



**Trustees Annual Report**  
**for**  
**Discovery Church Dunbar SCIO**  
**for the period**  
**to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Scottish Charity No: SC051656**



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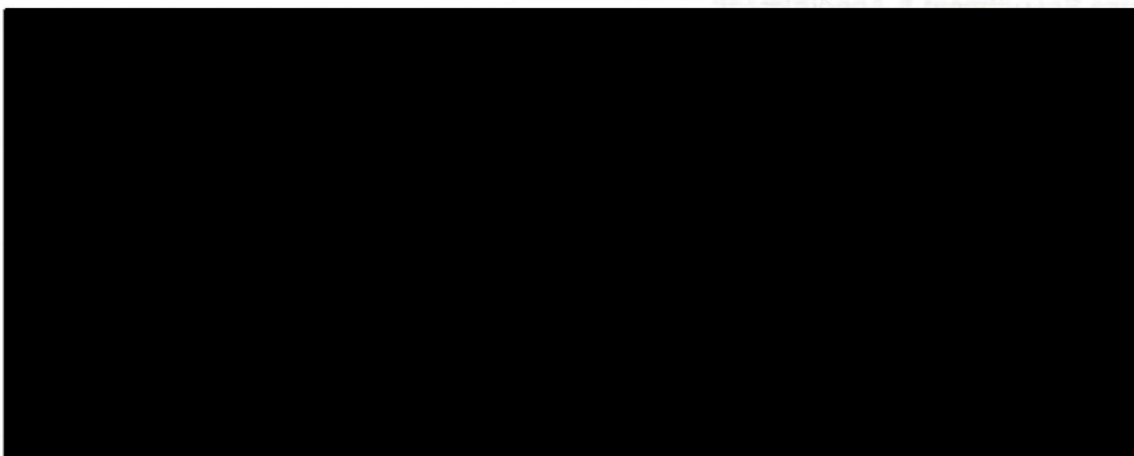
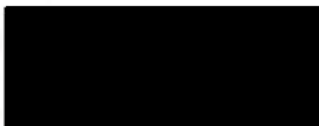
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## Reference & Administrative Information

**Charity Name:** Discovery Church Dunbar SCIO

**Scottish Charity No:** SC051656

**The Charities Principal Address:**



**Names of other trustees during the period:**



**Independent Examiner:**



**Bankers:**

The Royal Bank of Scotland  
36 St Andrews Square  
EDINBURGH  
EH2 2YB

## Structure, Governance & Management

### Governing Document:

The Discovery Church Dunbar was recognised as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

Discovery Church Dunbar is affiliated with 24-7 Prayer (Registered Charity No. 1091413. Registered Company No. 04176643).

### Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

At each AGM, the members may elect any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 7.7 of the Constitution) to be a charity trustee. All of the charity trustees elected/appointed shall retire from office, but shall then be eligible for re-election.

A charity trustee retiring at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless: -

- he/she advises the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that he/she does not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
- an election process was held at the AGM and he/she was not among those elected/re-elected through that process; or
- a resolution for the re-election of that charity trustee was put to the AGM and was not carried.

## Objectives & Activities

### The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of Discovery Church Dunbar SCIO are the following: -

- the advancement of religion

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

1. to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of values and practices appearing in the Schedule; and
2. to further such other purposes which may be charitable according to the law of Scotland which are not inconsistent with 3.1 In both cases primarily (but not exclusively) in East Lothian.

Discovery Church gathers regularly on Sundays, and also in smaller settings throughout the week. The church has links with and supports local groups in the area, such as the Foodbank, Surfers against Sewage, schools and youth workers.



## Achievement & Performance for 2024-25

In line with the Discovery Church Dunbar constitution, we have continued to hold our Sunday Gatherings weekly. These have largely been conducted outdoors or in one another's homes with a rhythm of three morning meetings and one afternoon gathering each month. We continue to have a midweek gathering with three out of four exploring the Christian faith through bible study sometimes complemented by online resources, study guides or reading a book together. We replace this with a community meal on the fourth week of the month. We continue to host online prayer-times two mornings a week and an Examen prayer online on a Sunday evening.

Discovery is part of the Eco Congregations movement and of Dunbar Churches Eco-Group. We actively support the Food Share local food bank and the Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project. We are a 24-7 Prayer Community.

## Financial Review

### Statement of Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted fund, i.e. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted expenditure, around £1,800.00. Jonathan Timms agreed to a reduction in hours, thereby reducing the salary costs.

### Details of any deficit:

There is a financial deficit this year, the trustees will continue to monitor the situation.

### Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

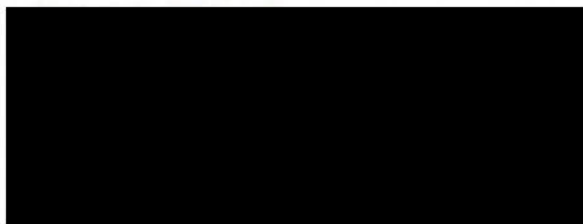
The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Chairperson

Dated: 02.11.25

**Receipts & Payments Account**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations		9,957.92	0.00	9,957.92	11,125.92
Receipts from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Charitable Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>9,957.92</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,957.92</b>	<b>11,125.92</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses from Charitable Activities	1	10,862.53	0.00	10,862.53	12,595.01
Independent Examination		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Governance Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>10,862.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,862.53</b>	<b>12,595.01</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(904.61)	0.00	(904.61)	(1,469.09)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(904.61)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(904.61)</b>	<b>(1,469.09)</b>

Statement of Balances as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balances at Start of Year	2,409.81	0.00	2,409.81	3,878.90
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(904.61)	0.00	(904.61)	(1,469.09)
<b>Balances at End of Year</b>	<b>1,505.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,505.20</b>	<b>2,409.81</b>

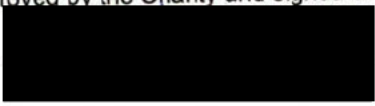
**Other Assets**

No Other Assets Held

**Liabilities**

No Outstanding Liabilities

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed.....  .....

Dated..... 2/11/25 .....

**Notes to the Accounts**

**2024                      2025**

**1. Expenses from Charitable Activity**

Salary Costs	8,542.80	10,606.70
Venue Hire	56.00	219.50
Goods & Materials	132.28	308.78
Travel & Subsistence	234.58	969.96
Website & Software Costs	503.87	475.07
Subscriptions	143.00	15.00
Charitable Giving	1,250.00	0.00
	<b>£10,862.53</b>	<b>£12,595.01</b>

**2. Assets of Discovery Church Dunbar SCIO as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

The Charity holds no assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**3. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

**4. Nature & Purpose of Funds**

The statements of account for the year show the financial figures for the Charity. All funds are un-restricted and for the sole use of the Charity and its running costs.



### **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

Report to the trustees of Discovery Church Dunbar SCIO  
Registered charity number SC051656  
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Set out on Pages 7 to 8

#### **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) 2005 Act 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 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, 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.

  
Date: 14 Nov 25

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:**  
ACIE & Dip in Business & Finance