

# The Open Door Project

Scotland · Charity number SC050437

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-09-04
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	34 Ballifeary Road Inverness IV3 5PF
Website	<a href="http://www.theopendoorproject.org.uk">www.theopendoorproject.org.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

**What the charity does:** The trust operates a Christian bookshop in Inverness. The shop has a coffee station and provides a safe place where there are always volunteers on hand to share and discuss the Christian faith with enquirers.

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

**Objectives:** The organisations main purpose is to advance the Christian faith as set out in the Statement of Faith contained in the Schedule hereto by: - the provision of a safe place where people can learn and experience the values of the Christian faith. the provision of access to help and support for people with spiritual and emotional needs. the provision of assistance to anyone who is lonely, has suffered bereavement, or has mental health, relationship or other life controlling challenges. the provision of information and teaching to anyone who wants to learn about Christianity. and offering prayer for or with anyone who seeks prayer. The organisation has a secondary purpose to advance the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by making donations to charities who actively fulfill these purposes.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£16,967	£8,388	-	0
2024-09-30	£15,416	£8,858	-	0
2023-09-30	£16,297	£4,250	-	0
2022-09-30	£5,944	£840	-	0
2021-09-30	£3,570	£216	-	0

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# Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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**THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	Esther Dowe Robbie Halkett Dugald MacPherson Donne Morrison
<b>Executive Trustee &amp; Treasurer</b>	Dugald MacPherson
<b>Office Address</b>	Seaforth Lodge 34 Ballifeary Road Inverness IV3 5PF
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC050437
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Daniel Palombo MA CA Ritsons Forbes House, 36 Huntly Street Inverness IV3 5PR
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling ME19 4JQ
<b>Summary Objectives</b>	The advancement of the Christian faith and the relief of poverty throughout the world.

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Report of the Trustees**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025.

**Constitution and Organisational Structure**

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

Under the constitution they have the power to appoint further trustees (up to a maximum of 10 in total) who would bring appropriate skills to the organisation or for the purpose of filling a vacancy. At the conclusion of each AGM, apart from the first one, any trustees appointed during the year plus one third of the remaining trustees shall retire and be eligible for reappointment.

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The foregoing purposes will be provided through premises in Inverness town centre for use by churches and organisations in the furtherance of their aims.

**Achievements and performance**

Since registering on 4 September 2020, the organisation has spent time raising awareness among the churches and Christian community, searching for suitable premises, praying and fundraising. The awareness raising has been done through a series of public meetings, newsletters to supporters, prayer meetings, visiting churches, doing bookstalls and fundraising events. The number of supporters continues to grow. Premises have been located and after doing fitting out works, the shop opened on 23 March 2026.

There was a surplus for the year of £8,579 (2024: £6,558) and Reserves at the year-end of £35,643 (2024: £27,064). The details are on page 4.

**Reserves Policy**

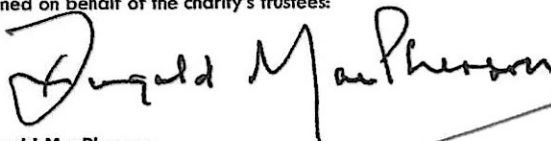
The charity carries financial reserves of a level that is considered suitable and necessary for the future work of the organisation.

**Risk Management & Review**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Trust. They are satisfied that there are adequate systems and procedures to mitigate the Trust's exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



**Dugald MacPherson**  
Trustee and treasurer

21 May 2026

**THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT  
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the Unaudited Financial Statements of THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**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. 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

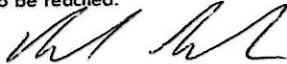
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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.



**Daniel Palombo MA CA  
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland  
Ritsons, Chartered Accountants  
Forbes House, 36 Huntly Street  
Inverness  
IV3 5PR**

Date: 28 May 2026

**THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT  
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

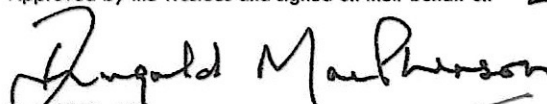
	Notes	2025	2024
		Total	Total
		£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Gifts & donations		3,209	2,975
Sales		11,305	11,372
Fundraising		1,881	-
Appeal		-	500
Interest received		572	569
	1.2	16,967	15,416
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Insurance		243	225
Purchases for resale		7,295	5,512
Building costs		-	2,310
Printing & advertising		42	138
Hall rents		-	75
Bank and card charges		178	161
Website expenses		155	108
Independent Examiner's fee		312	294
Data Protection licence		47	35
Sundry expenses		116	-
		8,388	8,858
<b>Net Surplus for Year</b>		<b>8,579</b>	<b>6,558</b>
<b>Balance brought forward</b>		<b>27,064</b>	<b>20,506</b>
<b>Balance to carry forward at 30 SEPTEMBER 2025</b>		<b>£35,643</b>	<b>£27,064</b>

**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Bank Balances		35,522	26,943
Cash		121	121
<b>Balance at 30 SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	2	<b>35,643</b>	<b>£27,064</b>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on

21 May 2026

  
Dugald MacPherson  
Trustee

**THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT**  
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**1 Accounting Policies**

**1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

These Financial Statements have been prepared on the cash basis and include the results of the Trust's activities which are described in the Trustee's Report and all of which are continuing.

**1.2 Income**

All income has been accounted for when received by the Trust. It is shown gross, with any associated costs included within the expenditure.

**2 Reserves**

The General Reserve (Unrestricted Funds) represent book sales, gifts and donations made by individuals and churches for the purpose of acquiring retail premises in Inverness where the Christian faith can be advanced through the provision of a bookshop and meeting rooms. The General Reserve includes Designated Funds of £6,455 (2024: £6,455) received from an appeal specifically for property funding.

**3 Trustees Remuneration**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during either this year or the preceding one.

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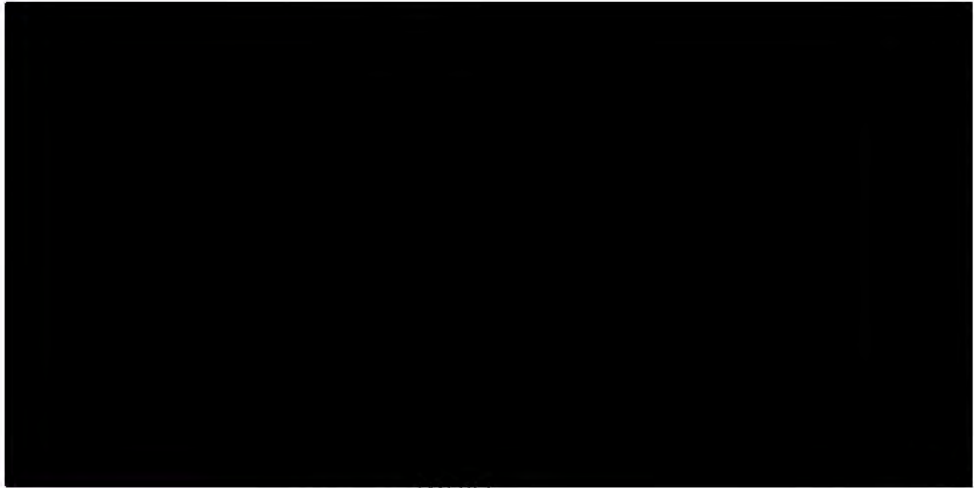
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Independent examiner  
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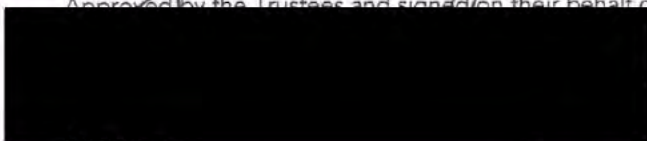
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Fundraising events and sales		11,372	5,224
Appeal		500	5,955
Interest received		569	181
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Insurance		225	138
Purchases for resale		5,512	3,166
Building costs		2,310	-
Printing & advertising		138	-
Hall rents		75	-
Bank and card charges		161	143
Website expenses		108	108
Independent Examiner's fee		294	358
Data Protection licence		35	35
Sundry expenses		-	302
		8,858	4,250
Net Surplus for Year		6,558	12,047
Balance brought forward		20,506	8,459
Balance to carry forward at 30 SEPTEMBER 2024		£27,064	£20,506

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	Notes	2024	2023
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<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Bank Balances		26,943	20,405
Cash		121	101
Balance at 30 SEPTEMBER 2024	2	£27,064	£20,506

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on

07 May 2025



Trustee

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