

NEW GLASGOW SOCIETY SCIO

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2025



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name New Glasgow Society SCIO
Charity Number SC052527 (previously SC009743)
Principal Address [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Website Address www.newglasgowsociety.org

Current Trustees

[REDACTED]	Chair, appointed 3rd Aug 2023
[REDACTED]	Vice Chair, appointed 3rd Aug 2023
[REDACTED]	Treasurer, appointed 3rd Aug 2023
[REDACTED]	appointed 9 th February 2023
[REDACTED]	appointed 1 st June 2023

Other Trustees who served during the year

[REDACTED]	appointed 11th January 2024
[REDACTED]	appointed 5th January 2023

Other Trustees who resigned during the year

[REDACTED]	appointed 7th April 2022
[REDACTED]	appointed 7th April 2022

Independent Examiner The Ayrshire Community Trust
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CHAIR'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the New Glasgow Society (NGS), I am honoured to present the Chairperson's Statement for the financial year ending March 2025. I would like to take the opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the management committee and volunteers who contributed to another year of success at NGS.

The society witnessed continued growth in all directions over the last financial year. Our committee members have worked collectively not only on the day-to-day operation of the Society but also on the strategic planning and procedures to reflect our continued growth and plans for the sustainable future of NGS.

I'd like to extend a special mention to team members who tirelessly managed and maintained our community space at [REDACTED] this year. As demand and use grew so did their time and effort in response. In fact, we hope to be in a position to offer recruitment to current volunteers in 2026 to continue to provide the excellence in customer service we have been able to offer thus far. In addition, our gratitude and appreciation to all those who supported and collaborated with us this year cannot be underestimated. Our venue has seen a host of new and old faces using the space and we could not be more delighted to offer an accessible space for anyone wishing to promote Glasgow's physical environment, in any medium they wish, with our space offering flexibility as a blank canvas.

When reflecting on our projects this year, our showcase project in 2025 was a "Talk" series to celebrate Glasgow's 850th anniversary. The series featured writers, artists, academics and activists discussing the city's culture, history, and architecture. Across the year we had eleven speakers attend and I couldn't be prouder, or more grateful to everyone involved. It was a great success with most events at capacity come rain or shine.

Each talk we hosted was genuinely inspiring and intriguing and I personally learnt a lot from each of them. I can't share everything about each talk as much as I would love to but some notable mentions include:

[REDACTED] talk titled "Through The Fires" exploring the Mackintosh building at the Glasgow School of Art (GSA), a monument of international significance in the history of architecture and design. The talk presented highlights from [REDACTED] workings of her book The Mack: [REDACTED] and the Glasgow School of Art, the most up-to-date story of the building, including the May 2014 fire, reconstruction efforts, and the devastating fire of 2018 that destroyed most of the building.

[REDACTED] from the social media channel This Is My Glasgow also joined us for his talk, Walking in the Weegie Wonderland. To share his love of Glasgow, Colin's photographs he takes while out exploring the city has led him to write his latest book Glasgow Uncovered: 18 Walks Through It's Past, Present and Future.

A collaborative talk by PhD researcher [REDACTED] and co-hosts of the podcast Who Owns the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], combined civilian investigation along with academic research showcasing the murky waters of the river's ownership and its untapped potential. Exploring the Clyde through a kaleidoscope of diverse voices, soundscapes, and poetry. From historical legacy to hopes and dreams, we learned about the city's swimming past and joined the conversation on the future for the River Clyde.

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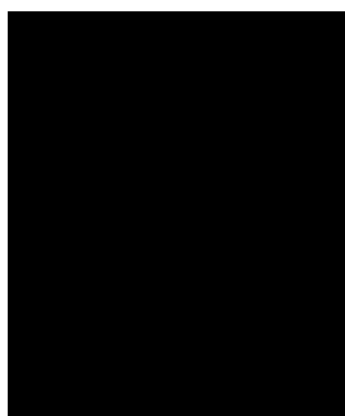
This year's Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival 2025 saw curator and fellow committee member [REDACTED] with Photographer Omkar Deshnankar presenting an exhibition highlighting a selection of buildings across Glasgow not able to participate in the Glasgow Doors Open Day festival 2025 due to various maintenance issues, but that we would love to see participate in future given their relevance and significance to the community. The exhibition explored the fascinating histories of these buildings with the hope of furthering conversation around their cultural significance and reflecting on the city's wider built environment. New contemporary photographs were displayed along with original plans introducing scope for potential futures and as such discussion with community stakeholders.

Our Imagine Glasgow exhibition returned in 2025, one of my personal favourite projects NGS presents. Debuted in 2015, the bi-annual exhibition calls for ambitious architecture and design ideas; imagining Glasgow of the future. Glasgow is a place where we come together to live, work and play. However, similar to other major UK cities, it has its own issues and challenges such as climate emergency and housing crisis. Imagine Glasgow is an opportunity for students and graduates to showcase their ideas to the wider public. Each selected project will be given a platform to showcase their ideas directly to various communities, policy makers and professionals across Glasgow.

The New Glasgow Society continues to be active in the Glasgow's built environment scene. Other than attending public consultations and Glasgow Urban Design Panel sessions, we have established good relationships with GCC councillors, MSPs and other heritage charities. We also aim to lead on debates on contemporary topics such as Glasgow's skyline and derelict buildings.

The future is very bright at NGS; the committee is energised with the increase of volunteers from all walks of life, and the rise of followers on social media. The new SCIO will future proof the Society, and we will continue to campaign for a better Glasgow.

With gratitude,



Chairperson

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

New Glasgow Society SCIO was established as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 4th May 2023 to replace New Glasgow Society (SC009743) which is an unincorporated association, registered as a charity on 13th September 1965.

From 4th May 2023, New Glasgow Society SCIO and New Glasgow Society have been managed under New Glasgow Society SCIO and governed by its constitution.

The organisation has a two-tier structure which consists of:

- (a) The MEMBERS - who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself;
- (b) The BOARD of Trustees - who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

The constitution allows for a maximum of ten trustee. At each annual general meeting, all of the trustees shall retire from office - but are eligible for re-election.

The board may co-opt any member who they feel has the appropriate skills to be part of the board of trustees. Co-opted members also retire at the AGM but are eligible for re-election.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The board recruited [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in 2025

The board is actively looking to recruit new members and continues to identify improvements to be made to the recruitment process and general management of membership.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purpose

New Glasgow Society SCIO has been established with the following Charitable Purpose:

- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.

Objectives

New Glasgow Society SCIO's charitable objectives are:

- a) To stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the city of Glasgow and its surroundings.
- (b) To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
- (c) To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in the Glasgow region in co-operation with other interested organisations where appropriate.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

This year saw the charity with an income of £15,230 (2024: £14,426) primarily derived from use of the community space at Argyle Street.

Total payments for the year were £6,110 (2024: £7,560) with the primary costs relating to property management and event cost.

The charity achieved a surplus in the year of £9,119.

Reserves Policy

The Charity Trustees aim to maintain reserves at around 4 to 6 months of normal running costs in order to meet its commitment to any unexpected expenditure.

Net reserves at the end of the financial year-end were £25,752 (2024: £16,014). The Charity Trustees have met their target and the additional funds will be used towards our charitable purposes.

FUTURE PLANS

SCIO status was granted on 4th May 2023 and has been operating under the new structure. The original charity (SC009743) is in the process of winding down, pending transfer of the premises at [REDACTED]. Transfer of all assets and operations should be completed by the end of the 2024-25 financial year.

Key events to look forward to in 2026 will be the celebration of recruiting for the first time in NGS history along with future discussion and collaboration with other amenity groups such as Glasgow City Heritage Trust, Scottish Civic Trust, Friends of the people's palace and various academics and researchers. We are hoping to push the emphasis on supporting students this year across education institutions including schools and college / university students which is in addition to our current agenda in supporting fellow civic societies to come together in shared issues and concerns to create a robust cross-sectional platform for galvanising and mobilising communities across Glasgow.. We also aim to lead on debates on contemporary topics such as Glasgow's skyline and derelict buildings.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the committee on 2nd December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:




Chairperson

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts		£	£
Donations		26	337
Subscriptions		47	29
Investment income		95	4
Sales - Art Auction		540	0
Trading Income	6	14,272	12,981
Other Income		250	1,075
Total Receipts		15,230	14,426
Payments			
Cost of Charitable activities	7	4,500	7,176
Governance			
Independent Examination		330	330
Legal fees (SCIO)		1,280	54
Total Payments		6,111	7,560
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		9,120	6,866

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form an integral part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Total 2025	Total 2024
Funds Reconciliation	£	£
Balance as at 01 April	19,587	12,721
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	9,119	6,866
Balance as at 31 March	28,706	19,587

Bank & Cash Balances

National Savings Bank	0	4,733
Current Account	28,655	14,789
PayPal	14	14
Stripe	0	0
Cash in Hand	51	51
	28,720	19,587

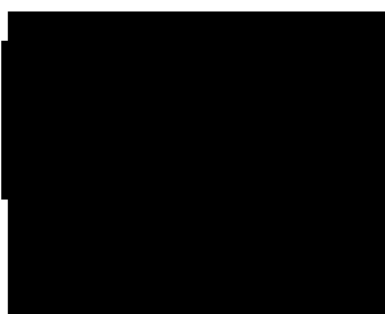
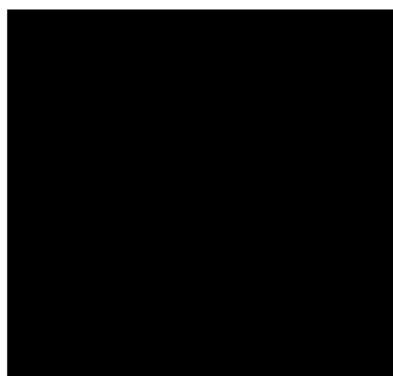
Other Assets

Property	2,682	2,682
Fixtures & Equipment	2,092	2,092
	4,774	4,774

	2025	2024
Liabilities	£	£
Independent Examination	136	330
Exhibitions & Events	0	0
Heat & Light	78	93
Hire Fee	2,740	3,150
Property Management	0	0
	2,954	3,583

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 2nd December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

2. Fund Accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may be only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

As at 31st March 2025 the charity had no restricted funds.

3. Taxation

- (a) The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT; thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

- (a) No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year.
- (b) No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year (2024: £Nil).

5. Grants Received

No Grants were received in the current or prior year.

6. Income from Trading

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Venue Hire	13,705	12,755
Ticket Sales	318	226
	14,023	12,981

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7. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Property Management	2,397	1,862
Utilities	794	879
Postage & Stationery	0	274
Exhibition & Events	1,098	3,251
Maintenance	367	52
Insurance	647	200
IT & Software	807	658
	6,111	7,176

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Glasgow Society SCIO SC052527

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 qualified statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that disclosed below.

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.



Name: [REDACTED]

Relevant Professional qualification: A.C.I.E

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 18TH December 2025

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