

The Runciman Apse Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC046772

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2016-08-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	St Patrick's RC Church 40 High Street Edinburgh EH1 1TQ
Website	www.runcimanapsetrust.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: Restore historically significant artwork in St Patrick's RC Church, Edinburgh

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

Objectives: The objects are the advancement of heritage and culture through restoring, reinstating, preserving and presenting to the public in their context the murals painted by Alexander Runciman in the Apse of St Patricks Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh ('the Objects').

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£4,500	£17,503	-	0
2024-08-31	£6,587	£1,710	-	0
2023-08-31	£7,948	£23,254	-	0
2022-08-31	£12,085	£29,369	-	0
2021-08-31	£2,079	£5,489	-	0

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Accounts

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Accounts and Trustees' Report
for the year ended
31 August 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

Rt Hon The Lord Hardie (Chairman)
Rt Rev Mgr Philip Kerr (Secretary)
Francis Gill (Treasurer) (resigned 20 Mar 25)
Rev Neil Gardner
Prof Duncan Macmillan (resigned 16 Dec 24)
Prof Peter Davidson (resigned 18 Dec 24)
Rev David Todd
Rev John McLuckie (resigned 20 Mar 25)
Dr Rory Lamb (appointed 22 May 25)

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Registered address

St Patrick's Church
40 High St
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Independent Examiner

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Structure, governance and management

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Objectives and activities

The objects are the advancement of heritage and culture through restoring, reinstating, preserving and presenting to the public in their context the murals painted by Alexander Runciman in the apse of St Patrick's Church, Edinburgh.

The main activities in relation to these objects are discussions with art restorers and the art departments of the Universities of Edinburgh, Northumbria and Oxford and local community groups to prepare a restoration plan and fulfilling this restoration plan.

Achievements and performance

In the course of the last year the following work was undertaken:

- An environmental report was commissioned to ascertain the effect of exposing the ceiling mural following the removal of covering layers of paint currently protecting it from the environment. We wish to know whether we need to protect the exposed painting from ultra-violet light and moisture in the atmosphere.
- Further tests have been undertaken by experienced conservators in order to provide a detailed estimate of the costs involved in removing the paint at present covering the mural. In the course of this work it has been judged that at the present time it would be too risky to proceed with the restoration until further scientific advancements have been made.

As a consequence the Trust will concentrate on how best to display the pendant paintings and await future developments which will enable the Ascension mural to be safely uncovered.

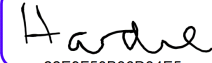
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Financial review

Funds are collected to facilitate future stages of the restoration project, which will be scheduled as funds allow. There is no formal reserves policy since activities are scheduled in response to successful fundraising to facilitate future stages of the project. At the year end, funds of £9,731 (2024 - £22,734) were held and were entirely unrestricted.

This report was approved by the trustees on 24 March 2026 and signed on its behalf.

Signed by:



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Rt Hon The Lord Hardie

Chairman

Runciman Apse Trust

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025 and the notes to the accounts which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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.

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Independent examiner's statement

1. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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

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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed by:

Douglas Rae

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Runciman Apse Trust**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

		2025	<i>2024</i>
		£	£
Income			
Donations, grants and legacies	1	4,500	6,587
Expenditure			
Fundraising costs		0	750
Costs of charitable activities	2	16,693	149
Governance costs	3	810	811
		<hr/> 17,503	<hr/> 1,710
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<hr/> (13,003)	<hr/> 4,877
Cash and bank balances at 1 September 2024		22,734	17,857
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<hr/> (13,003)	<hr/> 4,877
Cash and bank balances at 31 August 2025		<hr/> 9,731	<hr/> 22,734

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Assets		
Cash and bank balances	9,731	22,734
Gift aid debtor	500	-
	<hr/> 9,731	<hr/> 22,734
Liabilities		
Independent examination fee	750	720
	<hr/> 9,011	<hr/> 22,014
Net assets		

All funds of the charity are unrestricted.

The financial statements were approved and authorised by the trustees for issue and were signed on its behalf on 24 March 2026.

Signed by:

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Rt Hon The Lord Hardie
 Chairman

Runciman Apse Trust**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****1. Donations, grants and legacies**

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Donations		
Donations from trustees	2,000	-
Donations from individuals	-	25
Gift aid receipts	-	1,562
	<hr/> 2,000	<hr/> 1,587
Grants		
Creswick Trust	2,500	5,000
	<hr/> 2,500	<hr/> 5,000
Total	<hr/> <hr/> 4,500	<hr/> <hr/> 6,587

2. Costs of charitable activities

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Conservation planning and work	8,740	-
Web design and publicity	149	149
Construction services	3,576	-
Environmental surveying	4,228	-
	<hr/> 16,693	<hr/> 149
Total	<hr/> <hr/> 16,693	<hr/> <hr/> 149

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3. Governance costs

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Independent examination fee	720	720
Bank charges	90	91
Total	<u>810</u>	<u>811</u>

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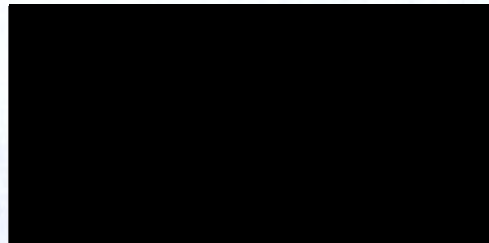
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The main activities in relation to these objects are discussions with art restorers and the art departments of the Universities of Edinburgh, Northumbria and Oxford and local community groups to prepare a restoration plan and fulfilling this restoration plan.

Achievements and performance

The main achievements of the charity during the financial year have been:

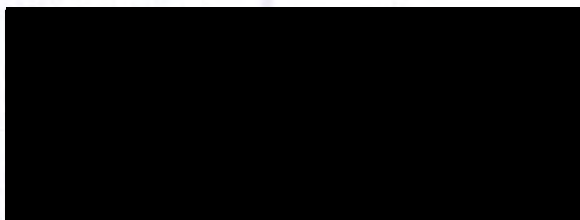
- Publicising the presence of Alexander Runciman's work within St Patrick's Church
- Preparation of a restoration plan for the work in conjunction with established experts
- Preparation for the restoration of the "Moses" pendant, including paint analysis work in conjunction with the University of Glasgow's Technical Art History department.

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Financial review

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This report was approved by the trustees on 20 March 2025 and signed on its behalf.



Chairman

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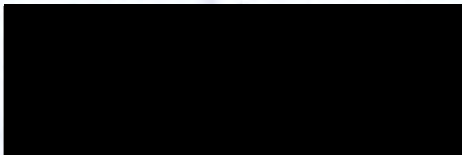
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24 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

		2024 £	2023 £
Income			
Donations, grants and legacies	1	6,587	7,948
Expenditure			
Fundraising costs		750	300
Costs of charitable activities	2	149	22,173
Governance costs	3	811	781
		<hr/> 1,710	<hr/> 23,254
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<hr/> <hr/> 4,877	<hr/> <hr/> (15,306)
Cash and bank balances at 1 September 2023		17,857	33,163
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		4,877	(15,306)
Cash and bank balances at 31 August 2024		<hr/> <hr/> 22,734	<hr/> <hr/> 17,857

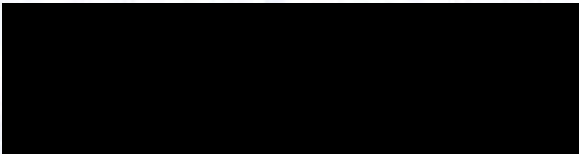
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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Assets		
Cash and bank balances	22,734	17,857
Gift aid debtor	-	1,000
	<hr/> 22,734	<hr/> 18,857
Liabilities		
Independent examination fee	720	720
	<hr/> 22,014	<hr/> 18,137

All funds of the charity are unrestricted.

The financial statements were approved and authorised by the trustees for issue and were signed on its behalf on 20 March 2025.



Chairman

Runciman Apse Trust

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Donations, grants and legacies

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations		
Donations from trustees	-	2,000
Donations from individuals	25	60
Gift aid receipts	1,562	-
	<hr/> 1,587	<hr/> 2,060
Grants		
Listed Place of Worship Scheme	-	5,888
Creswick Trust	5,000	-
	<hr/> 5,000	<hr/> 5,888
Total	<hr/> <hr/> 6,587	<hr/> <hr/> 7,948

2. Costs of charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Conservation planning and work	-	17,620
Web design and publicity	149	545
Construction services	-	4,008
Total	<hr/> 149	<hr/> 22,173

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3. Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination fee	720	720
Bank charges	91	61
Total	<u>811</u>	<u>22,173</u>