

Scotland's Churches Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC043105

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2012-04-23
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	15 North Bank Street Edinburgh EH1 2LP
Website	www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of religion', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: Scotland's Churches Trust is an independent built-heritage charity dedicated to protecting, preserving and promoting Scotland's unique inheritance of religious architecture. We support and advocate on behalf of the congregations and communities who sustain and maintain current and former places of worship, helping to safeguard these historic buildings and the stories, traditions and local identities that they embody. Alongside practical advice on routine maintenance, historical interpretation and community engagement, we also provide a national online directory that signposts tens of thousands of visitors each year to places of worship across Scotland. In recent years, as denominations make difficult decisions about their properties, we have also been assisting communities seeking to take on these closure-threatened buildings, developing as part of this activity an award-winning rapid-recording methodology to document quickly the fragile heritage contained within each site.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The organisation is established for charitable purposes only and, in particular, aims to advance the preservation, promotion and understanding of Scotland's rich architectural heritage represented in its churches and places of worship of all denominations. Its purposes are: 4.1 to advance heritage and religion by the preservation and upkeep of churches and other places of worship including churchyards. 4.2 to encourage churches and other places of worship to open to welcome visitors, tourists and pilgrims. 4.3 to advance education and promote understanding of the public about the history, art, architecture and traditions of churches and other places of worship and their position as a focal point in the community. and 4.4 to provide grants or donations to other charitable or religious individuals, bodies or organisations with aims or

objects analogous to purposes 4.1-4.3 or, more generally, with the common purpose of maintaining churches and other places of worship.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,143	£84,689	-	2
2024-03-31	£34,880	£76,830	-	2
2023-03-31	£44,928	£41,108	-	2
2022-03-31	£56,482	£94,244	-	2
2021-03-31	£38,245	£125,532	-	2