

Church House, Bridgeton [SCIO]

Annual Report

For the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025



Scottish Charity Number SC039112

Church House, Bridgeton [SCIO]

Reference and Administration

Charity name	Church House, Bridgeton [SCIO]
Registration Number	SC039112
Address	22 Queen Mary Street, Glasgow, G40 3BB

Board

Representing

Bridgeton St Francis in the East Church

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Glasgow Presbytery

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Community

Co-opted

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

No member of the Management Committee received remuneration or expenses

Chair

[REDACTED]

Secretary

[REDACTED]

Treasurer

[REDACTED]

Independent Examiner

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Structure, Governance and Management

Background

Church House, Bridgeton was set up in 1942 in the former London Road East Church in Boden Street by the local parish minister in response to the poverty and deprivation in the area and the lack of opportunities for young people. For over 80 years Church House sought to build positive relationships with the children and young people in the surrounding area, providing facilities and activities from its premises in Boden Street to help enable the staff and volunteers to get alongside and encourage the young members to grow and develop, at their own pace, into young adults. In 2014, following a detailed review of the work of Church House and an assessment of the needs within the local area, it was agreed to develop Church House into an Integrated Family Support Centre that will deliver support to children, young people and their families. Following a successful RCGF bid, Church House moved into a new annexe built onto Bridgeton, St. Francis-in-the-East Church of Scotland in July 2016 from where it continues to develop into an Integrated Family Support Centre.

Governing Document

Church House, Bridgeton became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) in July 2015 following OSCR's approval of an appropriate constitution reflecting this.

Organisational Structure

Church House, Bridgeton [SCIO] is administered by a Board, which meets not less than four times a year. The members of the Board are appointed in terms of the constitution.

Objectives

The objectives as stated in the constitution are:-

- 1** To provide recreational facilities and the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for children, young people and families in the Inner East End of Glasgow through an Integrated Family Support Centre which will offer activities and trips, all within a safe environment and in the context of seeking to develop positive interpersonal relationships
- 2** To provide relief to people who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by helping children, young people and families in the Inner East End of Glasgow find fullness of life, physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and socially.
- 3** To advance citizenship and community development.
- 4** To advance informal education.

Manager's Report

2025 was another year of development, adventure, challenge and fun here at Church House. We have been privileged to learn and develop alongside the young people, adults and families who share their lives with us.

Throughout 2025 we continued to deliver a wide-ranging programme of activities and support from our centre. This included children's groups, youth groups, family groups, ESOL support, ASN support, Duke of Edinburgh Award, cooking groups, fitness classes and outdoor activities among many others. We have also continued to deliver our holiday programmes which run the full length of the school holiday periods thus ensuring there are opportunities and activities for young people and their families during what can be a long and challenging period when the schools are closed. A highlight of the year as every other year was our Christmas programme which saw young people and families offered Christmas trips and a Christmas meal.

In 2025 we continued to deliver a wide range of residential opportunities and expeditions for young people and families. This included trips to areas such as the Lake District, Ardvullin, Lochwinnoch, Aberfoyle and Edinburgh among others. These residential experiences give participants the chance to explore new areas and experience new opportunities alongside their peers.

We continue to offer a high level of individual support for people of all ages, and this has included supporting people as they face challenges or issues such as mental health challenges, issues with school, employability, cost of living challenges and many others. By building positive lasting relationships with people, we can offer the most effective support for the individual as possible. We are forever grateful that people let us into their life and allow us to journey alongside them in the good times and the bad.

2025 saw some staff changes at Church House as we welcomed James as our new MDS to the role of Youth and Family worker, [REDACTED] has settled in well and we look forward to seeing the opportunities he develops for the local community in the future. We were sad to say goodbye to one of our programme leaders who had grown through the project from young person to volunteer to staff member. We hope they learned lots through their time with Churchy and wish them the best in their future career.

Looking forward 2026 will be an exciting time for Churchy as we continue to deliver and develop our offering of activities and support for people of all ages and their families. Throughout 2025 we have been fundraising towards our next international trips with groups heading off to Paris and Abu Dhabi in 2026. These opportunities provide invaluable experience of travel and new cultures for the young people who take part. These opportunities are fully funded by the young people and their families' fundraising efforts and we applaud them for their commitment and energy in making these dreams a reality.

Churchy would not be able to run the quantity of high-level service and support without our dedicated volunteers, young leaders and youth committee and board members. We thank them hugely for their continued commitment to Churchy and look forward to seeing their continued development as they support others.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team who regularly go over and above to provide opportunities and support to the local community. Quite frankly without the staff team regularly providing extra time and giving up chunks of their own lives many of the opportunities we provide would simply not happen.

Churchy is looking positively into the future in 2026 and we look forward to continuing and developing our service.

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Prospects and Finance

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Future Prospects

Church House continues to build on the outstanding performance of previous years particularly in developing new projects to offer to all children and adults in the Bridgeton area.

As always, this will depend on grant funding and it is encouraging to note that we are in a position to restore some staff positions, previous not replaced when funding ran out. Each year brings issues requiring attention but in the light of the quality of our staff, we have every confidence that [REDACTED] and his team will expand our operation and overcome all barriers which arise on the way.

We particularly thank [REDACTED] for the success he has achieved in his first full year as manager.

Finance

The successful year detailed in the manager's report was also reflected in our finances and we are pleased to return a surplus in the non restricted account of £21,215 (2024 = £2,482)

Towards the end of the year we invested £3,000 in an upgrade to our IT systems which will strengthen our security in the coming years.

A less welcome cost was a roof repair costing in excess of £5,000.

Despite this our overall expenditure was considerably less than budget, mainly due to staff vacancies not being fulfilled.

Income was in excess of budget mainly due to successful grant applications and high returns from bank interest.

Once again we recognise that we could not offer the facilities we do without the generous help of our donors and grant funders. We extend our grateful thanks.

Reserves

Our policy is to build up reserves to cover the likelihood of the Project Manager position and others being unfunded, as well as necessary financing of 6 months working capital. The current reserve of £157,918 in the unrestricted account is considered sufficient for these contingencies.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Irene Walker
Chair
Date

[REDACTED]

9/1/26

John Smeaton
Treasurer
Date

[REDACTED]

21/1/26

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Statement of Financial Activity

For the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income						
Donations (incl. Gift Aid)	28,601		28,601	23,813		23,813
Interest	8,919		8,919	4,792		4,792
Sundry	284		284	1,274		1,274
Restricted Accounts		201,984	201,984		178,369	178,369
	37,804	201,984	239,788	29,879	178,369	208,248
Fund transfers	142	(142)	0	196	(196)	0
Total Income	37,946	201,842	239,788	30,075	178,173	208,248
Expenditure						
NIC rebate	(10,500)		(10,500)	5,070		5,070
Insurance	5,188		5,188	4,979		4,979
Repairs	7,468		7,468	2,524		2,524
Minibus	1,371		1,371	2,425		2,425
Camps	0		0	0		0
Gas	709		709	963		963
Electric	2,495		2,495	2,485		2,485
Water	163		163	1,027		1,027
Cleaning	4,040		4,040	3,805		3,805
Group Costs	127		127	596		596
IT Costs	4,000		4,000	1,317		1,317
Printing and Stationery	777		777	1,063		1,063
Phone	331		331	306		306
Sundry	562		562	1,033		1,033
Restricted Accounts Computer		199,507	199,507		177,909	177,909
Total Expenditure	16,731	199,507	216,238	27,593	177,909	205,502
Surplus	21,215	2,335	23,550	2,482	264	2,746
Brought Forward	136,703	24,398	161,101	134,221	24,134	158,355
Carried Forward	157,918	26,733	184,651	136,703	24,398	161,101

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Cost		36,323	36,323
Grant		35,000	35,000
Depreciation	2	<u>1,323</u>	<u>1,323</u>
		0	0
Current Assets			
Cash & Bank		292,033	282,843
Add: Prepayments		4,288	4,110
Less: Creditors & Accruals	3	<u>111,670</u>	<u>125,852</u>
Net Assets		<u>184,651</u>	<u>161,101</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds			
Designated		0	0
General		<u>157,918</u>	<u>136,703</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>26,733</u>	<u>24,398</u>
Total Funds		<u>184,651</u>	<u>161,101</u>

Treasurer
Date

Church House, Bridgeton [SCIO]

Summary of Balances

As at 31st December 2025

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Opening Balance 1/1/2025	136,703	24,398	161,101
Income in year	37,804	201,984	239,788
Expenditure in year	16,731	199,507	216,238
Transfers	142	-142	0
Surplus	21,215	2,335	23,550
Balance carried forward	157,918	26,733	184,651

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Notes to the accounts for the 12 months to 31st December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on an Accruals basis

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense heading to which it relates.

2. Depreciation Policy

Assets in excess of £5,000 are capitalised.

Minibus depreciation is 20% per annum, straight line

3. Creditors

Grants awarded relating to future years

£ 110,612

Accruals

£ 1,058

£ 111,670

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Notes to the accounts for the 12 months to 31st December 2025 (cont'd)

5. Funds Movement	Balance B/F	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance C/F
Unrestricted					
General Fund	136,703	37,804	16,731	142	157,918
Restricted					
3 Robertson Trust		5,500	2,596		2,904
4 BBC Children in Need		26,487	26,487		
5 Abu Dhabi	6,351		246		6,105
6 Glasgow Community	518		518		
7 Glasgow Life		8,568	7,831		737
8 Glasgow City Council		49,122	49,122		
9 GCVC Health and Wellbeing	5,646		4,562		1,084
10 Area Partnership		421	421		
11 Family Community Fund		773	772		1
12 Childrens Holiday Scheme		1,000	537		463
13 Cash for Kids (radio Clyde)		3,588	3,420		168
14 Toy Trust		2,500			2,500
15 Ironmongers' Company		3,814	1,545		2,269
16 Garfield Western		13,389	13,389		
17 Clyde Gateway		500	500		
18 Hugh Fraser	4,420		2,752		1,668
19 Paris		3,521			3,521
20 Area Partnership residential and equipme	852		484		368
21 Communities fund - youth worker	4,000	8,223	12,222		1
22 Adventure Trust		500			500
23 Glasgow City Council		9,568	9,496	-72	
24 Cash for Kids	131		131		
25 Foundation Scotland		5,000	3,092		1,908
26 Duke of Edinburgh	940		406		534
27 Postcode Lottery		25,000	25,000		
28 Foundation Scotland		600	600		
29 Area Partnership	1,440		1,372	-68	
32 Area Partnership		2,910	1,217		1,693
36 Youth Scotland		1,000	984		16
34 Impact Funding	100		100		
35 Cash for Kids (Clyde)		5,000	4,998	-2	
39 Robertson Trust		25,000	24,707		293
Total Restricted	24,398	201,984	199,507	-142	26,733
All Funds	161,101	239,788	216,238		184,651

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Notes to the accounts for the 12 months to 31st December 2025 (cont'd)

6. Purpose of funds

General Fund	- Unrestricted operational income and expenditure
3 Robertson Trust	- Minibus training
4 BBC Children in Need	- Trainee supervisor
5 Abu Dhabi	- Outdoor adventures
6 Glasgow Community	- Mental Health and Wellbeing Activities
7 Glasgow Life	- Skateboarding activities
8 Glasgow City Council	- To cover staff salaries
9 GCVC Health and Wellbeing	- Activities 16+
10 Area Partnership	- Equipment
11 Family Community Fund	- Family activities
12 Childrens Holiday Scheme	- Summer Trips
13 Cash for Kids (radio Clyde)	- Spring programme
14 Toy Trust	- Residentials
15 Ironmongers' Company	- Projects
16 Garfield Western	- Projects
17 Clyde Gateway	- Holiday Activities
18 Hugh Fraser	- Outdoor activities
19 Paris	- Outdoor adventures
20 Area Partnership residential and equipment	- Residential & equipment
21 Communities fund - youth worker	- To fund a youth worker
22 Adventure Trust	- Residential
23 Glasgow City Council	- Holiday programme
24 Cash for Kids	- Christmas activities
25 Foundation Scotland	- Outdoor Activities
26 Duke of Edinburgh	- Training and Equipment
27 Postcode Lottery	- Staff salary
28 Foundation Scotland	- Summer programme
29 Area Partnership	- Christmas activities
32 Area Partnership	- Christmas activities
36 Youth Scotland	- Christmas activities & laptop
34 Impact Funding	- Adult outdoor activities & staff development
35 Cash for Kids, Radio Clyde	- Voucher Support
39 Robertson Trust	- Community & family support activities
43. Young Start Youth Leader	- Youth leader costs

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Church House, Bridgeton (SCIO)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

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 (as amended). The charity 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 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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

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
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

Signed:

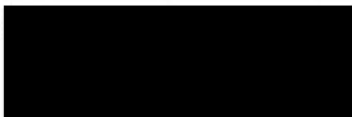


Name:



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: Taxation Technician

Address:



Date:

19 FEBRUARY 2026