



# **Sonas Christian Holidays**

**Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Scottish Charity No. SC053440**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the Report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Our journey began early in 2024 after we heard the news that Agape Holiday Fellowship would be closing. We decided to set up a new charity for Christian holidays with the same guiding principles.

1. Firstly, we formed a committee of 5 trustees and identified roles. A constitution was agreed and sent to OSCR to secure charitable status. We were informed on 17 June 2024 that charitable status had been awarded by OSCR. A bank account was set up and early designs of a website were planned. A Compassion Fund was set up as part of our operation to help those in financial need. We contracted with a local web designer who agreed to design our site at a very subsidised price, and we were most grateful for his support.
2. We agreed to plan 6 holidays – 4 in the UK and 2 abroad. However, major issues evolved, as all venues required deposits to book their locations, and some holidays required flights to be paid up front. A friend offered Sonas a loan to enable the bookings to be secured and we were grateful to this person for showing such a generous spirit. This now enabled us to confirm bookings.
3. We created Membership Forms, Booking Forms, Terms & Conditions, a Leaders' Manual and sourced potential leaders for each holiday.
4. The website had many changes over the months and after the holidays went live, various issues emerged. However, all systems were created to run efficiently.
5. We have aimed to keep everyone informed of our progress with Newsletters and we are most grateful for the Board Members who have worked very hard to reach this stage. We are thankful to all those who have registered with Sonas for the holidays booked in 2025. We had over 100 enquiries with 36 people taking part in the two holidays which took place before 31 March 2025, and we were on track to fill 85 places in total on our holidays in 2025.

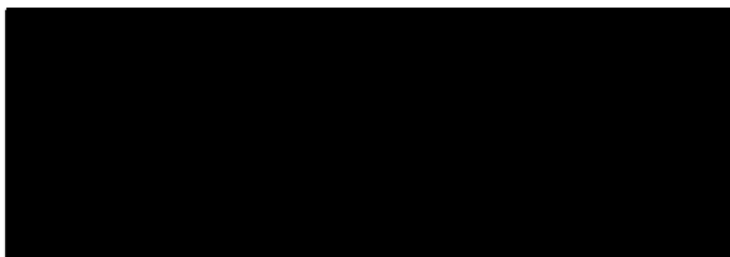
### **Reference and administrative information**

**Charity name:** Sonas Christian Holidays, SCIO

**Charity no.** SC053440

**Address:** 3 Dornie Place, Inverness, IV2 4BX

### **Current trustees**



## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 17 June 2024. It has a two-tier structure (governed by charity trustees with a membership body which has certain powers or duties).

### **Appointment of Trustees**

The charity is managed by the Trustees who meet approximately every 3 months. They are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Currently there are 5 Trustees most of whom have experience of organising and leading such holidays. We continue to try to recruit others to our board who are in sympathy with our aims and have suitable skills.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Charitable purposes**

- (a) to improve the lives of people, mainly in the older age group, through participation in Christian fellowship by meeting and learning together
- (b) to provide holidays, short breaks and other recreational opportunities in the UK and abroad for those of Christian persuasion
- (c) to help alleviate isolation and loneliness experience by reason of age, ill-health or other disadvantage by improving people's lives through recreation, friendship and travel.

#### **Activities**

The charity provides holidays/short breaks at home and abroad, and include participation in Christian fellowship by meeting together morning and evening for worship and discussion. The holidays are led by 2 people who receive training in leadership. In addition, a fellowship day and a reunion are arranged annually for members to come together, meet and encourage one another.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the year, we planned to deliver 6 holidays – 4 in the UK and 2 abroad.

These were all advertised on our website, and one was cancelled due to low uptake on bookings. Leaders were sourced for each holiday.

Systems for club membership, bookings and payments were set up and administered by trustees.

We actively promoted our work through our website and in churches, and sent out regular newsletters.

A national meeting called a 'Fellowship Day' was held in March 2025 in Perth at which we consulted members about the type of holidays and destinations they would like in future. These suggestions were taken on board.

#### **Financial review**

As previously stated, Sonas was immensely grateful for the loan of £5,000 given to enable booking of holidays. It is hoped as SCH grows and continue to deliver holidays that we will generate more funds in order to book holidays for the next year.

**Plans for future period**

We plan to deliver at least 6 holidays for 2026 and create a Holiday Planning Committee separate from the Board of Trustees.

It is hoped to secure more Leaders for the holidays.

We wish to market SONAS more widely across Scotland and will look for opportunities to enable this to happen.

The Annual Report was approved by the Board on 17 October 2025.



## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year-End 31/3/25
Receipts			
Donations	10100	—	10100
Gross trading receipts	2841	41145	43986
Receipts from fundraising activities	5000		5000
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Total receipts	17941	41145	59086
Payments			
Cost of charitable activities	—	16685	16685
Governance costs	203	—	203
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Total payments	203	16685	16888
Surplus for year	17738	24460	42198
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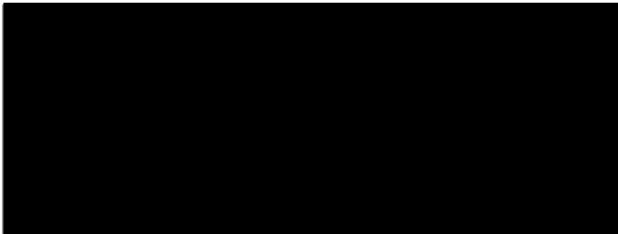
## STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
Opening cash at bank	—	—	—
Surplus for year	17738	24460	42198
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Closing Cash at bank	17738	24460	42198
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<u>Bank and cash balances</u>			
Bank deposit account	17738	24460	42198
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Other assets	—	—	—
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Loan from A Muirden	5000	-	5000

## **BANK BALANCES**

Income per Accounts	£59086
Expenditure per Accounts	£16888
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	£42198
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Bank and cash at start	Nil
Bank and cash at end in bank	£42198
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The Annual Accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on  
17 October 2025



## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

### 1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on receipts and payments in accordance with The Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

### 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 everyday running of the charity. Restricted funds are used only for specific purposes, i.e. the cost of members' holidays.

### 3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Superb Choice Club	5000	—	5000
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R Ross	30	—	30
E Normington	70	—	70
	<u>10100</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>10100</u>

### 4 Loans

A loan in the year was received from A Muirden of £5000. This was unrestricted.

### 5 Gross Trading Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
Deposits for holidays	—	7500	7500
Final payments for holidays	—	33645	33645
Membership fees	2191	—	2191
Fellowship Day	650	—	650
	<u>2841</u>	<u>41145</u>	<u>43986</u>

### 6 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
			2025
Cost of flights	—	3500	3500
Cost of accommodation	—	9540	9540
Travel agent cost	—	1200	1200
Bus hire	—	541	541
Refunds	—	1904	1904
	<u>Nil</u>	<u>16685</u>	<u>16685</u>



7 Governance costs

Stationery	174	—	174
STRIPE fee	29	—	29
	<u>203</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>203</u>

## APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts <span style="float: right;">v2</span>									
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name <b>SONAS CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS</b>								
Registered charity number	<b>SC053440</b>								
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			to			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
	01	07	2024		31	03	2025		
Set out on pages	(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 <del>other than that disclosed on the attached page*</del>								
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ol>								
	have not been met, or								
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ol>								
Signed**:	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%; min-height: 150px;"></div>								
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.

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