

Old St Peter's Kirk Preservation Association

Scotland · Charity number SC048879

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2018-11-29

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 73 Upper Burnside Drive
Thurso
Caithness
KW14 7XB

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: The preservation and restorative works of Old St Peter's Kirk and its graveyard for current and future generations

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Organisation was formed to benefit the community of people resident in Thurso and in any other place who value Old St Peter's Kirk and who will work together to preserve the kirk and its environs, together with its history, culture and heritage (the 'Community'), with the following purposes (the 'Purposes'):

4.1 The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science including: The preservation, including restorative works, of Old St Peter's Kirk, Thurso and its graveyard for current and future generations. 4.2 The advancement of citizenship or community development (including rural or urban regeneration and the promotion of civic responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities)

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£4,664	£3,446	-	0
2024-11-30	£9,064	£11,335	-	0
2023-11-30	£9,690	£1,027	-	0
2022-11-30	£1,095	£803	-	0
2021-11-30	£115	£140	-	0
2020-11-30	£135	£0	-	0

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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
	01	December	2024		30	November	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	3,194				3,194	2,739
Grants		668			668	4,450
Receipts from fundraising activities	802				802	1,875
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
A1 Sub total	3,996	668	-	-	4,664	9,064
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,996	668	-	-	4,664	9,064
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,778	668			3,446	11,335
Governance costs:						
Independent examination	-				-	
A3 Sub total	2,778	668	-	-	3,446	11,335
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,778	668	-	-	3,446	11,335
Net receipts / (payments)	1,218	-	-	-	1,218	(2,271)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,218	-	-	-	1,218	(2,271)

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	7,498	830			8,328	10,599
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	1,218	-			1,218	(2,271)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	8,716	830	-	-	9,546	8,328
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Christina Ann Doake	Christina Ann Doake	27 April 2026
Eric Roger Saxon	Eric Roger Saxon	27 April 2026

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

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)	x
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

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

C6 Other information

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 £
Memberships / donations	3,194				3,194	2,739
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	3,194	-	-	-	3,194	2,739

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Community Regeneration Fund	-	-	-	2,250
Caithness & North Sutherland Fund	-	468	468	900
Baillie Wind Farm Fund	-	-	-	1,300
The Scottish Civic Trust	-	200	200	-
Total	-	668	668	4,450

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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 £
					-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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 £
Insurance	140				140	140
Booklets / Notelets	314				314	625
Promotional Pens	286				286	-
Christmas Cards	777				777	50
Website / Domain	132	468			600	-
Printing Costs	929	200			1,129	-
Donation to Boys Brigade	200				200	-
Purchase of 3D Cards					-	75
Structural Report					-	2,160
Laser Survey					-	2,220
Drawings					-	1,080
Architect's Report					-	4,910
Sundries					-	75
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	2,778	668	-	-	3,446	11,335

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	12	2023	To	30	11	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Old St Peters Kirk Preservation Association
SC048879
73 Upper Burnside Drive
Thurso
Caithness
Postcode KW14 7XB

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		Chairman		
2				
3			Resigned 31.5.24	
4		Treasurer		
5				
6		Secretary		
7			Resigned 31.5.24	
8			Resigned 31.5.24	
9				
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20				

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)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The former unincorporated association became a SCIO and registered charity on 29 November 2018.

The charity is governed by its Constitution as a one tier SCIO operating under OSCR guidance.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees are elected by a member vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science including the preservation, including restorative works, of Old St Peter's Kirk, Thurso and its graveyard for current and future generations.

The advancement of citizenship or community development (including rural or urban regeneration and the promotion of civic responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities).

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Working with The Highland Council to acquire the Kirk under community asset transfer legislation.

Research the Kirk's history and interpret it for citizens and visitors.

Achievements and performance

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

Last year, we reported on the condition surveys we had planned as one of our main charitable objectives being preservation of the monument and for interpretation and education. We secured funding not only for the surveys but also to develop a website. We have spent many months in discussion with the council and Historic Environment Scotland which were not helped by council reorganisation and staffing changes. We are finally getting closer to seeing some physical restoration work carried out. We have been encouraged by HES to submit Scheduled Monument Consent for repairs to the monuments inside the kirk. This should allow entry once again which will allow us to weed the area and clean up any litter. Our first structural priority with preservation of the Kirk are the repairs to the roof of the Bishops Apartment which will need a separate permission as a structural design will be required for this and will take time. Funding will have to be sourced for this. The setting up of a website has been setback due to illness of our supplier, and we need to restart with a new provider. We do, however, have a skeleton of a website already in place, and it's a case of continuing to progress this once a new developer has been assigned. We have had a full year of visits and thanks to our volunteers who try to be present for a few hours every day (weather permitting). Visitors are surprised and delighted to get a personal tour plus leaflet information in multiple languages, we have added Spanish and Catalan to our collection, and we have many great comments in our visitors' book. Donations are healthy as a result. We have recorded over 2000 visitors to the Kirk over the past year, but we know there are many more who visit when we are not present. Over the year we had 15 cruise ship visits, potentially 12,000 tourists, but often the smaller ships yield more visitors than the larger ones. We took part in the national 'Doors Open' days in September 24 and will do so again in 2025. We held a special St Peter's Day Open Day on 29th June 2024 which, although wet, was well attended. For it we produced a leaflet thanking our funders and highlighting the links between the Kirk and the town of Thurso. We also launched our Aurora notelets and 3D cards for sale and sales of our exclusive 2024 Christmas Card, designed by a local artist are going very well. Thanks also to a local author for copyright permission for their book on the history of the kirk, which we will get reprinted to help raise funds. Over the next 12 months, in addition to pursuing preservation works and welcoming visitors, we hope to launch our website, implement a QR code for donations and source a method of taking card payments both for donations and merchandise.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No set policy but we look to have sufficient on reserve to allow the charity to work towards achieving its objectives.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)		
	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	16 July 2025	16 July 2025

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,739				2,739	2,432
Grants		4,450			4,450	6,750
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,875				1,875	508
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
A1 Sub total	4,614	4,450	-	-	9,064	9,690
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,614	4,450	-	-	9,064	9,690
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	965	10,370			11,335	1,027
Governance costs:						
Independent examination	-				-	
A3 Sub total	965	10,370	-	-	11,335	1,027
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	965	10,370	-	-	11,335	1,027
Net receipts / (payments)	3,649	(5,920)	-	-	(2,271)	8,663
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,649	(5,920)	-	-	(2,271)	8,663

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	3,849	6,750			10,599	1,936
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,649	(5,920)			(2,271)	8,663
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	7,498	830	-	-	8,328	10,599
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

16 July 2025

16 July 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			Total	-

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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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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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 £
Memberships / donations	2,739				2,739	2,432
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	2,739	-	-	-	2,739	2,432

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £		Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Community Regeneration Fund	-	2,250		2,250	6,750
Caithness & North Sutherland Fund	-	900		900	-
Baillie Wind Farm Fund	-	1,300		1,300	-
Total	-	4,450		4,450	6,750

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 £
					-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 £
Insurance	140				140	140
Booklets	625				625	120
Stationery	-				-	133
Christmas Cards	50				50	428
BB Donation	-				-	100
Sundries	75				75	22
Trial Merchandise	-				-	84
Purchase of 3D Cards	75				75	-
Structural Report		2,160			2,160	-
Laser Survey		2,220			2,220	-
Drawings		1,080			1,080	-
Architect's Report		4,910			4,910	-
Total	965	10,370	-	-	11,335	1,027

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						
Report to the trustees/members of		Old St Peter's Kirk Preservation Association						
Registered charity number		SC048879						
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		01	December	2023	to	30	November	2024
Set out on pages		6 to 9						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
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) 2005 Act 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		My 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement		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, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed:								
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
Address:								