerable children.

Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi SCIO  
 Receipts for the year ending 28th February 2026

Receipts	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Donations	5145 <sup>^</sup>	5618
D & L Morrison Crafts		820
Soup & Sandwich	1631 <sup>^</sup>	1647
Monymusk Afternoon Tea	649 <sup>^</sup>	603
Chapel Afternoon Tea		1470
Open Golf	3137 <sup>^</sup>	
Theatre Collection	860 <sup>^</sup>	
Swing Band Concert	617 <sup>^</sup>	
BA Events		313
Fetternear Sale		160
Laura's Wreath Making	1110 <sup>^</sup>	1127
Sales	775 <sup>^</sup>	40
Sale of Shares	3311 <sup>^</sup>	2464
Gift Aid	1646 <sup>^</sup>	
Kilt Walk	188 <sup>^</sup>	
	<b>£19069 <sup>^</sup></b>	<b>£14262</b>

Auditor: 

Date: 5 MA/ 2026

Chairperson: 

Date: 5/5/20

Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi SCIO  
 Payments for the year ending 28th /February 2026

Expenditure	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Scot/ Malawi Partnership	75 $\wedge$	75
Maize for Feeding Stations	14451 $\wedge$	14500
Student support	470 $\uparrow$	1020
Steka Wages	260 $\uparrow$	480
Mwai orphanage support	1969 $\downarrow$	
Liability Insurance	342 $\uparrow$	343
Hire of Halls	30 $\uparrow$	45
Just Giving Charges	216 $\uparrow$	216
Bank Charges	48 $\uparrow$	
Fiona Refund	110 $\wedge$	
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	£17971 $\wedge$	£16679
Receipts	£19069 $\wedge$	
Less Expenditure	£17971 $\downarrow$	
Surplus	<hr/>	
	£1098 $\downarrow$	

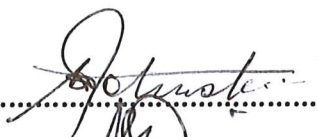
# Statement of Balances

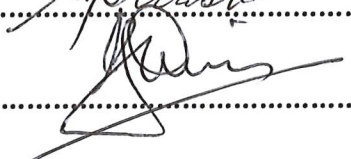
1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

	2025/26	2024/25
Receipts	£19069 <sup>^</sup>	£ 14267
Less Expenditure	£17971 <sup>^</sup>	£16679
Surplus /deficit	£1098 <sup>^</sup>	<b>£2417</b>
Balance at Bank	<u>£5279 <sup>^</sup></u>	<u>£4181</u>

## Investment with St James Place

Value on 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	£119717
Share sold Jan 2026 and transferred to current a/c	£3311
Value on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	<u>£134,316</u>

Auditor: .....  ..... Date: 5 MAY 2026 .....

Chairperson: .....  ..... Date: 5/5/26 .....

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of F.R.O.M. SCOTLAND  
(Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2026 which are set out on pages 3, 4 & 5.

**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) 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any reasonable respect the requirements  
a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and  
b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Account Regulations have not been met.

Name: Ean Johnston FCIBS

Address: 65 Townhead Road, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, AB51 4JG

5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Signed.....

**Famine Relief for Orphans Malawi(SCIO)**

Scotland - Charity number SC037977

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# Accounts

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# **Hawick Acorn Project Initiative SCIO**

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

**for the year ended**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Scottish Charity Number SC044641**

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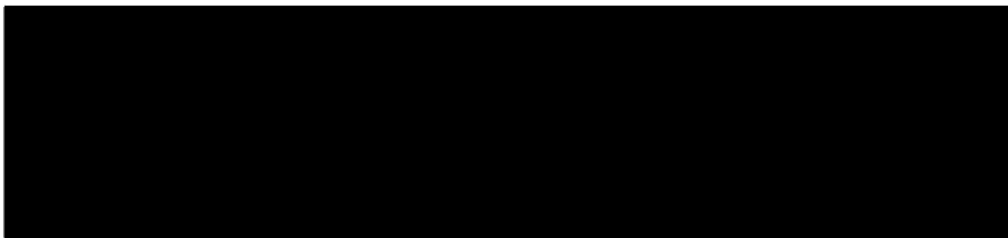
## Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Hawick Acorn Project Initiative SCIO

Charity Registration Number: SC044641

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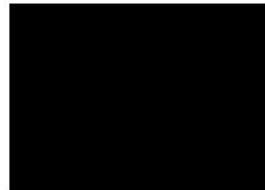
### Principal Office-bearers/Trustees



### Trustees who left during the Year



### Independent Examiner



### Bankers:

Unity Trust Bank plc  
Nine Brindlypalce  
BIRMINGHAM  
B1 2HB

## **Structure Governance & Management**

### **Governing Document**

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with OSCR on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

At each AGM, the members may elect any member to be a charity trustee. The board may at any time appoint any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership) to be a charity trustee. At each AGM, all of the charity trustees must retire from office - but may then be re-elected.

## **Objectives & Activities**

### **The Charities Charitable Purpose:**

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of Hawick Acorn Project Initiative SCIO (HAPi) are the following: -

- The Relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:**

The organisation's beneficiaries are:

- Older people
- People with disabilities or health problems.

## Achievements & Performance

### Introduction

This year has been one of re organisation and change, with an encouraging addition of skilled and committed volunteers and an increase in partnership working. For the first 4 months of the financial year, a project worker was employed to help with horticultural aspects of the project. The Carnarvon Street base for HAPi Bikes has been extremely productive, and at the KEC site HAPi gardening is transitioning from tidying up, to developing the Sensory Garden and involving clients and staff in horticultural activities. There is an excellent relationship, between HAPi and the KEC management and staff, and we look forward to further collaboration in 2025.

**HAPi Bikes** have experienced an increase in bike sales and bike donations to people on low income through various local, and one international charity. There has also been income generation through the **Just Cycle scheme**, in return for the free repair of people's bikes. Many unwanted bikes have been repaired and are back in circulation, avoiding being crushed and melted down, or worse discarded. A successful bike maintenance course was run, in collaboration with Hawick High School. A regular supply of bikes from the Council Recycling Centres and the Police, have at times presented storage problems. A reorganisation of the way bikes are labelled and processed, and surplus bikes are re- distributed has improved the efficiency of the operation considerably.

### Volunteers

The project has benefitted greatly from the input and personal expertise of Rob, Kevin and Fin in their particular fields, with around 9 volunteers a week attending over 4 days.

**HAPi Gardening** now has a number of regular volunteers, who with the assistance of a project worker employed from September 2023 until June 2024, undertook reclaiming shrubberies, the vegetable garden, and other areas neglected to varying degrees due to the pandemic. The resulting lack of volunteers in 2022 and 23, had placed a lot of strain on our limited man power resources, so this increase in man power, has been much appreciated. The successful acquisition of a 20K Community Development Grant with the assistance of the SBEB in 2023, also enabled the purchase of materials for the Sensory Garden a project also interrupted by the pandemic, however progress through 2024 was slow, due to adverse weather conditions and the number of repairs and tidying up required after years of neglect from 2020 onwards. Funding to pay the salary of the project worker, was covered by income generation from HAPi Bikes.

## Achievements & Performance cont'd

Development of the **Sensory Garden** in collaboration with the KEC staff and clients, was frustrated by a very late spring in 2024, following on from along, wet winter. Successive storms required hours to be spent tidying up, and making repairs. In collaboration with **Jedburgh Men's Shed**, an old fence has been taken down and converted into planters accessible from a wheel chair. The KEC will paint the planters, and take care of them. Herbs, flowers and salad crops will be planted.



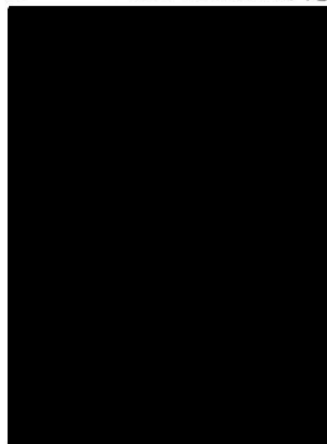
Planting the vegetable garden was delayed by the rain and cold ground, and the exceptionally dry weather that followed in early summer, resulted in seeds and crops failing to thrive; much of the potato crop perishing in the ground. After several repair efforts, the timber walkway to the vegetable garden was finally removed and replaced with slabs, enabling better wheel chair access. A small crop of tomatoes was grown successfully, in the new poly tunnel.

Access has been improved and the site tidied up although there is much still to do; many hours were spent collecting fallen branches and leaves, staking trees, removing lower limbs obstructing paths,

retrieving neglected garden furniture broken up by the elements and dispersed across the extensive grounds. Repairs to shed roofs and repeatedly, to the greenhouse have been undertaken. Extracting litter blown from recycling bins and the nearby A7 and pavements, has been made worse by the frequent high winds, and extraction from over grown shrubberies has been laborious and time consuming. Numerous tree saplings, brambles, and neglected pots and planters have been removed. Priority is always given to keeping fire exits clear of branches and leaves, and the removal of moss on paths has become a priority, due to the reduced footfall over recent years.

### Volunteers

There are gardening sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays, with a pool of 6 volunteers and it has been encouraging to see KEC and WRVS clients and staff, becoming actively involved.



### Trustees

We were very sorry to see [redacted] resign this year, after many years of service both as a lead volunteer supporting groups under taking gardening projects in the community and on site, as well as pioneering the bike maintenance and recycling aspects of HAPi, and latterly also as a Trustee.

## Financial Review & Statement of Trustees

### Financial Review & Reserves

At this time the charity has no income generation stream to assist with the running of the project. However it does aim to have at a minimum six months running costs once established

### Details of any deficit

There was a deficit this year.

### Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity, including monitoring, supervision and meeting times.

### Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No payments or expenses were paid or reimbursed to Trustees in the current year.

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Date: 16<sup>th</sup> JUN 2025

**Receipts & Payments Accounts**  
**Year Ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants		0.00	5,993.36	5,993.36	17,940.24
Fund Raising Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities Income	1	15,660.00	0.00	15,660.00	11,119.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>15,660.00</b>	<b>5,993.36</b>	<b>21,653.36</b>	<b>29,059.24</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Fundraising Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities Expenses	2	10,113.92	15,780.52	25,894.44	20,779.32
Examination of Accounts		175.00	0.00	175.00	150.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>10,288.92</b>	<b>15,780.52</b>	<b>26,069.44</b>	<b>20,929.32</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		5,371.08	(9,787.16)	(4,416.08)	8,129.92
Transfer Between Funds		(3,004.20)	3,004.20		
<b>Closing Balances</b>		<b>2,366.88</b>	<b>(6,782.96)</b>	<b>(4,416.08)</b>	<b>8,129.92</b>

Statement of Balances Year ended 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Opening Balances	20,708.63	7,532.96	28,241.59	20,111.67
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	2,366.88	(6,782.96)	(4,416.08)	8,129.92
<b>Closing balances</b>	<b>23,075.51</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>23,825.51</b>	<b>28,241.59</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>				
List of equipment in notes	3		6,669	6,294

**Liabilities**  
No outstanding liabilities

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees



Date: 16.06.2025

## Notes to the Accounts

	2025	2024
<b>1 Charitable Activities Income</b>		
Donations	2,530.00	1,000.00
Sale of Bikes	13,130.00	10,119.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,660.00</b>	<b>11,119.00</b>

## 2 Charitable Activities Expenses

Project Worker	7,662.46	7,933.01
SBSEC – Admin Wages	126.00	126.00
Materials	8,366.72	5,057.54
Equipment	375.34	0.00
Bike Repairs & Costs	3,485.00	2,519.00
Postage & Stationery	2.40	5.20
Trustee Mileage	57.60	64.80
Insurance	1,479.38	1,372.38
Electric/ Water Rates	696.83	437.29
Rent	3,300.00	3,050.00
Property Costs	259.31	142.10
Bank Charges	83.40	72.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,894.44</b>	<b>20,779.32</b>

## 3 List of Equipment Held as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

	2024	Add	2025
Power Tools & Accessories	160	375	535
Garden Tools	1,835		1,835
Wheel barrow	40		40
Lawn Mower & Hedge Trimmers	1,234		1,234
Greenhouse	1,388		1,388
Polytunnel	1,637		1,637
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,294</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>6,669</b>

## 4 Purposes of Funds

The balance of funds at the year-end are unrestricted

The accounts have been prepared in line with the Receipts & Payments method.

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

**Hawick Acorn Project Initiative SCIO  
Scottish Charity SC044641**

**For the Period to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Set out on pages 8 to 9**

### **Receptive Responsibilities of Trustee & Examiner**

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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.

Name of Examiner

Signed

Dated

Address

