

Friends of Ashton

Scotland · Charity number SC049543

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2019-08-20
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Ashton Secondary School
100 Avenue End Road
Glasgow
G33 3SW

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education','the advancement of public participation in sport','the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended','the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: The charity is set up to support young people who have a complex learning disability and or complex needs and their families to be included in their immediate, local and wider communities. The outcome of which is meaning and purpose for life

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 The advancement of Education for young people with complex health, physical and learning needs 4.2 The advancement of Sport for young people with complex health, physical and learning needs 4.3 The provision of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities are intended (for young people with complex health, physical and learning needs) 4.4 The promotion of equality and diversity in relation to disability 4.5 The relief of those in need by reason of ill health / disability

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-08-31	£185,677	£183,594	-	0
2023-06-30	£136,839	£125,582	-	0
2022-07-31	£63,207	£106,110	-	0
2021-08-31	£75,353	£48,574	-	0
2020-08-31	£45,326	£16,393	-	0

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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	01	07	2023	To	31	08	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity nu
Charity's principal ad

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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				
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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)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Trustee recruitment and appointment

No changes over period

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

- 4.1- Advancement of Education for young people with complex health, physical and learning needs
- 4.2 - Advancement of Sport for young people with complex health, physical and learning needs
- 4.3 - Provision of recreational activities with object of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom facilities are intended
- 4.4 - Promotion of equality and diversity in relation to disability
- 4.5 - Relief of those in need by reason of ill health / disability

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The charity provides a number of experiences which meet the aspirations of our purpose.

- > providing accessible and safe play for young people with complex learning needs. This includes providing opportunities for families to attend outwith school hours to develop positive experiences in a safe and familiar environment.
- > Access to nature include the building of a pond within the site of seven lochs.
- > Opportunities to develop healthy bodies and meaningful experiences for life with our fully functioning and accessible Gym
- > Community cafe for families to attend and share experiences and develop social opportunities
- > Access to a Sensory Library which opens the joy of words to All young people
- > Cafe of Tour - Showcasing the abilities of young people to wider communities promoting complex learners ability to participate and give to society
- > Develop opportunities to learn

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Achievements and performance

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

Friends of Ashton has had a very busy period
Cafe / Cafe on Tour
The significant investment in Cafe resources has seen 65 young people benefit from work experience. Of those 15 were from our extension. The community aspect of the Cafe has seen over 300 people visit to purchase food and drink. Feedback has been very positive and young people are thriving in relation to Communication, Social Skills and Independence. Families have reported very positively regarding the opportunities to attend a relaxed environment with their children with one parent's attestation voicing for all others
" I feel like I'm home, in fact better than home i have opportunities to be happy with my child and seeing them achieve is priceless. I cannot tell you how important i feel when telling people my son is working. I know he is safe and he is loved and for the only time in my week i can speak to other adults. " (parent)
The Cafe on Tour has supported 15 young people engage with working in a range of contexts - 7 company visits and 350 drinks and cakes. Young people were able to develop communication in familiar and unfamiliar contexts for learning and the profile of complex learners has been raised across the city.
Our playground and play experiences for young people with complex needs goes from strength to strength since its development between 2018 and 2024. There are now 7 playgrounds each having a focus which ensures all learners can access outdoor play. Young people age 7-18 from across Glasgow have attended sessions with 74 families benefitting from sessions organised. Our Sensory garden supports many of our young people experience outdoor activities which stimulate the senses and following its completion is a firm favourite for pupils and their families
Our food to plate work has seen 185 young people access food growing programmes. This has included enterprise activities where 200 soup bags were provided to support families in our community, winning Gold at the Trades Hose Pallet garden competition, 8 families engaging with food education with grow bags for home and fruit and vegetables grown and used in cooking - Tomatoes, cucumber, onions, garlic, lettuce, strawberries, blueberries, potatoes, chives.
Our jam making business has developed the skills for young people in relation to developing the young workforce and partnerships with other charities has ensured 28 young people have accessed skill development. The jam making business is now self sustaining. To date we have sold 234 pots of Strawberry jam and gifted 47.
We supported the acquisition of an immersive room which has seen the advancement in learning core skills prior to participating in the community for 160 learners. The engagement , motivation and passion to learn has been harnessed through the room which has seen 16 pupils successfully transfer skills into their local community.
After negotiations with Glasgow City Council and a number of preservation societies, our seven lochs pond project has finally seen partnerships with local trades, volunteers, charities, young people and families come together to begin to transform an area within Hogganfield loch into a nature sanctuary where young people with complex learning, physical and health needs can easily access the outdoors whilst promoting sustainability. This has been a tremendous project which has highlighted the benefits of working together. It is currently partially finished and we hope to complete this next year.
One of our accomplishments was to purchase a mini-bus to support young people access both their local and wider communities. This has come to fruition and we took delivery of a 17 seater minibus with a tailift which means that we are fully accessible for all experiences in Glasgow and beyond. This supported 14 young people attend a residential experience away from home for 4 nights reducing the cost to families with regards to transport.
Our supporters have ensured that every child is able to attend a residential experience and over the period 28 young people attended overnight stays at an outdoor adventure centre participating in Canoeing, Rock climbing, Swimming, Walking, Swinging, Archery, pony riding,. These experiences are a once in a lifetime opportunity as the centre is purpose built to ensure complex health needs can be accommodated. The charity donations made it possible by ensuring that the cost of living did not prohibit participation and every young person had a positive outcome.
Our fight against poverty has seen us gain support for a Breakfast club, Food pantry and Second hand clothes shop. We have supported 185 young people access a healthy start to the day, 85 families with regular food parcels, 120 family food vouchers and a termly clothes collection point. This is having a significantly positive effect on our families with 100% of those in receipt of support stating that it has helped them at home.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's reserves are in place to support on-going and new projects. funders have provided grants to support our projects but many of the reserves are still in place as we have not secured our budget for spends yet.
We are currently fundraising for a minibus with a tail lift, a work related project which supports young people into voluntary and paid work in the local community, an inno-walk and continued support for our cafe and food related projects

Details of any deficit

No deficit

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)	chair of Trustees	Treasurer
Date	29.05.2025	29.05.2025

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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	July	2023		31	August	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	12352.38	0			-	12352.38
Legacies	0	0			-	
Grants	0	141425.68			-	141425.68
Receipts from fundraising activities	0	0			-	
Gross trading receipts	0	0			-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	0	0			-	
Rents from land & buildings	0	0			-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	0	0			-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	12352.38 -	141425.68 -	-	-	-	153778.06 -
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0	0			-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	0	0			-	
A2 Sub total	12352.38 -	141425.68 -	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12352.38 -	141425.68 -	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	0	0			-	
Gross trading payments	0	0			-	
Investment management costs	0	0			-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	0	0			-	
Grants and donations	0	0			-	
Governance costs:	0	0			-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	0	0			-	
Purchase of investments	0	0			-	
A4 Sub total	0 -	0 -	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12352.38 -	141425.68 -	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	0	71791	0	0	-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	-	2083 -	-	-	-	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	73874 -	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	0		0	0
		Total	0 -	0 -

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	0		0	0	0
		Total	-	0 -	0 -

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	0			
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities	0			
		Total	-	-

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

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

			29.4.25
			29.4.25

* Please note - OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

The funds are in relation to projects which the Charity has applied for in relation to the charitable purpose.
Attached spreadsheet shows the projects and item expenditure for the account period.
The projects that have been successful this period include

- > Garden - food for thought / Jam / Wildlife pond / Sensory Garden / Playground / Fruit & Flowers / Soup kitchen
- > Enterprise - Cafe / Candles / Cafe on Tour / Immersive room / Minibus / Drive Deck / Shop
- > Residential - Holiday and Day trips
- > Christmas - Experience for families
- > Cost of living - Family support / Swap Shop / Breakfast Club / food pantry / pre-loved shop

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Please see attached spreadsheet			
Total			153778 -

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	£
	0

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	£
		0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
			0

C6 Other information

Accounts for year ending 31st August have been submitted 1 week late. This is due to the Chair of trustees having a Significant family emergency over a 9 month period.

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 £
Please see attached spreadsheet					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-

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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
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					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

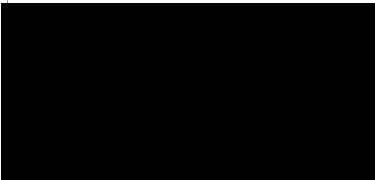
	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
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					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	Friends of Ashton					
	Registered charity number	SC 049453					
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	07	2023	to	31	08	2024
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement Independent examiner's statement	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. 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. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 1. 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 2. 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:				Date:	05.06.2025		
	Bachelors in Accounting & Finance 1st Class hon						
							

*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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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