

Gourock Schools and Churches Together

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

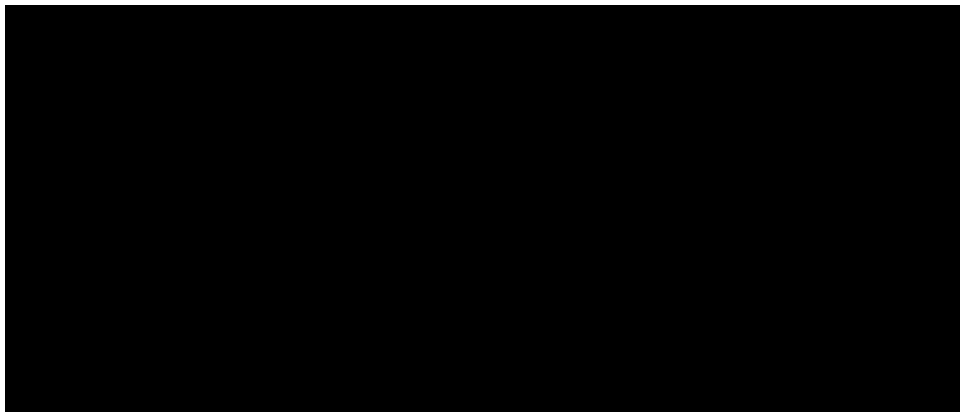
Charity No: SC046236

Gourock Schools and Churches Together
Year ended 31 January 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Gourock Schools and Churches Together

Charity Registration Number: SC046236



Principal Office

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Independent Examiner

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Bankers

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Gourock Schools and Churches Together Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 31 January 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

GSCT is a SCIO, the purposes and administration of which are set out in its constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

As detailed in the GSCT constitution, charity Trusteeship is open to any state-funded school, Roman Catholic Church, Baptist Church, Episcopal Church or Church of Scotland based or having a parish boundary within Gourock that subscribes to the purposes of the organisation and wishes to see them fulfilled.

Charitable Purposes

To promote social responsibility and awareness by co-ordinating Christian inter-denominational input to agreed curricular activities of pupils, normally aged 5 - 18 years, for the benefit of Gourock's population.

To advance and encourage good citizenship across the community through direct and indirect contribution to the social and religious education of Gourock's young people.

Activities and Achievements

During the year, the Charity continued to support the schools in their post-Covid activities, especially in relation to pupils with great need.

The Trustees were very pleased to be able to support the schools in various ways, including funding to offset costs of community concerts and also funding to provide assistance with mental health and wellbeing projects.

The Trustees were especially pleased to support the schools in two major projects during the year. Firstly, all of the schools were involved in a "Great Scots" project which culminated in a colourful and musical show performed by representatives from all of the schools in Old Gourock and Ashton Parish Church to school-mates, parents, friends and the community. Secondly, all of the schools participated in a wonderful project entitled "Gourock Schools and Churches Against Racism", which included schools working with a local artist to create a stained-glass window and culminated with the window being installed as a fixture in Gourock Station's main public area.

The Trustees continued outreach to the Gourock community by sending a Christmas card to every home in Gourock and through the annual church service, held in Old Gourock and Ashton Parish Church on the first Sunday of Advent, involving both Secondary Schools and all three Primary Schools along with the clergy from all of the Gourock Churches, parents, friends and members of the community.

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd)
Year ended 31 January 2024**

Trustee Remuneration

No trustee has received any remuneration during the year in their role as Trustee.

Reserves Policy

All of the GSCT's funds are unrestricted. Funding has been achieved via donation with this held in a Virgin Money account which draws a small amount of interest and a current account established during 2019 to remove delays in the distribution of funds. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at around 2-3 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees 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 (as amended).

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,


Chair

Date: 28th February 2025

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Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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


An 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material 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 Accounts Regulations have not been met, orto 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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Chartered Accountant
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PA19 1XT

Date : 1st March 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 January 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>Receipts</u>	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	3	12,000	-	-	12,000	12,000
Activities for Generating Funds	3	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		93	-	-	93	62
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>12,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,093</u>	<u>12,062</u>
<u>Payments</u>	4					
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		10,425	-	-	10,425	23,660
Governance Costs		674	-	-	674	-
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>11,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,099</u>	<u>23,660</u>
Excess of (Payments) over Receipts		<u>994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>994</u>	<u>(11,598)</u>

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Statement of Balances
At 31 January 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward at 31 January 2023		21,690		21,690	33,288
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		994		994	(11,598)
Transfers		-			
Funds at 31 January 2024		<u>22,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,684</u>	<u>21,690</u>
Bank and Deposit Balances carried forward at 31 January 2024					
- Virgin Money Savings Account		14,305		14,305	14,225
- Virgin Money Current Account		8,379		8,379	7,465
		<u>22,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,684</u>	<u>21,690</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Other Assets		-	-	-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Fee		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 28th February 2025.
For and on behalf of the Trustees

Chair

Trustee

Gourock Schools and Churches Together
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 January 2024

Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or a 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

	At 31 Jan 2023 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	21,690	12,093	11,099	-	22,684
Designated Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>21,690</u>	<u>12,093</u>	<u>11,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,684</u>
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>21,690</u>	<u>12,093</u>	<u>11,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,684</u>

Unrestricted Funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

There are no Designated or Restricted Funds in this year.

3. Analysis of Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Sharp Trust	12000	-	12000	12000
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4. Charitable Activities

Benevolent Funding	-	-	8850
Gourock Primary School (Nurture Rm)	300	300	-
Clydeview Academy (S U Trip)	1000	1000	1000
Laptops	-	-	6682
St Columba's Christmas Concert	880	880	-
Buses	540	540	180
Fischy Music Costs	-	-	825
Christmas Card Costs	1444	1444	1123
Great Scots Project	1898	1898	5000
GSCT Project Against Racism	3750	3750	-
Miscellaneous	613	613	-
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	10425	10425	23660
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Governance Costs	674	674	-
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