

Kirsty Maxwell Killed Abroad Holistic Support Charity

Scotland · Charity number SC049569

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2019-08-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	3 Nicholson Way Livingston West Lothian EH54 8LS
Website	https://kirstymaxwellcharity.co.uk/

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of health', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: This charity was set up in memory of Kirsty Maxwell whose life tragically ended in unexplained suspicious circumstances whilst was on holiday in Benidorm, Spain on 29th April 2017. Kirsty's family have had to (and continue to) campaign and fight for truth, answers and progress regarding the loss of Kirsty. We hope that some good can from the tragic loss of Kirsty with our charity by being able to support other families unfortunate to find themselves in similar terrible circumstances as we are. No family should ever have to experience what we have had to deal with however sadly it will happen again to others and we hope that what we have learned can be used to offer assistance, advice and support for other families having to deal with a death abroad. •Help, Advise and Sign- Post you to what you need to do •Put you in touch with the relevant expertise •Advise you regarding fund raising •Share our experiences and provide empathetic sincere advice.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: 4 The organisations purposes are the advancement of health and wellbeing, and the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, by providing support and assistance to those primarily from Scotland but also those from other parts of the UK who suffer a bereavement in respect of a death that occurred outwith the UK. and (without prejudice to that generality) in particular by: 4.1 The provision of assistance in accessing counselling and support services, and any other

practical support, for individuals and families affected by the death of someone who died outwith the UK. 4.2 The provision of support (financial or otherwise), and assistance in accessing such support provided by others, to individuals and families in respect of the practical arrangements for funerals (including, if appropriate, returning the deceased to their home country) of those who have died outwith the UK. 4.3 The provision of support (financial or otherwise), and assistance in accessing such support provided by others, to individuals and families in respect of the investigation of, or any criminal or civil proceedings in respect of, a death that occurred outwith the UK (whether any such investigation or proceedings takes place in the UK or elsewhere).

Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-08-31	£317	£257	-	0
2023-08-31	£692	£2,316	-	0
2022-08-31	£3,845	£84	-	0
2021-08-31	£1,555	£373	-	0
2020-08-31	£5,965	£661	-	0

Accounts



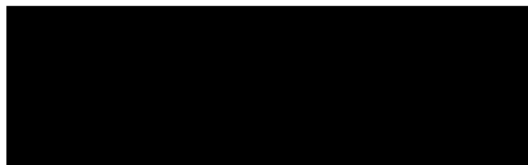
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Support Charity**

**Trustees' Annual Report
September 2023 to August 2024**

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Telephone number 

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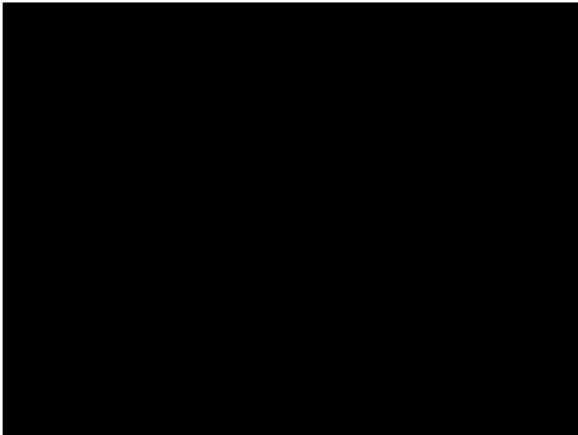
Website: - kirstymaxwellcharity.co.uk

Twitter: - @KirstyMCharity

<https://www.instagram.com/kirstymaxwellcharity>

Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year



Objectives and activities

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- .Strictly confidential we follow the wishes of enquiries to remain anonymous and will not release their details or case files.

Structure, governance and management

Registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

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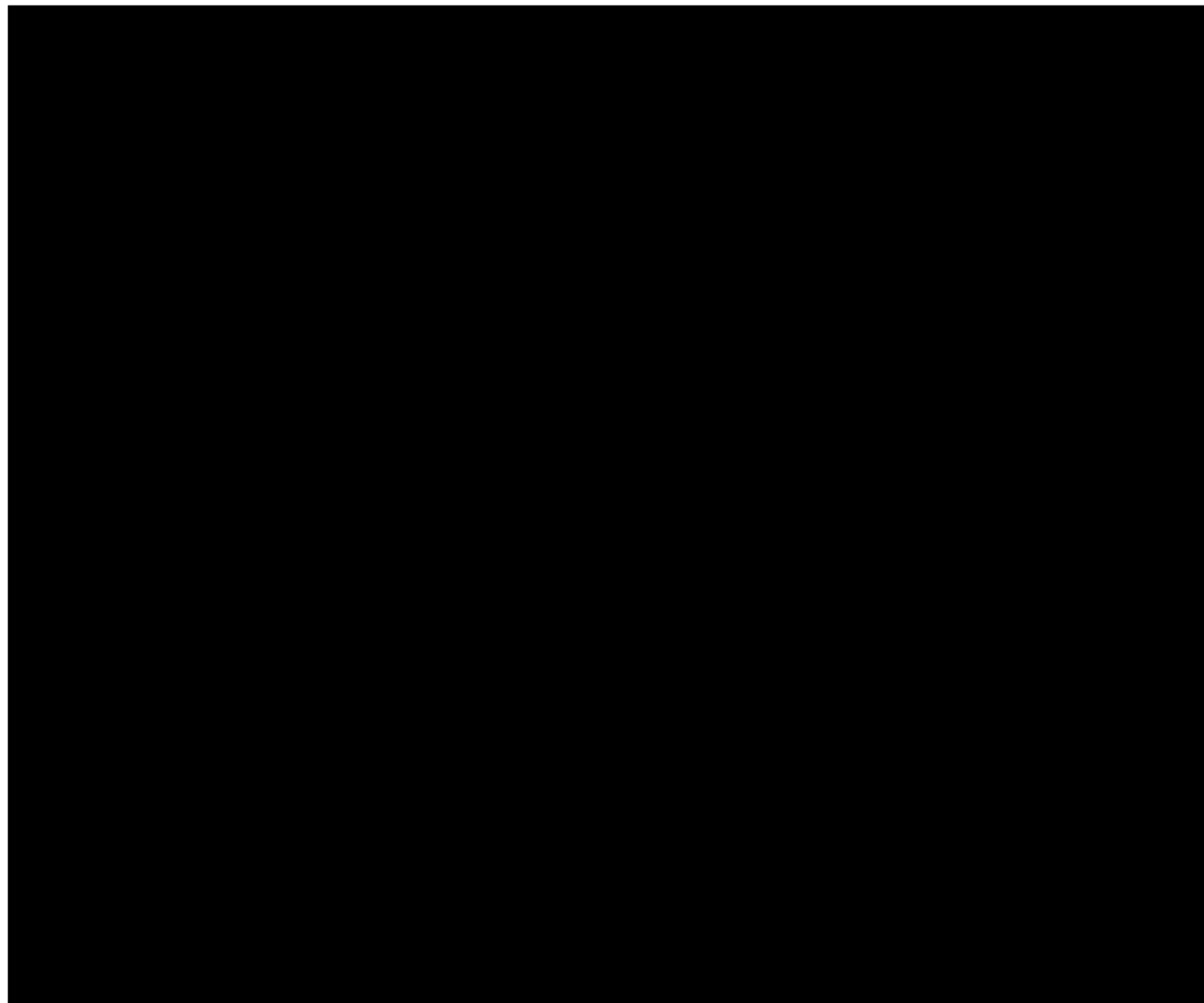
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Death that occurred out with the UK;

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All trustees on board are volunteers who have been brought on board by
invitation as people who have the relevant skills both practical and
theoretical to ensure we have the necessary skills to help run the charity on
behalf of those requiring our services.

Achievements and performance

- We have continued to be available 24/7 to assist support and listen to people who come to us with hope to help them get the answers they seek.
- We have managed to sign post, advise those in need what their next steps could be to further their cause.
- We have a great network to tap into including translators and case reviewers.
- We have been thanked for our courteous and understanding but most of all our sincerity and confidentiality in dealing with what is distressing circumstances.
- We have managed to become part of and have a substantial input into the recently released Scottish Government MOU Scotland guidance on Deaths abroad.
- push and exert pressure on relevant bodies and to give leverage to those left abandoned by authorities with nowhere else to turn.
- Our volunteers give up their own free time to help and assist whenever they can.



Our Trustees and Volunteers attend events to enable the public to our charity and its cause and assistance we can offer.

Financial review

We have like other charities suffered from the lasting financial issues from Covid. These are challenging times where people do not readily carry or have cash to spare donations and contributions.

However we have been meeting our goal of helping and assisting others to get the services and help they seek. We also are gearing ourselves up to meet the policy on ensuring those we assist remain confidential.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We intend to use all monies within the account to assist families as per our organisation's charitable purposes.

We shall ring fence an amount of £1000.00 for emergency use.

This we feel is a minimum amount we must maintain in order to enable the charity to function as a Support charitable organisation to help and assist in fighting for families and other victims of loved ones killed abroad.

Future plans

We will remain active in seeking to address the imbalance that resides between the Legal systems within the United Kingdom.

We are in continued consultive talks with the COPFS, Scottish Government and VSS on a MOU document to assist those from Scotland with a loved one killed abroad.

The mitigating differences between the COPFS system in Scotland and the Coroner system in England and Wales has shown that those families from Scotland are perhaps at a disadvantage from the onset.

In our opinion more should be done in all UK legal systems to help those families get more help and assistance when dealing with a loved one who has been killed abroad.

Additional information

We have been humbled and surprised at the enquiries we have received from families all over the UK seeking out our help and assistance.

Post pandemic, people still need support and help.

Sadly we have experience in dealing with a suspicious unexplained death abroad of a loved one and we want to use this painfully gained experience in helping, assisting and supporting others who find themselves in a similar position.

We have been fortunate to have people raise funds to enable us to act when an enquiry is received, to access services that may help people in their quests, to sign post and generally just be there if people want to talk.

We have formed a network with others to collaborate and support those in need, but as volunteers we do this in our own time, no one is paid and all donations raised go to the benefit of those we are aiding.

We don't have an ambassador but if someone is willing to step forward and help us highlight and put a spotlight on the lack of formal and mandatory help there is from UK governments to the inadequacies of legal jurisdictions abroad then please do.

Useful Links:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coping-with-death-abroad/death-abroad-uk-organisations-that-can-help>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/925472/20201009_Signed_MoU_FCDO_NPCC_CC.pdf

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print name/

Designation

Date

Chair person

27/5/25

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	8,623				8,623	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	61				61	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	8,684	-	-	-	8,684	-
B2 Investments	Details						
B3 Other assets	Details						
B4 Liabilities	Details						
B5 Contingent liabilities	Details						
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature						
	Print Name						
	Date of approval						



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Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date	
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month
	01	09	2023		31	08

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	317				317	
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					-	
A1 Sub total	317	-	-	-	317	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	317	-	-	-	317	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	257				257	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	257	-	-	-	257	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	257	-	-	-	257	-
Net receipts / (payments)	61	-	-	-	61	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	61	-	-	-	61	-

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Kirsty Maxwell Killed Abroad Holistic Support Charity

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2024

Charity no
(if any)

SC049569

Set out on pages

Pages 1 to 4 of Appendix 1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 for 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.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date: 23/05/20245

Name:

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**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Accountant

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Address:
