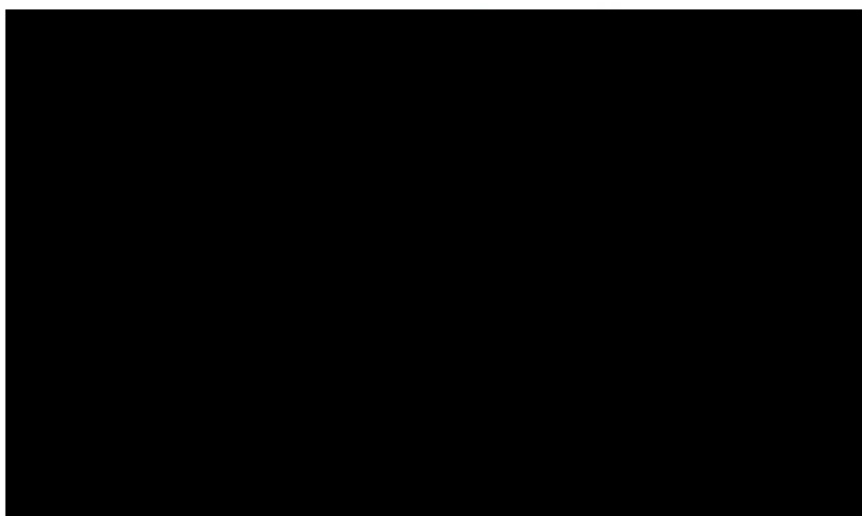




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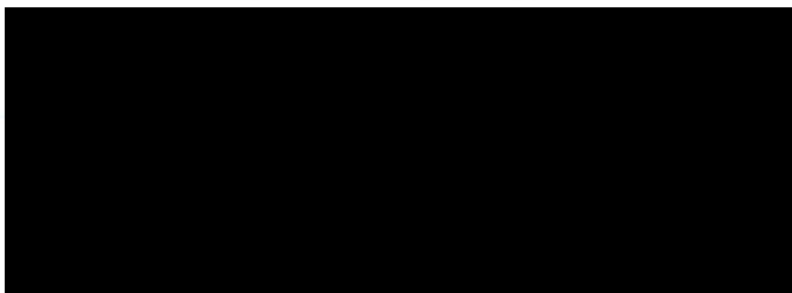
Trustees' Annual Report

Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March
2025

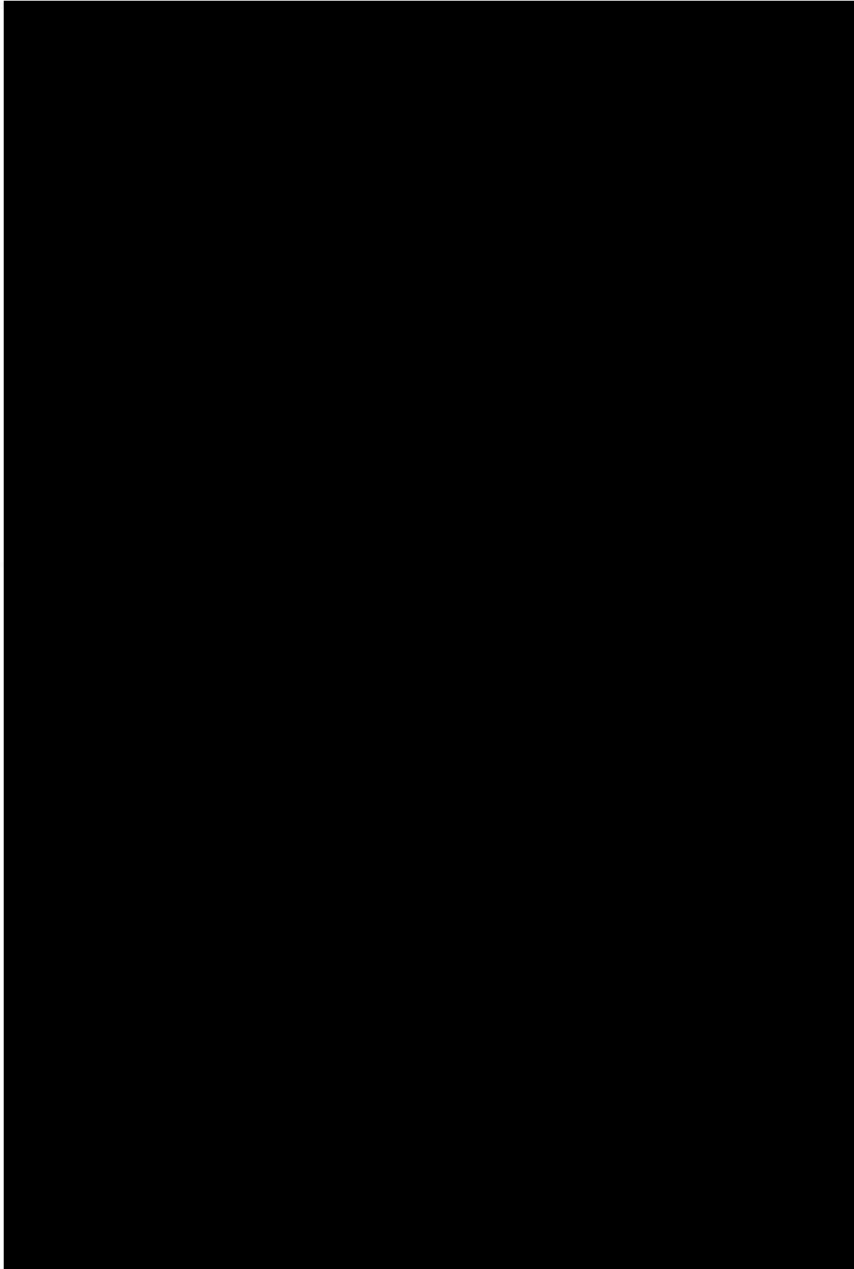


Charity contact information

Scottish Charity Number: SC047483



Charity Trustees and Members



Objectives and activities

Edinburgh Diwali is a Scottish registered charity (SC047483) with the following aims and objectives:

- To promote Festivals that could cater to specific needs of ethnic communities settled in Scotland particularly Edinburgh.
- To advance of the education of the public about Indian art and culture through festivals
- To promote, facilitate, revive, and organise predominantly Indian art, cultural and literary activities among the local and ethnic minority community in Edinburgh and in the East of Scotland

Edinburgh Diwali is a community led organisation started in 2015, as an initiative by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh in collaboration of Indian diaspora, to bring Diwali-Festival of Lights, the most famous Indian Festival to Edinburgh so that the mainstream community can Share, Participate and Celebrate the Victory of Good over Evil.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Constitution, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The organisation is led by 20-member committee, all volunteers & working professionals with their origin in different parts of India and now resident of Edinburgh, from different faiths.

Achievements and performance

Edinburgh Diwali has successfully organised the public Diwali festival every year since its inception in 2015. Our Diwali celebration is multi-cultural and open to all with free entry, with vibrant parade, live music & dance, and firework finale in the city centre of Edinburgh. It has emerged as one of the most popular communities led events in Edinburgh with a attendee's footfall of 10k each year and showcase the performance of more than 150 artists.

- Winner of National Lottery People Fund in 2019 (based on voting).
- Listed as one of the seven places in the world to celebrate Diwali, in Telegraph online in 2020

Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds in reserve to ensure the charity's ability to fulfil its charitable objectives.

The Accounts show a Deficit of £5,100 and Cash and Bank Balances as at 31st March 2025 of £9,622.

Future plans

We would like to expand further in the future years with bigger and more inclusive Diwali event, continuing to keep it open to all and free to attend. We would also endeavour to re-start our structured engagements with primary schools. Our biggest challenge is getting the funding arranged so our plan would be to focus on expanding the base of potential funders in future.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Designation

TREASURER

Date

17.12.2025

APPENDIX 3

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Scottish Charity Regulator

Independent examiner's report on the accounts								V2
Report to the trustees/members of	Edinburgh Diwali							
Registered charity number	SC047483							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	04	2024	to	31	03	2025	
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<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>							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<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>							
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper view of the accounts to be reached.</p>							
Signed:	[Redacted Signature]				Date:	22/11/24		
Name:	[Redacted Name]							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA							
Address:	[Redacted Address]							

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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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
	1st	April	2024		31st	March	2025

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 £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants		19,850			19,850	22,340
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		5,951			5,951	6,011
					-	
A1 Sub total	-	25,801	-	-	25,801	28,351
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	25,801	-	-	25,801	28,351
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		30,691			30,691	24,059
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination		210			210	250
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	-	30,901	-	-	30,901	24,309
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	30,901	-	-	30,901	24,309
Net receipts / (payments)	-	(5,100)	-	-	(5,100)	4,042
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	(5,100)	-	-	(5,100)	4,042

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year		14,722			14,722	10,680
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		(5,100)			(5,100)	4,042
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	9,622	-	-	9,622	14,722
B2 Investments	Details			Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
				Total	-	-	
B3 Other assets	Details			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
				Total	-	-	-
B4 Liabilities	Details			Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
	Other creditors					250	
				Total	-	250	
B5 Contingent liabilities	Details			Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
				Total	-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature		Print Name		Date of approval	
						17/12/25	

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Grants		19,850	19,850	22,340
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	19,850	19,850	22,340

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sponsorship		5,951			5,951	5,651
Miscellaneous income					-	360
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	5,951	-	-	5,951	6,011

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Diwali parade		2,838			2,838	3,131
Marquee hire and decoration		7,955			7,955	6,239
Fireworks		5,250			5,250	5,000
Scottish Parliament Reception		2,992			2,992	
Sound system hire		-			-	1,200
Security and cleaning					-	
Insurance		476			476	423
Licence fee and Council charges		429			429	322
Performers, travel, accomodation and dinner		6,080			6,080	5,620
Zoom & webhosting		198			198	245
Miscellaneous expenses		206			206	529
Kannada Association		350			350	
Musicians and videographer					-	
Publicity, campaign and photography		2,067			2,067	
Design		150			150	150
Storage and fixed costs		1,200			1,200	1,200
AGM Dinner		500			500	
Total	-	30,691	-	-	30,691	24,059