

East Dunbartonshire Visually Impaired People's Forum

Scotland · Charity number SC041721

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2010-08-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	2 The Loaning Kirkintilloch East Dunbartonshire G66 4AF
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Website	www.edvip.org
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: The mission of the EDVIP is to empower blind and visually impaired people to achieve their maximum level of personal independence. The Forum actively promotes the welfare and development of the people in East Dunbartonshire to address problems which affect visually impaired people directly and indirectly. The group meet weekly and regularly invites guest speakers to provide information and advice on a range of topics of interest to members. The group also holds social events and outings which provides valuable social interaction,.

Beneficiaries: 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: The mission of the East Dunbartonshire Visually Impaired People's Forum is to empower blind visually impaired people to achieve their maximum level of personal independence. The Forum shall actively promote the welfare and development of the people in East Dunbartonshire to address problems which affect visually impaired people directly and indirectly, and to achieve and push for change.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Dunbartonshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-01	£1,429	£3,523	-	0
2024-08-01	£4,844	£3,349	-	0
2023-08-01	£3,204	£3,797	-	0
2022-08-01	£1,939	£2,148	-	0
2021-08-01	£314	£441	-	0

Accounts

East Dunbartonshire Visually Impaired People's Forum

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 1 August 2025**

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 1 August 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 1 August 2025.

Reference and Administration Information

Charity Name: East Dunbartonshire Visually Impaired People's Forum

Charity Number: SC041721

Principal Address

c/o Bob McNicol
2 The Loaning
Kirkintilloch
Glasgow
G66 4AF

Current Trustees

Carol Barrowman	Co-Chair
Isobel Campbell	Co-Chair
Alison Graham	
Andrew McAulay	
Ian McKinna	
Gloria Murdoch	
Nicola Scott	
Gillian Taggart	

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by a constitution amended in September 2015.

Appointment of Trustees

Members of the committee, which meets periodically, are the charity's trustees. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in May.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purpose: The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Main activities: East Dunbartonshire Visually Impaired People's Forum (EDVIP) carries out activities and services, in accordance with its purpose. The mission of the EDVIP is to empower blind and visually impaired people to achieve their maximum level of personal independence. The Forum shall actively promote the welfare and development of the people in East Dunbartonshire to address problems which affect visually impaired people directly and indirectly, and to achieve and push for change.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

The EDVIP Forum has continued to thrive in 2024/25. The group meet weekly in The Park Centre, Kirkintilloch and welcomed several new members during the year.

The Forum regularly invites guest speakers to provide information and advice on a range of topics of interest to members, such as welfare benefits and safety issues. The group also holds social events and outings which provides valuable social interaction, particularly to our members who live alone. Many of our members meet socially and participate in other relevant groups.

The Forum is grateful to our sighted volunteers, without whom the organisation would not be able to operate as it does. The Forum continues to go from strength to strength and the trustees and the members look forward to another successful year in 2025/26.

Financial Review

Our Treasurer's Report revealed that, as at the end of the financial year on 1 August 2025, our finances were in a healthy position, with a bank account balance of £3,402. Members pay a small charge at each meeting, which covers the cost of hall hire and refreshments. We are grateful to our Craft Group who make regular contributions from the sales of handmade cards and gifts.

The Forum holds fundraising events which enables it to support other charities. In 2024/25, we made financial contributions to the Marie Curie Hospice and Poppyscotland.

EDVIP move forward in 2025/26 in a strong position financially and with an enthusiastic committee who will ensure our charity's future is secure.

Approved by the trustees on 22 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Carol Barrowman

Isobel Campbell

Carol Barrowman, Co-Chair

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 1 August 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Council grant	-	1,722
Fund raising / donations	1,060	2,086
Craft sales	369	1,036
Total	<u>1,429</u>	<u>4,844</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Arts and crafts	99	185
Expenses	-	95
Transport and outings	2,313	1,569
Charity donations	390	800
Premises costs	721	700
Total	<u>3,523</u>	<u>3,349</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>1,495</u>

Statement of Balances as at 1 August 2025

Cash at bank and in hand as at 1 August 2024	5,496	4,001
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(2,094)	1,495
Cash at bank and in hand as at 1 August 2025	<u>3,402</u>	<u>5,496</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of East Dunbartonshire Visually Impaired Peoples Forum

I report on the accounts for the year ended 1 August 2025.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's 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 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 was 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, 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.

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Date: 10 April 2026