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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	9	2023	To	31	8	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Scottish Mathematical Council
Other names charity is known by	SMC
Registered charity number	SC046876
Charity's principal address	

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
1			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)


Structure, governance and management

## Type of governing document

The charity constitution is an incorporated association.

The organisational structure of the charity is a Council of all Trustees. The principal Office Bearers are Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and are appointed by the Council subject to the following conditions

- Council members cannot become Office Bearers until they have served one full year as ordinary members
- Should their appointment be effective from any point in their fourth, fifth or sixth year on the Council, Office Bearers may choose to serve the Council for at most seven years continuously

The Council is a participating body of the Joint Mathematical Council (<https://www.jmc.org.uk/>), and sends a representative to the Learned Societies Group of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (<https://www.rse.org.uk/policy/standing-committees/learned-societies-group/>).

The charity invites representatives of the Scottish Qualifications Authority and Education Scotland to its meetings in an Observer capacity – no voting rights are allocated. The Charity also provides funding for the SMC Mathematical Challenge, which has its own separate board, and has an agreement to provide funding for the Enterprising Mathematics in Scotland competition, which has its own board, should funding from the Institute of Actuaries be discontinued.

## Trustee recruitment and appointment

Extracts from the SMC constitution:

6. The Council shall consist of not fewer than thirteen but not more than sixteen full members, in addition to any associate members or observer members. The full member list shall include:
- (i) At least four who are or were university teachers including at least one from an education faculty and normally at least one university professor.
  - (ii) At least six who are or were school teachers.
  - (iii) At least one who is or was employed as a Local Authority education officer.
  - (iv) At least one who is or was employed in business or industry.

Additional persons may be co-opted as appropriate to the needs of the Council

8. The appointment of members and the lengths of membership shall be as set out below.

(i) Full members

Full members shall serve for a maximum of six years, with a review after the first three years. Following a period of full membership an outgoing full member shall not be eligible to serve as a full member of Council again until at least three years have elapsed. Nominations for full membership of the Council may be made by the Council, by an affiliated institution, society or organisation, by a group of persons or by an individual person, provided that each nominator has a university degree in mathematics, or is teaching mathematics in an early years, primary, secondary or tertiary institution, or is someone whose main employment is in some field of mathematical work. Self-nomination shall be permitted. All nominations, except those made by the Council, must be submitted in writing to the Secretary As and when vacancies are due to arise the Council shall, at the Council meeting immediately preceding the date when the vacancies will arise, appoint new full members of Council from the persons that have been nominated over the preceding year, bearing in mind the interests served by the Council. Full members of the Council shall be appointed for the service they can give individually and shall not be regarded as representatives of the particular institution, organisation or society to which they belong.

(ii) Associate members

Associate members shall serve for a period of one year, from 1 September in any calendar year to 31 August of the following calendar year. Associate members shall be eligible for re-appointment an unrestricted number of times. Appointment of associate members shall be made by the Council at the ordinary meeting of the Council normally to be held in the May preceding the commencement of the term of membership, or at such other Council meeting as the Council may determine should there be no meeting held in the relevant May.

(iii) Observer members

Observer members shall serve for a period of one year, from 1 September in any calendar year to 31 August of the following calendar year. Observer members shall be eligible for re-appointment an unrestricted number of times. Appointment of observer members shall be made by the Council at the ordinary meeting of the Council normally to be held in the May preceding the commencement of the term of membership, or at such other Council meeting as the Council may determine should there be no meeting held in the relevant May.

(iv) Disruption to key activities

Should any of the Council's key activities be disrupted due to circumstances outwith the Council's control, the member with lead responsibility for the activity can extend their tenure by one year, to support transition of responsibility.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

The main objectives of The Scottish Mathematical Council are to foster and improve mathematical education at all levels, and to encourage the advancement and application of mathematics throughout Scotland. For this purpose, the Council collaborates with educational, technological and industrial organisations and undertakes the following functions

- the promotion and co-ordination of conferences, special courses and instruction and retraining schemes
- the consideration of factors relating to the supply and deployment of trained mathematicians with special reference to the supply of teachers
- the giving of advice on curricula, syllabuses, examinations and other subjects of mathematical interest
- the collection and circulation of information and the publication of reports, articles, and other material of pedagogic interest
- the setting up of committees to consider and report on special problems and subjects
- the trusteeship of trusts established for the purposes associated with the objects of the Council
- involvement with Maths Week Scotland
- supporting the problem-solving competition Mathematical Challenge for primary and secondary school pupils
- supporting the running of the National Final of the competition Enterprising Mathematics in Scotland
- supporting the Mathématiques sans Frontières competition
- provision of bursaries for relevant course/qualifications

The SMC Journals are the main instruments for reporting on the above activities. These journals are published annually and the senior journal is sent to all secondary schools in Scotland as well as to many interested bodies in the UK and abroad. Both journals are freely available online via the Council's website.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Organisation of the spring SMC Conference for Primary and Secondary Mathematics Teachers. This conference includes one keynote speaker, the presentation of the year's SMC Achievement Award (if awarded) and a number of parallel sessions of workshops presented by members of the Scottish mathematical community.

Production of Journals for Secondary Mathematics Teachers. Articles are sought from members of the Scottish mathematical community (and beyond), including submissions on CPD, book reviews, and lesson ideas.

Production of Journals for Primary Teachers. Articles are sought from members of the Scottish mathematical community (and beyond), including submissions on CPD, book reviews, and lesson ideas.

Support Mathematical Challenge, Primary Enterprising Mathematics Competition, Mathématiques sans Frontières.

Creation of learning resources for secondary/primary school pupils during Maths Week Scotland.

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## Achievements and performance

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Organisation of a one-day conference for Primary and Secondary level Mathematics Teachers. Over 150 practitioners registered for this event with representatives from primary, secondary and tertiary establishments. [REDACTED] and very well-received keynote speech was delivered by [REDACTED] (who also delivered a pair of workshops). Thereafter, delegates were offered over thirty workshops which were led by members of the Scottish mathematical community. Book publishers and other organisations offered delegates the opportunity to view their wares at lunchtime seminars. This conference allows professionals to update their subject knowledge and work collaboratively with others to share practice.

A former member of the council [REDACTED] kindly compiled and added to some of his extensive writings to produce "On the Plus Side", a book that was edited and produced by the Council and then printed and given to delegates at the conference as a gift.

Production of Journal 53 for Secondary Mathematics Teachers, an 84-page edition featuring a range of articles, written by practising teachers and other members of the mathematical community – distributed to all secondary and further education establishments and made freely available online (<https://scottishmathematicalcouncil.org/resources-and-publications/>). This includes articles written by presenters at the 2023 conference, book reviews and reports on the various competitions supported by the Council.

Production of Journal 8 for Primary Teachers, a smaller, 24-page edition featuring those articles of most relevance and interest to primary teachers – distributed to primary establishments and also made available online (<https://scottishmathematicalcouncil.org/resources-and-publications/>).

The SMC financially supported the Mathematical Challenge, Primary Enterprising Mathematics and the Mathématiques sans Frontières competition.

The SMC also worked with the Scottish Government and National Museums of Scotland in supporting mathematics in Scotland, particularly with Maths Week Scotland Challenges.

Finally, the SMC again presented at the Energy festival at North Inch, Perth.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Scottish Mathematical Council aims to have a minimum reserve of £25,000 at the end of each financial year as we often have to expend money on the activities we organise before the income associated with these activities is received. £15,000 of the total reserve is intended to ensure that the SMC has sufficient cash to be able to manage this difference in timing of expenditure and income. The remainder of the reserve is held as a contingency fund, to cover events such as the loss of a major sponsor, a reduction in the number of delegates attending the SMC's annual conference or an increase in conference venue costs. This level of contingency fund should enable the SMC to continue to run all of its activities, in the likelihood of such an event occurring, and allow a period of time for other sources of funding to be secured thus ensuring we can continue to run all activities the following year.

The SMC may hold reserves above the target minimum level. A higher reserve could provide a greater contingency fund, providing a longer time period to recover from a single event of loss, or enabling the SMC to withstand two or more events of loss. Alternatively, reserves could be built up to provide the SMC with the financial platform to commit to additional activities.

### Details of any deficit

Following on from last year's report, delegate numbers at the SMC conference have continued to reduce. Coupled with increasing journal production costs and the cost to produce On the Plus Side, this has resulted in a deficit of approximately £7,400 for this financial year. The council have reduced in-person meetings to two per year to partially curb travel expenses. In addition, the Journals Editor has approached a new publisher and secured a more cost-effective route to printing the primary and secondary journals. Finally, the conference organiser has negotiated a reduced package with the University of Stirling which will allow the council to continue to offer subsidised tickets for students and participants from the Highlands and Islands. The council continues to depend heavily on grants from the Scottish Government and Glasgow Mathematical Journals Trust. The Council are continuing to seek an industrial/business council member for expert advice on wealth management.

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	05/05/25	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	9	2023		31	8	2024

## Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	700				700	968
Legacies					-	
Grants	16,600				16,600	12,650
Receipts from fundraising activities	8,169				8,169	9,404
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	335				335	273
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
other					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>25,804</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,804</b>	<b>23,295</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,804</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,804</b>	<b>23,295</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	9,271				9,271	10,225
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	20,223				20,223	15,474
Grants and donations	5,643				5,643	7,388
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>33,087</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>33,087</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(9,333)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,333)</b>	<b>(9,792)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(9,333)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,333)</b>	<b>(9,792)</b>

## Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year	32,214				32,214	42,006
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(9,333)				(9,333)	(9,792)
						-	
						-	
	<b>Cash and bank balances at end of year</b>	<b>22,881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,881</b>	<b>51,798</b>
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Investments</b>	95 Day Notice Investment Account	Unrestricted	21,294	20,625
		<b>Total</b>	<b>21,294</b>	<b>20,625</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B3 Other assets</b>					
		<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B4 Liabilities</b>				
		<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B5 Contingent liabilities</b>				
		<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval

			17 May 2025
			29 April 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted - purposes of enabling the charity to fund its charitable objectives and operational requirements

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Mathematiques sans Frontieres	Individual	5	283
Mathematical Challenge	Institution	2	4,000
Primary Enterprising Maths	Institution	2	1,000
Joint Conference of Mathematical Subject Associations Grant	Institution	3	360
		Total	5,643

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Hospitality / Subsistence costs for attending meetings, conferences	26	591
Travel costs for attending meetings, conferences	25	1,591

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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**Additional analysis (2)****5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
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Legacies					-	-
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Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Other					-	-
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Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,804</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,804</b>	<b>23,295</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	9,271				9,271	10,225
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Governance costs:	-				-	-
Audit / independent examination	-				-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
Other	-				-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>33,087</b>
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Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(9,333)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,333)</b>	<b>(9,792)</b>
<b>Nature and purpose of funds</b>						



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**Additional analysis (3)****6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
other					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Nature and purpose of funds</b>						

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>  <b>Registered charity number</b>  <b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>  <b>Set out on pages</b>	Charity name	Scottish Mathematical Council					
	SC	04687					
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	9	23	to	31	8	24
							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>  <b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper to be reached.</p>						
<b>Signed**</b> <b>Name</b>	[Redacted]			<b>Date:</b>	19.3.2025		
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>  <b>Address:</b>	<p>BA Hons Accounting and Business Law Bursar, Jordanhill School</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>						

\*Please delete the words in the bracket on the following page.

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those matters which have come to your attention on the

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**Disclosure section**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose