

Honorary Scotians SCIO

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Annual Reports and Accounts

Year Ended 30 April 2025



HONORARY SCOTIANS
BUILDING BRIDGES

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information

Current Trustees:

Independent Examiner:

Resigned 20 July 2025

1. The charity's governing document is a constitution, which has not been updated since the organisation was registered as a charity.
2. The charity operates as a two-tier SCIO, with members who have important powers under the constitution, and the board. Members of the board are the trustees of the charity and hold regular meetings to manage the administration of the charity.

Objectives and Activities

The Objectives of Honorary Scotians are -

1. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public good by means of the following: - advancing education and raising awareness of equality and diversity issues; organising activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds; conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results; publicising and providing links to academic research, including social, economic and cultural research, relating to equality and diversity issues
2. The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by means of the following: - promoting the acquisition of knowledge of each other and mutual understanding between different racial and ethnic groups; advancing education and knowledge about, and cultural awareness of, different racial and ethnic groups to promote good relations between members of different groups; encouraging and publicising the work of groups seeking to eliminate discrimination on grounds of race and ethnicity.
3. The advancement of citizenship and community development for the public benefit by means of assisting voluntary organisations to enhance engagement with , and participation by, diverse racial and ethnic communities who are currently underrepresented; helping to establish, develop and sustain emerging new community and voluntary organisations which support diverse racial and ethnic communities; assisting these emerging community organisations to access other support services by signposting and other means; helping these emerging community organisations promote and publicise their work; facilitating linkages between these emerging community organisations and other organisations and public bodies; providing a platform for dialogue between emerging community organisations.

Honorary Scotians a membership led organisation that is non-partisan, non-political and non-religious. We adhere to the seven principles of public life, selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

Our activities in the year to April 2025

Following our successful funding bid to The National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All scheme we have been working to deliver our Building Bridges project. Its purpose had been to help us build bridges across the communities and deliver three major events: The Cost-of-Living Crisis, Housing and Access to Healthcare.

In last year's Annual Report, we covered the first of the three events.

The second event – on Housing took place in May 2024 and included contributions from Positive Action on Housing and the Govanhill community group MERGE. It was attended by

around 30 people who took part in discussions around housing issues particularly in relation to problems encountered by BAME communities and how and where they could get advice and help.

The third event was organised on the theme of Health and Social Care, exploring critical challenges, aiming to shed light on the barriers faced by ethnic minorities and marginalised communities in accessing essential services. It took place in the Deep End Centre on 15th November 2024 and was attended by a range of groups and individuals including some from the nearby Govanhill community. Attendance was approx. 25 people. Speakers included Kirsty Turkington on the development of dental services for the community.

Unfortunately, one speaker had to cancel at the last minute due to family illness.

Notwithstanding this there was a good general discussion followed by an impromptu musical performance and dancing.

Our other activities over the year focused on maintaining our web and social media presence and building up our contacts and networks. We struggled to recruit any staff to help with admin work and the Trustees and volunteers continued to do the work of the charity.

As a result of not being able to employ admin support, we had an underspend and having approached the Lottery Fund they agreed to extend the grant through to the next financial year to allow us to run more events. These will be reported on in our next Annual Report.

Financial Review

Total Receipts for the year were £nil (2024: £nil). Payments for the year totalled £1,054 (2024: £1,021) and were mainly related to website and communication costs, together with costs of events for the charity. Total fund balances at the year-end were £7,330 (2024: £8,384) of which £49 (2024: £289) were unrestricted and ££7281 (2024: £8,095) were restricted.

Reserves Policy

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £49 (2024: £289) at the year end. The charity trustees do not yet have a reserves policy.

This report was approved by the trustees on 7th December 2025
And signed on their behalf by [REDACTED] Chair

[REDACTED]

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of Honorary Scotians SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 April 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

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 Trustees 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 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 (as amended). 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 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, other than that given below

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Matter of Concern: The trustees do not currently have a reserves policy, and with limited unrestricted reserves, there are concerns about their future financial sustainability.

9th December 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year to 30 April 2025

	1st May 2024 to 30 April 2025			1st May 2023 - 30 April 2024
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts				
Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	-	-	-	-
Payments				
Charitable Activity Payments	-	814	814	801
Governance Costs - IE Fee	240		240	220
Total Payments	240	814	1,054	1,021
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(240)	(814)	(1,054)	(1,021)

Statement of Balances

As at 30 April 2025

	1st May 2024 to 30 April 2025			1st May 2023 - 30 April 2024
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Opening Cash & Bank Balance	289	8,095	8,384	9,405
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(240)	(814)	(1,054)	(1,021)
Closing Bank & Cash Balance	49	7,281	7,330	8,384
Estimated Liabilities				
IE Fee	250	-	250	240
Total Liabilities	250	-	250	240

The notes on p9 form part of these financial statements.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 7th December 2025 And signed on their behalf by

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Signature]

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

1.1 Receipts

All income is recorded as a receipt when received by the charity.

All income where there is related expenditure is reported gross.

1.2 Payments

All expenditure is recorded as a payment at the time that a payment is made by the charity.

2. Fund Accounting

2.1 Unrestricted Funds: Funds which may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

2.2 Restricted Funds: Funds which have been provided for a specific purpose.

3. Analysis of Payments relating to Charitable Activities

	1st May 2024 to 30 April 2025			1st May 2023 - 30 April 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activity Payments				
Website & Communication	-	302	302	279
Publicity Material	-	-	-	31
Event Costs: Room Hire	-	30	30	93
Event Costs: Catering	-	281	281	221
Insurance	-	201	201	177
Total Charitable Activity Payments	-	814	814	801

4. Trustee and Related Party Transactions

No trustee was paid remuneration for their work with the charity.

No trustee was paid any expenses from the funds of the charity.

No related parties were involved in any transactions with the charity.

5. Nature and Purpose of Funds

The charity has only one restricted grant, received from the National Lottery Community Fund. The purpose of the fund is described in the Trustees' Report.

	1st May 2024			30 April 2025
	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	289	-	(240)	49
Restricted Fund				
National Lottery Community Fund	8,095	-	(814)	7,281
Total Charity Funds	8,384	-	(1,054)	7,330