

Lucy's Lights

Scotland · Charity number SC053236

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-03-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	17 Pringle road Elgin Moray IV304HN
Website	https://lucyslights.godaddysites.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Lucy's Lights supports autistic women aged 16 and over in Moray and the surrounding area. Our charity is set up to reduce Social isolation, improve mental well-being, and build lasting support networks for autistic women. We do this by providing a range of free activities, groups, and opportunities that are adapted to meet individual needs. We create safe, welcoming, and understanding spaces where women can connect with others who share similar experiences, access peer support, and build confidence. Through our services, we aim to empower autistic women, improve well-being, and ensure they feel valued, included, and less alone in their community.

Beneficiaries: 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: To build a support network for biological females with or seeking a diagnosis of autism, aged 16+. To offer the chance to take part in new activities and attend events in an autism-friendly environment. To offer a safe space to meet new people

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£18,443	£7,090	-	0
2025-03-31	£2,424	£5,208	-	0

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Trustees annual report – for the year ended 31st March 2026

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st of March 2026.

This year has marked a period of significant growth and development for Lucys Lights. The charity has expanded both its reach and the range of services offered, strengthening its role within the local community and continuing to provide vital support to autistic women and those seeking a diagnosis.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name

Lucy's Lights

Charity No

SC053236

Address

17 Pringle Road, Elgin, IV304HN

Current trustees

Millie Nicoll – Chair

Beccie Thornhill

Rosina Donald (appointed 13/10/2025)

Other trustees during the period

Rachel Mitchel (Dismissed on 13/10/2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Lucys lights is a Scottish charitable Incorporated organisation (SCIO) and operates in accordance with its constitution. The SCIO structure provides a clear governance framework, ensuring that the charity is managed responsibly and in line regulatory requirements.

The trustees are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the charity, ensuring compliance with relevant legislation, and overseeing the effective delivery of its objectives.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees meet every three months to review the charities activities, finances, and strategic direction. An annual general meeting (AGM) was not held during this period as other operational priorities required attention, particularly due to the absence of a formal handover from the previous chairperson. As a result, trustee appointments were made during board meetings and approved by a majority vote of existing trustees. The charity does not permit external organisations to appoint trustees, ensuring independence in governance. The board is committed to inclusivity and values lived experience, with Neurodiverse representation playing an important role in shaping decision-making and ensuring the charity remains responsive to the needs of its members.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

To provide and build a support network for females aged 16+ with or seeking a diagnosis of autism. To offer the chance to take part in new activities and attend events in an autism friendly environment. To offer a safe space to meet new people.

Activities

During the reporting period, Lucys lights significantly expanded its activity program to better meet the needs of its growing membership. The charity delivered two main group activities every month providing larger social opportunities in a structured and supportive setting. Two small group activities every month, offering a quiet and more tailored environment for those who may find larger groups overwhelming. A parent and carer group once per month, creating a space for support, shared experiences and guidance for those supporting autistic individuals. In addition, Lucys lights linked up with the “Bosie” to deliver a monthly cooking session, giving members the opportunity to develop practical life skills, build confidence, and engage in a collaborative and enjoyable activity.

All sessions are carefully planned and adapted to ensure they are accessible, inclusive, and responsive to sensory and communication needs. The charity places a strong emphasis on member feedback, using it to shape activities and ensure they remain relevant, engaging and beneficial.

Achievements and performance

This year has been one of substantial progress, with the charity achieving strong growth in participation, activity delivery, and community recognition.

Lucys lights now supports over 40 women, doubling its reach compared to the previous year. We have delivered over 56 autism friendly activities, providing consistent opportunities for connection and engagement. We have seen increased participation across both main group and small group sessions, demonstrating demand for varied support formats. Members have reported improved confidence, reduced isolation, and stronger social connections as a result of attending activities. The introduction of smaller group sessions has been particularly impactful, enabling individuals who may not otherwise attend to access support.

Lucy's Lights has also worked collaboratively with a number of other third sector organisations throughout the year, recognising the importance of partnership working in achieving the charity's aims. This has included continued close engagement with TSI Moray, who have provided valuable guidance, advice, and practical support as the charity continues to grow and develop. These relationships have helped strengthen governance, improve opportunities for members, and raise awareness of the charity within the wider community.

The charity successfully delivered two major fundraising events during the year. A sponsored tree zone event and a glow walk which brought together members, supporters, and the wider community. Together these events raised over £1,160. Funds from the glow walk have been allocated towards a planned group trip to the enchanted forest at the end of 2026, providing members with a unique and memorable shared experience.

Additional financial support included a donation of £860 from a local business following their own fundraising efforts and a secured monthly donation of £100 from diamond logistics, providing reliable ongoing income.

A major milestone this year was securing over £14,800 from the National Lottery community fund. This funding has been instrumental in establishing and running small group activities, launching the parent and carer support group, and sustaining the charity's main activity program. This funding has allowed the charity to significantly broaden its impact and improve accessibility for a wide range of members.

Lucys lights has gained increasing recognition for its Work becoming a finalist in the Moray and Banffshire hero awards 2025 for charitable organisation of the year and being a finalist in the BIG Christmas gift back, a national competition. These achievements highlight the charity's growing reputation and the positive impact it is making within both the local and wider community.

Financial review

The charity's primary source of income during the year was a grant from the National Lottery community fund which supported the delivery of main group activities, small group activities and our parent and carer group.

Additional income streams included fundraising events, community events, community donations, and regular contributions from supporters. These funds have been used to deliver activities, purchased resources, equipment, games, crafts and ensured accessibility for members.

The trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure carefully, ensuring that funds are used effectively and in line with the charity's objectives. Financial controls and oversight remain a key priority to support sustainable growth and responsible management.

Reserves policy

The trustee's policy is to maintain reserves equivalent to approximately four months of normal operating costs. This ensures that the charity can continue to meet its commitments and respond to any unforeseen expenditure or changes in funding. At the end of the reporting period, four months expenditure amounted to £2119.00. The trustees considered this to be an appropriate and prudent level of reserves and will continue to review this position regularly as the charity grows.

Plans for future period

The trustees are committed to continuing the growth and development of Lucy's Lights, ensuring that the charity remains responsive to the needs of its members and the wider community. Over the coming year, the charity intends to increase its presence within the local community by attending more events to raise awareness of its services and generate additional fundraising opportunities. This will help ensure that more individuals who may benefit from support are aware of how to access the charity.

A key priority for the charity is to improve accessibility for members who face barriers to attending activities. Trustees will therefore seek to secure funding to provide transport options for individuals living in rural locations who are unable to drive or access public transport due to their needs. This will help ensure that the support offered by Lucy's Lights is inclusive and accessible to all.

In response to ongoing demand, trustees will also begin discussions around the potential development of a support group for individuals aged 11–16. This would allow the charity to extend its reach and provide early support to younger individuals who would benefit from a safe and understanding environment.

Additionally, the charity plans to explore the introduction of monthly guest speaker sessions. These sessions would provide members with opportunities to learn about other groups and support services available to them, as well as topics relating to hobbies, careers, wellbeing, and individual support needs. This initiative aims to empower members with knowledge, build confidence, and support personal development.

The trustees will continue to review these plans regularly to ensure that the charity remains sustainable, inclusive, and effective in delivering meaningful support.

Signature: 

Full names: Millie Nicoll

Position: Chairperson

Date: 16/04/2026

Statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/03/2026	Period ended 31/03/2025
Receipts				
Donations	1,305.00		1,305.00	721.00
Fundraising	1,575.00	455.00	2,030.00	700.00
Grants		14,800.00	14,800.00	1000.00
Refund	2.00		2.00	
Cancellation fee income	50.00		50.00	
Merchandise revenue	256.54		256.54	
Bank interest				3.55
Total receipts	<u>3,188.54</u>	<u>15,255.00</u>	<u>18,443.54</u>	<u>2,424.55</u>
Payments				
Activities (main group, small group and parent & carer group)	305.48	4,932.15	5,237.63	2,099.67
Equipment	878.39		878.39	1,423.84
Fundraising costs	203.14		203.14	629.65
Governance costs	120.00		120.00	60.00
Insurance	181.44		181.44	248.85
IT	19.00		19.00	51.90
Marketing	40.18		40.18	348.09
Merchandise costs	146.50		146.50	
Subscription	28.00		28.00	
Training	236.40		236.40	
Consumables				320.83
Bank charges				15.70
Refund				10.00
Total payments	<u>2,158.53</u>	<u>4,932.15</u>	<u>7,090.68</u>	<u>5,208.53</u>

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>1,030.01</u>	<u>10,322.85</u>	<u>11,352.86</u>	<u>(2,783.98)</u>
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Statement of Balances - As at 31st March 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Opening Cash at bank / in hand	1749.06	0.00	1,749.06	4,533.04
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,030.01	10,322.85	11,352.86	(2,783.98)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>2,779.07</u>	<u>10,322.85</u>	<u>13,101.92</u>	<u>1,749.06</u>
Bank and Cash balance				
Bank Deposit	2,779.07	10,322.85		
Savings Account	0.00	0.00		
	<u>2,779.07</u>	<u>10,322.85</u>	<u>13,101.92</u>	<u>1,749.06</u>

Other Assets

iPads x 3				987.00
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Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31st March 2026

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the charities and trustee investment (Scotland) act 2005 and the charities accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year the charity received a grant of £14,800 towards their activities the charity also raised £455 through fundraising towards a trip to the enchanted forest.

3. Related party transactions

The charities insurance policy includes trustee indemnity and liability for all its trustees. No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

4. Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Highland Jive				500.00
Kirkie Bar	860.00		860.00	
Diamond Logistics	100.00		100.00	
Other donations	345.00		345.00	221.00
	<u>1,305.00</u>		<u>1,305.00</u>	<u>721.00</u>

5. Grants received	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Arnold Clark community fund				1,000.00
National lottery community fund		14800.00	14800.00	
		<u>14,800.00</u>	<u>14,800.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

6. Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Board meetings (room hire)	120.00		120.00	60.00
	120.00		120.00	60.00

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Trustees annual report – for the year ended 31st March 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name

Lucy's Lights

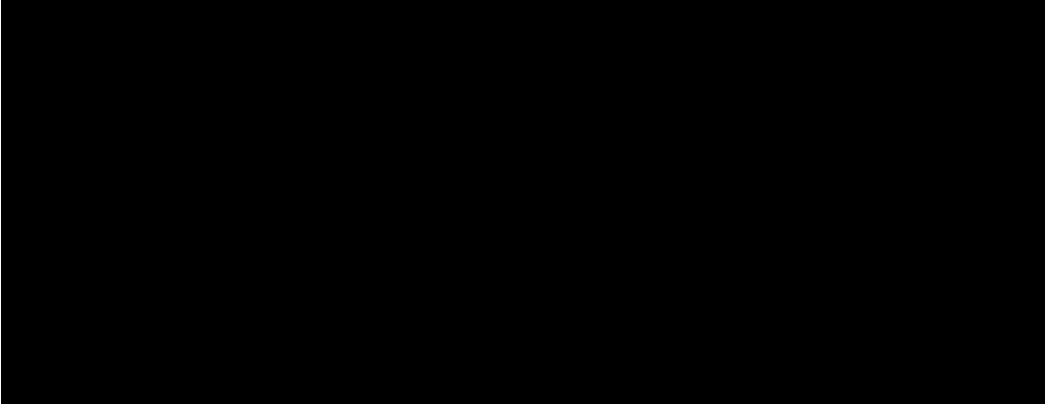
Charity No

SC053236

Address

Bedrock, Forres, Moray, IV362RH

Current trustees



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and as such is governed by its constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The charities trustees meet every 3 months. As a result of it being the charity's first year of operating, an AGM was not held. Therefore, trustees were appointed at board meetings by the current trustees with a majority vote. No external organisations are allowed to appoint charity trustees. We believe have a diverse board run by neurodiverse individuals helps the charity to meet its aims.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

To provide and build a support network for females aged 16+ with or seeking a diagnosis of autism. To offer the chance to take part in new activities and attend events in an autism friendly environment. To offer a safe space to meet new people.

Activities

The charity provides fortnightly activities based in the local community. A few examples of activities include crafts nights, bowling, autism friendly parties, and surfing. These created opportunities for members to meet new people and build friendships. All activities are adapted to meet the needs of all individuals in the group.

Achievements and performance

Over the year we have been able to consistently increase the number of members. We now support over 20 women who are diagnosed with or seeking a diagnosis of Autism. The charity has delivered over 27 autism friendly activities, enabling our members to meet new people, try new things and have fun in a safe environment. We worked closely with other local community groups, charities and local business to help us deliver our activities.

We had a successful fundraiser, a coffee morning at a local town hall. We were able to raise £700. This meant that we were able to increase the capacity at activities, enabling more members to benefit from our support and purchase games that are used at craft nights.

We were successful in securing a grant from the Arnold Clark Community fund, to fund 3 iPads. These were purchased to support our members with communication, learning and creativity. They are very popular at craft nights, where the girls like to use them to draw and create art pieces.

We have continued to work with members to ensure that activities are in line with member's interests and hobbies. We have worked on how to improve community engagement to spread awareness of Lucy's lights and ensure our local autistic community know how to access our support.

Financial review

Our main source of funding was a grant from the Moray Community Mental Health and Wellbeing fund. This covered the majority of our activity costs, with our own fundraising efforts topping up any short fall. We received a grant from Arnold Clark community fund, which was used to purchase 3 iPads to be used at activities

Our fundraising efforts this year have concentrated on building up our kit with basic materials and equipment for routine activities. This includes games, colouring pens, craft supplies and stationery. As well as paying for activities where funding did not cover the full cost.

During the financial year, the charity encountered temporary challenges with maintaining proper receipt records, which resulted in some expenditures being un-receipted. These issues stemmed from shortcomings in the management of purchases by the Chair, who at the time held responsibility for all expenditure. As a result, additional work was required to ensure the accuracy of our accounts. All expenditures have since been thoroughly cross-checked against bank statements and all available documentation to confirm their validity. To address this issue and prevent any recurrence, the trustee responsible has been removed from the board, and the Vice-Chair has now assumed the role of Chair. We have significantly strengthened our financial record-keeping processes and implemented new procedures to ensure improved oversight and accountability. We would like to reassure readers that the charity remains fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of financial transparency, integrity, and responsible governance.

Reserves policy

The trustee's policy is to retain 4 months worth of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Four months worth of expenditure stands at £651.32. The trustees believe that this is an acceptable range but will continue to monitor the position.

Plans for future period

The trustees intend to continue to develop the charity and the services we offer. Our fortnightly activities have proved to be successful. With additional funding we hope to increase this to weekly by also offering small group activities to support those who find our main group to overwhelming, enabling them to also access support. We also hope to offer a parent and carer group to support unpaid carers.



**Statement of receipts and payments for the year ended
31st March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/03/25
Receipts			
Donations	721.00		
Fundraising	700.00		
Bank interest	3.55		
Grants		1,000.00	
Total receipts	1,424.55	1,000.00	2,424.55
Payments			
Activities	2,099.67		2,099.67
Consumables	320.83		320.83
Equipment	436.84	987.00	1,423.84
Fundraising costs	629.65		629.65
Insurance	248.85		248.85
IT	51.90		51.90
Marketing	348.09		348.09
Bank charges	15.70		15.70
Governance costs	60.00		60.00
Refund	10.00		10.00
Total payments	4,221.53	987.00	5,208.53
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,796.98)	13.00	(2,783.98)

Statement of Balances - As at 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/03/25
Opening Cash at bank / in hand	4,533.04	0.00	4,533.04
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,796.98)	13.00	(2,783.98)
	1,736.06	13.00	1,749.06
Bank and Cash balance			
Bank Deposit	1,749.06		1,749.06
Savings Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1,749.06	0.00	1,749.06
Other Assets			
iPads x 3			987.00
			987.00

Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the charities (regulation and administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 and the charities accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006.

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity and its activity costs.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a specific purpose. During the year the charity received a grant of £1,000 for the purchase of 3 iPads.

3. Trustee transactions

Any transactions with trustees are detailed here, ensuring they are for charitable purposes and properly approved

Trustee reimbursed (fundraising costs) :
£96.12

Trustee reimbursed (activity costs) : £119.67

Trustee reimbursed (equipment) : £1,118.44

Trustee reimbursed (marketing) : £185.23

4. Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
Highland Jive	500.00		500.00
Other donations	221.00		221.00
			721.00

5. Grants received

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
Arnold Clark community fund		1,000.00	1,000.00
			1,000.00

6. Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
Activities	2,099.67		2,099.67
Insurance	248.85		248.85
			2,348.52

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
Board meetings (room hire)	60.00		60.00
			60.00

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts					v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Lucy's Light					
Registered charity number		SC053236					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024	to	31	03	2024
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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.</p>						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>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.</p>						
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.</p> <p>A full review of payments and receipts has been conducted. Review took into consideration missing receipts with no material value noted. Subsequent update to the Charity's operations to ensure all receipts are documented has also been reviewed.</p>						
Signed**:							
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

*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.

** OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

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**