

Goan Community Aberdeen

Scotland · Charity number SC052584

Details

Known as	GCA
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-06-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	49F Fonthill Road Aberdeen AB11 6UQ
Website	https://goancommunityaberdeen.co.uk/about/

Activities

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 the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) is a non-profit organisation committed to nurturing a vibrant and inclusive community. We bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds to support, challenge, inspire, and uplift one another through shared culture and values. GCA is governed by board members and trustees and hold Annual General Meetings every 12–15 months to review progress, elect board members, and plan future activities. We aim to continue raising funds through community events to support local parishes, charities, Food Banks and individuals in need. GCA remains committed to promoting Goan culture and contributing to a vibrant, diverse society. Our Mission: We are united in spirit and committed to preserving and celebrating Goan traditions, beliefs, and culture. Our goal is to pass this rich heritage on to future generations in Aberdeen and beyond, while promoting unity, diversity, and social responsibility.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: To improve and advance the lives of those who live and work in the community of Aberdeen and overseas through- the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture, or science through increasing public exposure to, and appreciation of Goan art, culture, heritage, dance, music, food, drama (play & movie) festivals, etc the relief of poverty through fundraising to support local food banks and overseas organisations with a similar charitable purpose. In furtherance of these purposes the organisation will then. Increase public exposure to, appreciation of, or involvement in the arts. Raise funds, receive grant and donations. Apply funds to carry out the work of the charity. Co-operate with and support

other charities with similar purposes. Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes. Reaching out to new audiences through events, exercise sessions. Providing opportunities for participation. Encouraging high standards by raising artistic skills and nurturing talent. Create Inclusion so that the people of Aberdeen and surrounding areas experience the diversity of cultures surrounding us and learn new things. Help everyone appreciate different cultures, backgrounds, and lifestyles.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeen
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£0	£0	-	0
2024-09-30	£13,058	£12,898	-	0

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Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Independent examiner's report on the accounts						
	Goan Community Aberdeen						
	SC052584						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	23	08	2023	to	23	08	2024

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

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

Signed:		Date:	06 / 01 / 2025
Name:			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:			

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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

The current accounts satisfy the requirements set out in the regulations.

To assist in your annual accounts production, we make a free excel based template available on our website, this would ensure any and all additional information is completed. If you are interested you can access the spreadsheet from www.cfo.scot.



Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from	01	June	2023	to	30	September 2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts					500	
Donations	500					
Legacies					4,500	
Grants	4,500				8,058	
Receipts from fundraising activities	8,058					
Gross trading receipts						
Income from investments other than land and buildings						
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
A1 Sub total	13,058				13,058	
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments						
A2 Sub total						
Total receipts	13,058				13,058	
A3 Payments					12,898	
Expenses for fundraising activities	12,898					
Gross trading payments						
Investment management costs						
Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
Grants and donations						
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Other						
A3 Sub total	12,898				12,898	
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments						
A4 Sub total						
Total payments	12,898				12,898	
Net receipts / (payments)	160				160	
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	160				160	

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	793				793	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	160				160	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	953	-	-	-	953	-

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
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)	
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

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

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	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 £
	500				500	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	500	-	-	-	500	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	4,500		4,500	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	4,500	-	4,500	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

Unrestricted
fund - 2019
- 2020
- 2021

2019-20
2020-21
2021-22

2022-23
2023-24
2024-25

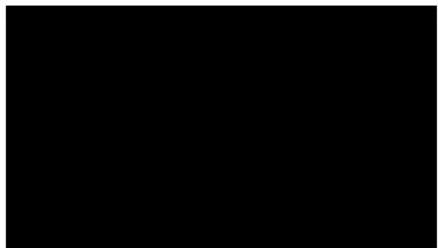
2025-26
2026-27
2027-28

Total
unrestricted
funds

Total
unrestricted
funds last
period

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Receipts									
Donations	500								
Legacies									
Grants	4,500								
Receipts from fundraising activities	8,058								
Gross trading receipts									
buildings									
Rents from land & buildings									
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Nature and purpose of funds



APPENDIX 1



Scottish Charity Regulator

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	30	June	2023	To	30	09	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Goan Community Aberdeen
Other names charity is known by	GCA
Registered charity number	SC052584
Charity's principal address	[REDACTED]
	Postcode [REDACTED]

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	[REDACTED]	President	11 Jan 2023 - Current	
2	[REDACTED]	Event Co-ordinator	11 Jan 2023 - Current	
3	[REDACTED]	Secretary	11 Jan 2023- Current	
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20				

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
[REDACTED]	11 Jan 2023 – 22 Nov 2023

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

GCA recruits trustees who are committed to the charity's mission of promoting Goan art, heritage, and culture. Trustees are appointed based on their skills, experience, and willingness to contribute to the governance and development of the charity.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Founded in 2013, the Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) is a vibrant, non-profit group of over 100 families dedicated to preserving and promoting Goan art, culture, and heritage in Scotland. Through music, dance, drama, food, and festivals, we bring the spirit of Goa to Aberdeen, fostering inclusion and cultural appreciation. In June 2023, GCA proudly registered as a charity, unlocking access to vital benefits like tax relief, funding opportunities, and increased public trust. This milestone allows us to reach wider audiences and deepen our impact locally and beyond.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Our Focus Areas:

- **Arts:** Visual and performing arts including Tiatr (Konkani theatre), singing, dancing, and monologues.
- **Heritage:** Celebrating traditional festivals like Carnival, Sanjao, Diwali, Christmas, and more.
- **Culture:** Promoting Goan language, music, food, fashion, and crafts.

We host events year-round, welcoming the local community and dignitaries to share in our rich traditions. Join us in keeping the Goan legacy alive!

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

- On 15th August 2023, GCA was awarded a £4,500 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, recognising our impact and dedication.
- On 6th November 2023, MSP Kevin Stewart submitted a motion to the Scottish Parliament acknowledging GCA's success.
- We also received a congratulatory letter from MP Stephen Flynn, celebrating our milestone and commitment to cultural enrichment.
- GCA raised £350 for MacMillan Cancer Support, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to charitable causes.
- Donations made to the Food Bank at The Lighthouse Pennan Road Tillydrone Aberdeen AB24 2UD

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) – Reserves Policy

1. Purpose of the Policy

This policy outlines GCA's approach to maintaining financial reserves to ensure the sustainability and continuity of its charitable activities. Currently Nil

Reserves to be used:

To bridge short-term funding gaps ,To invest in strategic development
To respond to urgent community needs.

Details of any deficit

Monitoring and Review

The reserves level deficits if any will be reviewed annually by the trustees as part of the budgeting process. Any significant changes will be documented and justified.

Transparency

GCA will report its reserves position in its annual accounts and explain any deviations from the target level once achieved.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

none

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Other optional information

Community Events

The Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) proudly hosts a diverse range of cultural and social events throughout the year, open to both members and non-members. These gatherings are often graced by esteemed guests including the **Lord and Lady Provost of Aberdeen, Bishop Hugh Gilbert, and Depute Provost Steven Delaney**, reflecting the strong ties GCA has built within the wider community.

Annual & Special Events Include:

- **Valentine's Day Celebrations**
- **World Goa Day**
- **Easter Bring & Share**
- **Children's Day**
- **Diwali – Festival of Lights**
- **Monthly Praise & Worship**
- **Coffee Mornings**
- **Musical Drama (Regional Language)** These events celebrate Goan heritage, promote intercultural dialogue, and foster a sense of belonging for all who attend.

These events are designed to bring people together, celebrate our heritage, and create joyful, meaningful experiences for all.

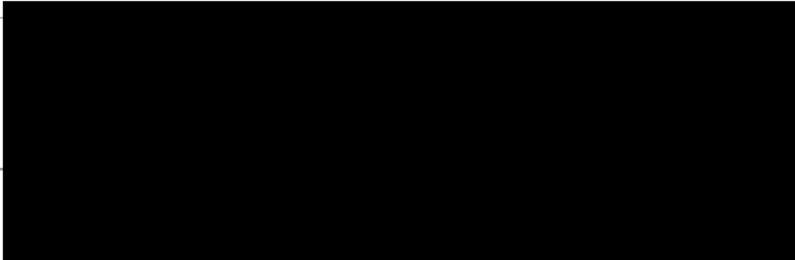

Looking Ahead

We aim to continue raising funds through community events to support local parishes, charities, Food Banks and individuals in need. GCA remains committed to promoting Goan culture and contributing to a vibrant, diverse society.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	President / Trustee	Secretary/ Trustee
Date	14 Oct 2025	14 Oct 2025