

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2024	To	30	06	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Village Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC050020
Charity's principal address	PO Box 18598
	Inverurie
Postcode	AB51 1DS

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	John Clancy	Trustee		
2	Susan Barrie	Trustee	14/05/2025-	
3	Amy Burr	Trustee	14/05/2025-	
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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
Bridget Sunderland	-20/8/25
Kevin Potter	-14/05/25
Sarah Brown	23/05/24- 19/03/25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The charity is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The structure of the organisation consists of the charity trustees who are also the organisation's only members and comprise the organisations' Board. The charity must have a minimum of three trustees. An annual general meeting is held in each calendar year reporting on the immediately preceding financial year of the organisation.

The trustees of the organisation have been recruited due to their experience and expertise in the area of Christian work particularly around church planting, governance and leadership of this as well as the strategic growth of this. The trustees come from a variety of church backgrounds.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The objectives of the charity are the advancement of religion by planting a new church – Village Church- into a community to help the community thrive; by pastoral support through discipleship and mentoring, education and youth work with young people, partnership work with key organisations in the community of Oldmeldrum, offering spiritual direction where needed, mental health support to those wanting and signposting as required.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Fellowship

Throughout the period Village Church has experimented with the location and format of its Sunday gatherings, including holding church in peoples' homes and outside, and separate offerings for children. The church has now focussed its operations in one central rented location, with all ages involved as one. Run weekly, our gatherings aim to have something for all the family no matter their age and stage. We have offerings for adults and children with appropriate material that is delivered in an engaging way. These gatherings aim to help people explore the Christian faith through music, prayer, reading the Bible & other related activities.

Members of the congregation have been empowered to set up their own small groups, such as a youth club, family dinner & worship, bible study and prayer groups.

An alpha course was run during the period, with a small group of five attendees, who were interested in exploring the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Socials – every month on average we get together as a church community to run an event with spiritual as well as social aspects to it, that aims to promote and support positive relationships with individuals and families in our local community, and introduce them to faith. Our socials have included walks, community meals, and bible themed family events, particularly around Easter and Christmas.

Community

During the period, Village Church set up the Village Hub initiative, a community gathering space for those facing loneliness and isolation to find friendship and acceptance. It also aims to provide support and signposting for those struggling with financial hardship and debt, as well as mental health issues such as addiction. A number of Christmas events were run through the hub, designed to support those who struggle financially and emotionally during the Christmas period (see below).

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

Village Church Groups & Gatherings

Village gatherings - Village Church is pleased to have found a central location, accessible to all, from which Sunday gatherings and community events are held.

VC Kids - children account for half of the congregation, so lessons and activities are specifically designed for young and curious minds, delivered during the regular Sunday gatherings. Additionally, specific events are held throughout the year aimed at all families and young people in the community. These have been generally attended well with those coming along joining in with other aspects of the church. We have seen growth at events such as our annual Light Party in October, Christmas Lantern Walk and Easter celebrations.

VC Youth – the fledgling youth group continues to operate, to support the older young people within the Church family. This has involved cooking, exploring material around identity, socials, arts and crafts as well as giving young people the chance to explore faith.

Explore groups – Our regular explore groups have continued to run in local homes in our area. These have been run by members of Village Church who have a passion to study the Bible and explore faith.

Community

Village Hub- Following a period of research and investigation, and a number of grants successfully applied for, the Village Hub was established to run weekly community activities and build support networks. The hub drop-in is well attended by some facing financial difficulties, where signposting, debt support and a food share shelf is offered. Those facing loneliness have also found community and friendship within the hub. A sewing group, run through the hub, has achieved great success, with a number of its members building useful skills and creating an important sense of achievement.

Christmas

As a big focus of the church's community calendar, during December Village Church partnered with a number of local organisations (including local schools, Grampian Health visiting, Garioch Home Start & Aberdeenshire Housing), to run a number of well received initiatives:

- Christmas Hamper appeal - fundraising, sourcing and packing Christmas food parcels and goods to over 40 families in the local area who could not otherwise afford a Christmas celebration;
- Christmas Toy Drop & Shop - a sharing space for families to bring unwanted good quality toys to be donated and to access pre-loved toys to support a fairer accessible Christmas for all, considered a vital benefit for those in financial difficulties;
- Christmas Dinner - for local people to connect with others in their community, particularly those facing loneliness at Christmas.

Staff & Volunteers

Village Church continued to employ a part time Lead Pastor, who returned from maternity leave with renewed enthusiasm to drive the church forward and develop its spiritual and community offerings according to identified needs.

A part time administrative assistant was also employed to streamline a number of processes and establish policies and control to ensure the effective management of the church.

A leadership team was established of four members of the church, who met regularly to share ideas and develop plans to implement these, with the aim of creating a sense of ownership among the church's congregation.

The congregation continued to volunteer their time and ideas within the church and community, with a strong sense of empowerment and belonging to create new groups and activities under the church's banner.

At the end of the period, the Lead Pastor decided to step down from their role held for five years, to allow development on a personal and church-wide basis.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves represent working capital which is used to fund the ongoing activities of the charity.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

APPENDIX 1

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) Amy Burr
*OSCR will accept
digital or typed
signatures*

Full name(s) Amy Burr

Position (e.g. Chair) Trustee

Date 03/03/2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)
FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025

SC050020

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Grants	1	19,750	12,300	32,050	14,165
Donations	2	-	8,727	8,727	9,170
Receipts from Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Receipts from Charitable Activities		-	251	251	-
Gift Aid		-	4,433	4,433	-
Investment Income		-	99	99	-
Total Incoming Resources	3	19,750	25,809	45,559	23,335
PAYMENTS					
Resources Expended for Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Resources Expended for Charitable Activities		17,968	18,917	36,884	23,690
Governance Costs – Independent Examination		-	240	240	240
Total Resources Expended	4	17,968	19,157	37,124	23,930
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for Year		1,782	6,652	8,435	(595)
Total Funds at 1 January 2024		6,763	3,816	10,579	11,174
Total Funds at 30 June 2025		8,546	10,468	19,014	10,579

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
The above receipts and payments are split between restricted and unrestricted funds.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

SC050020

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 January 2024	6,763	3,816	10,579	11,174
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,782	6,652	8,435	(595)
Cash and Bank Balances at 30 June 2025	8,546	10,468	19,014	10,579

Bank Balances as at 30 June 2025

Business Account	£	3,504.36
Hub Reserve Account	£	10,968.72
Hub Current Account	£	4,540.63
	£	19,013.71

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 03 March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Amy Burr
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Trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**SC050020****FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025****Nature & Purpose of Funds**

Funds are predominantly raised through donations. Funds are split between restricted and unrestricted. Restricted funds are used in accordance with the terms of funding agreements. Unrestricted funds are used in the furtherance of the objectives of the organisation.

Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

Two Trustees were employed by Village Church and received £22,817 as remuneration for pastoral and admin services. One further trustee received an honorarium of £100.

Direct reimbursement of purchases on behalf of the organisation amounting to £2,063 was paid to two trustees on submission of receipts.

Notes**1 Grants were received from****£**

Rural Ministries	1,750.00		(restricted)
Fyrish Foundation	10,000.00	11,750.00	(restricted)
Village Hub			
Robertson Trust	8,000.00		(restricted Village Hub)
Benefact Trust	6,700.00		(ringfenced Village Hub)
Claremont Trust	600.00		(ringfenced Village Hub)
Mary Brown Trust	5,000.00	20,300.00	(ringfenced Village Hub)
		32,050.00	

2 Donations were received from

Regular Giving	7,366.28		
Christmas Hampers	735.68	8,101.96	
Village Hub			
Donations	500.00	500.00	(ringfenced Village Hub)
		8,601.96	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (2)
FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025

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3 Receipts

Grants	11,750.00		(restricted)
Donations	7,366.28		(unrestricted)
Gift Aid	4,432.50		(unrestricted)
Community Support	125.00		(unrestricted)
Christmas Hampers donations	735.68		
Miscellaneous	134.96		
Other Income	115.78	24,660.20	(unrestricted)
Village Hub			
Grants	8,000.00		(restricted Village Hub)
Grants	12,300.00		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Donations	500.00		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Bank Interest	98.69	20,898.69	(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Total		45,558.89	

4 Payments

Staff salaries & pension	19,755.60		(restricted)
Mainly Music	18.50		(restricted)
Training	1,333.03		(restricted)
Staff expenses	13.20		(unrestricted)
Operating/pastoral resources	444.40		(unrestricted)
Administration	305.64		(unrestricted)
Building rental	230.00		(unrestricted)
Insurance	260.85		(unrestricted)
Legal/Professional Fees	813.98		(unrestricted)
IE of accounts	240.00		(unrestricted)
Marketing/IT	1,744.64		(unrestricted)
Food supplies	286.82		(unrestricted)
Village Kids	637.24		(unrestricted)
Alpha/Courses	585.80		(unrestricted)
Events	1,625.50		(unrestricted)
Travel	385.67		(unrestricted)
Gifts/Pastoral Support	408.83		(unrestricted)
Donations	643.00		(unrestricted)
Community Support	119.37		(unrestricted)
Christmas Hampers	1,144.70		(unrestricted)
Miscellaneous	170.64	31,167.41	(unrestricted)
Village Hub			
Village Hub (Sundries)	687.52		(unrestricted)
Village Hub (Start-up Resources)	1,058.00		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Building Rental	1,580.00		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Marketing/IT	65.00		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Food Supplies	41.39		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Staff salaries & pension	2,295.15		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Miscellaneous	10.80		(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Operating/pastoral resources	219.00	5,956.86	(ring-fenced Village Hub)
Total		37,124.27	

RESTRICTED/RINGFENCED FUNDS
FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025

SC050020

		Receipts		Payments	
Rural Ministries	(restricted)				
	Balance b/f	£	4,263.12		
	Funding	£	1,750.00		
	Salaries (admin)			£	4,116.05
	Mainly Music			£	18.50
	Training			£	1,333.03
	Total	£	6,013.12	£	5,467.58
	Bal c/f			£	545.54
Fyrish Foundation	(restricted)				
	Balance b/f	£	2,500.06		
	Funding	£	10,000.00		
	Salaries (pastoral)			£	11,397.54
	Pension (pastoral)			£	1,102.52
	Total	£	12,500.06	£	12,500.06
	Bal c/f			£	-
Claremont Trust	(ring-fenced Village Hub)				
	Balance b/f	£	-		
	Funding	£	600.00		
	Start-up costs			£	600.00
	Total	£	600.00	£	600.00
	Bal c/f			£	-
Benefact Trust	(ring-fenced Village Hub)				
	Balance b/f	£	-		
	Funding	£	6,700.00		
	Salary costs			£	2,295.20
	Total	£	6,700.00	£	2,295.20
	Bal c/f			£	4,404.80
Mary Brown Trust	(ring-fenced Village Hub)				
	Balance b/f	£	-		
	Funding	£	5,000.00		
	Equipment			£	458.00
	Building Rental			£	1,580.00
	Total	£	5,000.00	£	2,038.00
	Bal c/f			£	2,962.00
Robertson Trust	(restricted)				
	Balance b/f	£	-		
	Funding	£	8,000.00		
	Payments			£	-
	Total	£	8,000.00	£	-
	Bal c/f			£	8,000.00

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Village Church
Registered Charity Number: SC050020**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 7-11.

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) 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 of 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

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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
 - 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:

Jacquie Milne

Name: Jacquie Milne

Designation: Finance & Administration Manager, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action

Address: AVA, PO Box 18706, Peterhead, AB42 9BA

Date: 10 March 2026