

Aberdeen Gurudwara SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC051707

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2022-04-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Aberdeen Gurudwara St Ninians Place Aberdeen AB24 1YA
Website	aberdeengurudwara.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of religion', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The charity advances the Sikh religion by celebrating major Sikh festivals, promoting Sikh literature through a library, and offering Punjabi and Gurmukhi classes to support reading, writing, and understanding Sikh scripture. It provides a recreational and spiritual hub through the Aberdeen Gurudwara, encourages environmental harmony, and supports growing local produce for Langar and community planting. The Gurudwara has been fully operational since 2021, serving the community's spiritual and physical needs. A Head Priest, appointed in January 2022, delivers lectures and leads educational classes on Sikh teachings. The charity also hosts an annual function to engage and introduce its work to the wider community.

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

Objectives: The organization is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objective are to advance the Sikh Religion in Aberdeen and its surrounding area

Geography

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

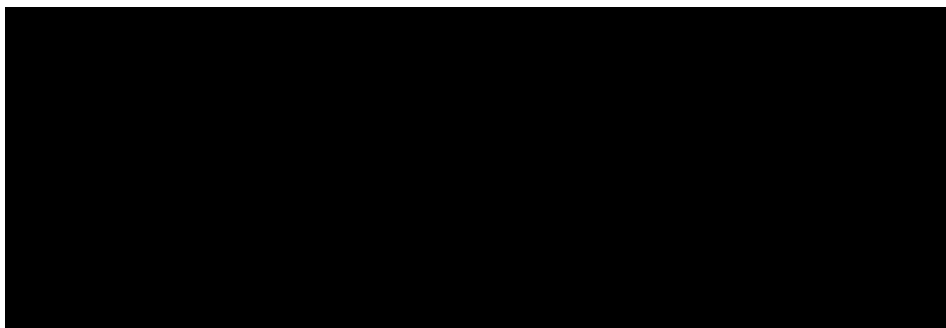
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	1
2025-03-31	£52,054	£47,125	-	1
2024-03-31	£45,344	£42,399	-	1
2023-03-31	£41,621	£21	-	1

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025
For
ABERDEEN GURUDWARA SCIO CHARITY

TRUSTEES:



Independent Accountant



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER



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Office of the Scottish
Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known
by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Aberdeen Gurudwara SCIO
N/A
SC051707
Aberdeen Gurudwara, St Ninians Place
Aberdeen
Postcode: AB24 1YA

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			
2			
3			
4			
5			

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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Deed of Trust

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Appointment by voting system.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

1. To advance the Sikh Religion by:
Celebrating Sikh festivals, promoting Sikh literature via the medium of library, via Punjabi and Gurmukhi Classes for promoting speaking, reading or writing of Sikh scripture, providing recreational facility via Gurudwara, promote sustenance, connection and harmony with environment and promote growing local produce for use in Langar and general planting and around local Aberdeen Gurudwara.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Aberdeen Gurudwara now fully functional and catering to the spiritual and physical needs of the community since 2021.
- Head Priest been appointed who is now on the payroll of the charity from 28th Jan 2022. He is instrumental in delivering lectures and conducting classes to learn more about Sikh faith.
- Organizing Annual function to introduce the charity to the wider community.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	• More recognition and interactions with the local community of Aberdeen. • Regular weekly congregation at the Aberdeen Gurudwara, followed by open kitchen, offering hot meals (langar) to all visitors • Regular Gurmukhi language for Children and Adults. • Sikh faith related camps organised for children visiting Gurudwara on a regular basis. • Seasonal interfaith sporting events • Local Seaton community events ○ Seaton Litter pick participation as part of the Seaton community council ○ Sporting Picnic in the park – organized in conjunction with Aberdeen Interfaith and Sport Aberdeen followed by Langar (meal) in Gurudwara ○ Langar (meal) support to seaton F.R.E.S.H. community growing group annual celebration ○ Open Day for Councillors and local council affiliated groups ○ Open Day and Langar (meal) for Seaton community council groups to discuss collaboration projects ○ Morning Yoga Sessions for wellbeing of congregation ○ Warm space, networking, and support for new intake of international students ○ Settling of a volunteer register following AVCO presentation at the Gurudwara • Visits organised with Aberdeen Council head, Mayor of Aberdeen etc. • Regular call outs to Sikh faith promoters such as devotional singers or presenters to share further subject matter. • Open stall for free food and drinks in city centre to mark the occasion of Sikh Guru Martyrdom. • Reaching out to people looking for faith-based counselling session by the head priest. • School visits to represent Sikh faith representation.
Financial review	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	All unrestricted funds held at bank constitute the reserves of the charity
Details of any deficit	N/A
Donated facilities and services (if any)	N/A

Other optional information

The Trustees note that the reserves for the Charity stand at £49,776/- This fund is designated towards the running of the Gurudwara.

A major portion of the funds is the balance brought forward from the previous financial year and the remaining from the surplus of receipts and payments in the current financial year.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)					
Full name(s)					
Position (e.g. Chair)	Trustee Treasurer	Trustee Chairperson	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee Secretary
Date	11 th December 2025				

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	Enter charity name below					Enter SC No. below		
	Aberdeen Gurudwara SCIO					SC051707		
	Receipts and payments accounts							
	For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day		Month	Year	Day		Month	Year	
01		04	2024	31		03	2025	

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	52,054				52,054	45,198
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	147
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	52,054	-	-	-	52,054	45,345
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,054	-	-	-	52,054	45,345
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments	47,025				47,025	39,735
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	-
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	100				100	200
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs	-				-	2,464
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	47,125	-	-	-	47,125	42,399
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,125	-	-	-	47,125	42,399
Net receipts / (payments)	4,929	-	-	-	4,929	2,946
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,929	-	-	-	4,929	2,946

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Aberdeen Gurudwara SCIO						SC051707	
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	44,847				44,847	41,600
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	4,929				4,929	2,946
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	49,776	-	-	-	49,776	44,546
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-
B2 Investments	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	N/A						
					Total	-	-
B3 Other assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	N/A						
					Total	-	-
B4 Liabilities	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	N/A						
					Total	-	-
B5 Contingent liabilities	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	N/A						
					Total	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name					Date of approval

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Nature of Funds:

Cash Donations
POS Donations
Online Donations through Standing orders or one-off transfers
Expenses to run the charities initiatives, general maintenance and governance
Monthly salary paid to the head priest

Purpose of Funds :

The objective of the ABERDEEN GURUDWARA SCIO shall be as follows:-

3.1 To advance the Sikh Religion and in furtherance of this:

(i) Offering the facilities of the Gurbani Katha, Parchaar (religious instruction) and Keertan nationally and internationally as required and to promote the availability of these facilities to the Sikh community
(ii) To celebrate Sikh religious festivals.

3.2 To advance education in the principles of the faith of the Sikh religion by :

(i) Maintaining access to sikh literature and scriptures
(ii) Encouraging and promoting the study of Sikh religion by religious and social meetings.
(iii) Promoting spoken and written fluency in both Punjabi and Gurumukhi (the language of the scriptures)

3.3 The provision of recreational facilities for the public through

(i) The provision of a Sikh temple in Aberdeen

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
	Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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	Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details		

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	N/A
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APPENDIX 3



	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Aberdeen Gurudwara SCIO						
Registered charity number	SC0517070						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024	to	31	03	2025
Set out on pages	1-9						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
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 (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 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 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.						
Signed:					Date:	13/01/2025	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	n/a						
Address:	c/0 ACVO, 38 Castle Street, Aberdeen AB11 5YU						

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Unfortunately due to illness the issuing of this Independent Examiners Report was delayed. Readers of the accounts should not imply fault in this matter to the trustees.