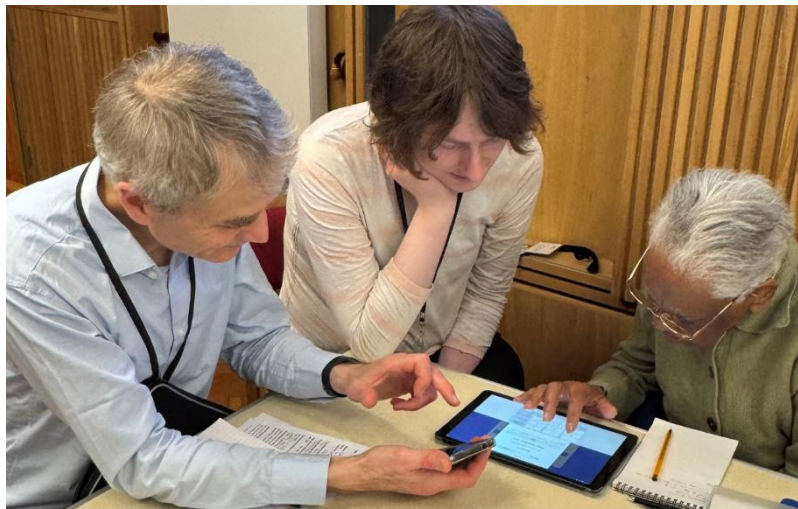


SOUTHSIDE FAITH CARE
A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)
SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC052304
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025



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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 28 February 2025

The Trustees of Southside Faith Care are pleased to present their second report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025. The legal and administrative information forms part of this report.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

Southside Faith Care

Charity Number

SC052304

Principal office

Bartholomew House
12 Duncan Street
Edinburgh, EH9 1SZ

Trustees

The Trustees listed below served from incorporation on 3 February 2023 until the date of this report (unless otherwise noted):

Rev Dr Alexander Forsyth	Convener	
Sandra M Carter	Secretary	
Rev Donald Scott	Treasurer	Resigned 30 June 2024
Rev Dr Karen K Campbell		
Fiona Ferguson		Appointed 18 September 2024
Professor Scott Murray		
Maureen O'Neill		Resigned 8 May 2024
Muriel Sorbie		
Anne Mulligan		
Dr Hilary Watkinson		Appointed 18 September 2024
Julia Yarker		Appointed 8 May 2024

Staff

Su Millar	Development Lead	From 1 May 2024
Dan Taylor	Activities Coordinator	From 10 July 2024

Bankers

Unity Trust Bank plc
Four Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2JB

Independent Examiner

Elaine Alsop
EA Independent Ltd, 5 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4AN

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Structure Governance & Management

Legal status and founding document

Southside Faith Care is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), regulated by a written constitution. The SCIO was registered on 3rd February 2023.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in line with the Constitution, for three years or co-opted annually. Appropriate support and information is given to Trustees as part of their induction. Training and support needs of trustees are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Development Lead and the Convener of the Board of Trustees.

Organisational Structure

Overall policy and strategy is determined by the Trustees on the basis of ongoing input from the participants we work with as well as staff, volunteers and supporters. The Development Lead is responsible to the Trustees for the overall day to day work of the charity. The Trustees meet six times each year to review progress and develop strategy. Day to day work can be delegated to staff of the charity.

Objectives

Charitable purposes

The SCIO's purpose is the advancement of education and the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

This is achieved by:

1. supporting positive models to enable older people to be active in the local community and society,
2. providing pastoral care to improve their mental and spiritual well-being and their condition of life,
3. involving faith communities in working together to offer social activities and events interacting with other agencies to provide information and other forms of support for older people; and
4. promoting and encouraging the training and education of people so that they may develop skills to assist older people.

We will meet our purposes through developing and reviewing our vision, mission, values and strategic aims

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Vision

A society where every older person will have the care and support to live the life they choose.

Mission

To improve the lives of all older people through pastoral care to achieve spiritual and mental well-being based on faith values:

- we will offer activities and support to combat isolation and loneliness
- we will challenge attitudes to age and age-related conditions that stop older people living as equal members of society.

Values

Respect We respect older people and each other at all times

Integrity We are always honest and truthful

Equality We always treat everyone the same

Ethics We always try to do the right thing

Ambition We always strive to improve the lives of older people and create the best environment for volunteers and others involved.

Our strategic purpose is developing as we seek to be led by older people and work with others to co-create/co-design 'community' in order to foster a sense of belonging where none exists. A quotation from Alvin Toffler, the renowned futurist, puts this well:

***"Community offsets loneliness.
It gives people a vitally necessary sense of belonging"***

Our strategic aims are evolving as we work with others to

- reduce social isolation and loneliness; encourage digital inclusion/reduce digital poverty; boost mental/physical health/wellbeing; recruit more volunteers; and secure funding to meet future needs
- develop/deliver positive, bespoke local approaches articulated and led by older people to operate in the space between formal health and care services
- extend our reach into and across more communities in southside Edinburgh.

Achievements and review of the year

Our approach to combatting social isolation and loneliness is to rekindle in older people that “*vital necessary sense of belonging*”. Our wish is to create bespoke opportunities and choices

“You’ve been so good! It’s a 10 out of 10 from me! I am so glad I got help with this because it will make such a huge difference to my life. I could never have done this myself, it’s far too complicated!”

for older people to help them advance towards that ‘destination’. In doing so, we seek to work alongside, contribute to and complement the quality of health and care provision by highlighting positive community support approaches which are tailored to the articulated needs of older people who reside in southside Edinburgh.

Key statistics

573 Total Participants

225 Total Volunteers

5 Venues

1 Exhibition

13 Community Partners

5 Community Talks

Digital Inclusion / Help with Technology

During the year we witnessed the genuine need in older people, hungry for help with technology. In partnership with *AbilityNet* and *Tap into IT*, we delivered a total of 60, 2-hour sessions across 4 venues. Having piloted the initial sessions at Priestfield Parish Church, we provided further programmes there and also introduced these sessions into three new venues across the year: *Mayfield Court independent living complex*; *Marchmont St Giles Parish Church*; and, *Morningside United Church*.

We saw **331 total participants** attend: **71% female; 29% male**.

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This help has meant a great deal to so many. One example is Tom, who was supported through the process of applying for a Blue Badge online, who said:

So many others were able to connect online too with family, here and internationally and to know the joy of regular contact with family and friends again. People asked to be shown how to do practical day to day tasks

online to help maintain their

independence: like help to set up new mobile phones, laptops, tablets;

how to do emails; do banking/ pay

bills; food shopping online; online

appointments; accessing local library resources and NHS information; personal purchases; booking holidays; organise photos and documents; how to search online safely; to pursue old and new interests and so much more.

“I want to learn how to do all of this because if you don’t, you get left behind and then where will you be!” *Isobel*

A total of **166 volunteers** helped provide digital support across the 4 venues. There were different age cohorts, ranging from people in their twenties to those in their 70s. They were highly motivated to use their digital skills to help others and were often praised and thanked by folks about how **“good”**,

“patient” and **“helpful”** they were. One volunteer commented, “I feel really good doing this because I can see that it really does help people, and so that means a lot to me. I really like that. I feel like what I am doing matters, you know, that it’s making a real difference to people, right there and then.”

“This has been so informative!”

“So useful”

“It’s good to know where to get help on this, what to do and not to do!”

“I’ve learned so much today, thank you.”

We invited *Police Scotland* to deliver two dedicated sessions on Scams Awareness and independently on home security. These sessions attracted considerable community interest with

49 people attending. Police

Scotland fielded many questions from both audiences and distributed information along with key contact details.

We wish to acknowledge here our thanks to *AbilityNet*, *Tap into IT*, and to *Police Scotland* for their expertise and support in our collective and collaborative efforts this past year.



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Likewise, we also thank each of the 5 venues and all volunteers for their 'gift-in-kind' generous support, provision of venue space, and their volunteer time too. These are:

Newington Trinity Mayfield and Priestfield Churches; Mayfield Court, Marchmont St Giles Parish



Church and Morningside United Church. Their fulsome support has aided our efforts significantly to reach out to older people across several communities in southside Edinburgh, so that they can secure the support with technology that they need and self-identify to maintain their independence for as long as possible.

We did observe during these sessions unfolding across the year that:

- the format of volunteers giving one-to-one 1-1 digital skills mentoring was effective at meeting individuals' self-identified needs.
- Volunteers excelled in this. Self-confidence levels rose in both volunteers and the participants who learned from them.
- Group sessions were highly effective too for imparting key information on how to be aware of scams and what to do and not to do, and how to avoid such situations in future and provided much reassurance.

Sporting Memories

In community partnership with *Sporting Memories UK*, we started this new group in September 2024 to offer another interest. People who attend get a great deal out of this time together, reminiscing and having conversations that often lead on to different decades, places, sporting legends and often too about the sports venues they have been to over the years, and the recollections linked to those times. Listening to people's stories and



reminiscences, and all the social commentary on these times, is so interesting and so much fun too. It even prompted one volunteer to investigate a former dance hall venue in Edinburgh that boasted of a wrestling arena too within its very same walls. No longer there now, it was quite a rarity - though some recalled in jest that sometimes there is little difference between dancing and wrestling!

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Next year, we plan to expand the group with a monthly visit to a local golf club, *Prestonfield Golf Club*, which is very supportive of holding *Sporting Memories* sessions there. We hope to attract Volunteer Ambassadors from the Club to encourage golfers to swell the numbers.

The existing members of the group are excited by the prospect of visiting such a lovely venue and look forward to meeting potential new members too.

Man Friday

This group has been running for a year with 10, and a regular core of 8, men which has been developed by the group, is self-led and shaped by the members' interests. These have included men's health and gentle exercise, ageing well, falls prevention, and outdoor exercise, including putting, playing croquet, local short walks and social lunches, BBQs and curry nights; board games; current affairs; and a good blether, with much laughter and very importantly, general and specific peer support, all of which has contributed to the encouragement of healthier and more active lives.

All the men actively participate in its running, with roles in planning, organising and supporting activities, and sustaining their programme. Evaluation at a focus group explored how possible changes might develop and key themes to progress were captured.



The group is welcoming of new members and new interests and has much to offer in the way of peer support for men.

***“I’m here because I felt I was getting insular... it’s company.
It means I’m not sitting alone at home.”***

Group member from ‘Man Friday’

Activities piloted through the year and being re-designed

We are determined to find the best ways of tackling social isolation and loneliness that resonate with older people in our community, and which provide opportunities to enhance digital inclusion and see mental and physical health and wellbeing outcomes improve.

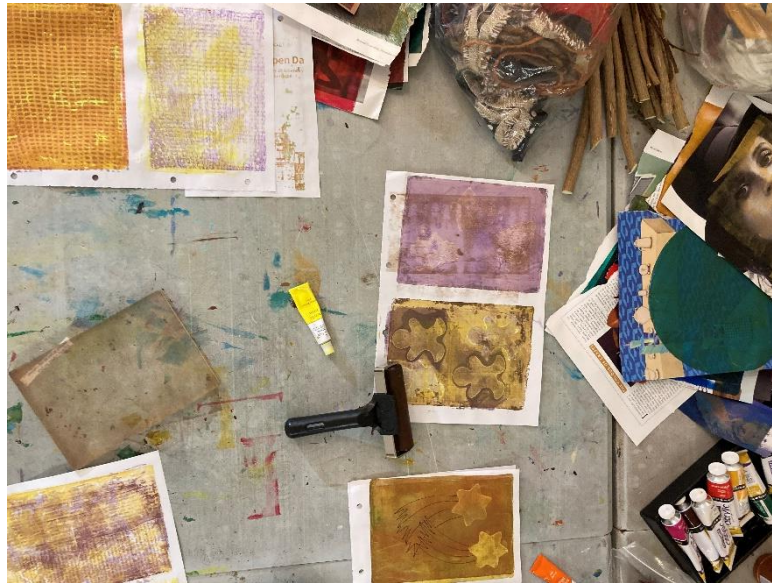
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Below are groups we trialled for a period and decided to pause whilst we redesign them to be more effective for the future, based on observation and knowledge gained as well as insight from our community partners.

We are rethinking our approach to some activities and areas for future planning.

‘Community Art’ was an idea identified in our 2022 scoping study. This activity was volunteer led in partnership with *The Salisbury Centre* who provided the venue over an 8-week period, after which works were presented in a wonderful Community Art Exhibition. The pieces portrayed the achievements of participants in a range of artistic expression, using different materials and media.



Despite being a hugely creative and enjoyable experience for all the participants, and in a centre well equipped for its arts activities, it did not grow. Nevertheless this was hugely meaningful to those who were drawn to it. It also provided a much valued, and valuable, opportunity for the volunteer who led this activity who was able to build a portfolio of work, capturing the creative process and many beautiful images during these sessions. We seek to work again with *The Salisbury Centre* and are to explore new ideas together in 2025-26.

“I’m so glad we all had fun in the session and how we really pulled together as a team to bring the exhibition together. It was a great journey for me”

Volunteer from Art Exhibition

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'Drop-in Tuesdays' was piloted weekly, based on an identified community need. This was a 'warm space' to come and meet others during the colder months and to enjoy hot drinks, a good blether and to access information on specific needs. Four issues impacting older people's lives were dealt with by volunteers: planning, housing, informal support and help, and signposting.

"I so enjoy our conversations here"

Ruth from 'Drop in Tuesdays'

Equally, the 'warm space' was appreciated by a handful of others who came along. Fine conversations were had there with individuals and among small groups.

Sessions boosted people's morale and mood and enabled them to "break the day" by coming along, and to "bide a while" with us. But, it only achieved its purpose for a handful of very grateful people (beyond being a sociable space) and did not attract sufficient or consistent numbers. On consulting users, different approaches emerged to meet social need that offered a clearer purpose.

Overall, although some activities attracted only a handful of older people, the impact on participants- individually and collectively- was 'significant'.

Information Conversations

This was a different way of providing information which was successfully piloted with a block of three, monthly information sessions in the form of short talks, held from November to January, with engaging conversations designed to aid understanding on topics such as Navigating the Care Maze, Carer Support and Power of Attorney, with community partner *Home Instead*, supported by speakers from *Care for Carers*, legal input and *Age Scotland*. The format of informally gathering around a table where everyone could listen, ask questions and importantly share experience, was relaxed and unthreatening. This format encouraged a more conversational and exploratory style of engagement on these topics with the 18 people in total who attended.



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People found the information imparted to be **“relevant”**, and **“useful”**. They told us that they had enjoyed listening to and/or sharing experiences and concerns with others in a safe and, what felt like, an intimate space. Significantly, this has whetted an appetite for more of these talk-conversations.

We have a plan in process to bring more of these sessions to the community in 2025-26 and seek to extend this offering further to include another location and catchment within southside Edinburgh.

Crafts, Games and Soup is a new activity which just started at our Year End. As we pilot this idea, we will consider practical adjustments in consultation with others to help more people engage with and benefit from this opportunity as it evolves and to meet new people, to socialise and to have fun.

Transport

We recognised access to/from activities emerged as a challenge for some individuals with mobility issues.

We’re exploring ways to help improve access to our activities for next year.

Our Volunteers

An impressive total of **225 volunteers** participated across all our different activities throughout the year.

The benefits experienced by volunteers were linked to each individual’s motivation for volunteering. This included volunteers who

- felt good about helping people and were highly motivated by this
- experienced an increase in confidence, which contributed to personal development needs
- gained experience, which helped with future employment ambitions
- met recreational and social needs
- widened their network through participating in shared interests and found participating in activities to be therapeutic and met unanticipated needs which positively impacted their mental health and wellbeing.



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- embraced training, development and learning opportunities to upskill and/or applied existing skills and experience to assist older people in local communities.

Thank you to all our volunteers for offering their time, commitment, gifts and talents so generously. We could not have done it without you!

Our Participants - Older People

People who participated enjoyed many benefits:

- increased social contact through encouragement to join in which led to,
- extended social networks; peer support; and opportunities to enjoy shared interests with others, which contributed to supporting mental health and well-being
- increased knowledge and learning:
 - reduced anxiety about maintaining independence in this digital age by self-identifying what they needed to know how to do to meet their day-to-day needs
 - felt more confident in using digital technology
 - helped to maintain independence where they lived
 - informed of practical information related to a broad range of health topics and support available
 - learned new techniques and use of different materials and media to create art pieces for a community exhibition
 - learned about local connections to explore
- improved general mental health and well-being
- experienced an increase in motivation and felt more empowered

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the participants who sought us out and came along.

Our Partners in the Community

We have built up a core of steadfast community partners this past year as highlighted in the activity summaries. All align with our values and the ambitions of older people in our community. We are sincerely grateful to all our community partners too, for the successful collaborations and all that has been achieved, together. We look forward to working with them again in 2025-26.

Meantime, we have been making other community links too for the future. We seek to,

- build on these relationships and to work more closely with these groups next year to extend opportunities to more older people; and
- to enhance our reach and range into new areas within and across southside Edinburgh.

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Our Funders

We are very grateful to the TOR Christian Foundation, the Benefact Trust, the Queensberry House Trust, the Johnnie and Hilda Gibbs Charitable Trust, Awards for All, and the Company of Mercers for their financial support and encouragement.



We acknowledge the support of our local churches, originally the drivers of this initiative with a strong focus on all older people in our community. Partners in our development, where a shared commitment to tackling and preventing social isolation and loneliness, were *AbilityNet*, *Tap into IT*, *Sporting Memories*, the *Salisbury Centre* and our local *Community Link Worker Network*

In addition, we are very appreciative of the access to the accommodation we have in Priestfield Parish Church- now known as Newington Trinity Priestfield as of 1st January 2025- where we use the level access café lounge and other spaces for activities, as well as having our rented office located there too.

Our Staff

Over the past year Su Millar, our Development Lead, has heightened the profile of Southside Faith Care and expanded the range and character of activities we offer. Dan Taylor joined us as Activities Co-ordinator in July and facilitates the groups as well as developing our IT and online presence. The Trustees recognise and appreciate how much the staff team achieve in part-time hours.

Finally we are conscious that our governance depends on our voluntary contribution as trustees as well as having a role in establishing the new groups and promoting the strategic work of the organisation as a whole. Over the past 12 months, 10 trustee volunteers supported our work either directly or through participation in management and steering strategic direction.

What we have learned

1. Sharing resources has been cost and time effective. Working together with appropriate community partners has enabled us to increase our capacity, extend our reach and to make a difference to older people who engaged with us.
2. Time is a factor. We must break hard ground and plan, promote and run activities to meet articulated needs.
3. We are to be patient. It takes time for our seeds to grow; for new ideas to gain a foothold. It is taking time for trust to build in different pockets of the community.

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4. Meantime, we must build our capacity through volunteer recruitment, induction, training and development into active and meaningful volunteering roles; and, to equip and empower volunteers to work together with us to help us fulfil our plans for 2025-26.
5. We will apply the insights and learning we have gained from activities to our future endeavours and will continue to work with supportive community partners and volunteers to increase our capacity and reach into and across the community we serve in southside Edinburgh.
6. That what older people say they want, and what they say they will use, becomes irrelevant unless they themselves will participate in what they have self-identified and recommend. They are the experts at being old and have great wisdom to share.
7. We must endeavour to identify gaps in provision and seek cost effective solutions to local issues, like transport to help people attend activities here.



Photo by Donald Millar (Man Friday)

Financial review

Results for the year to 28 February 2025

The SCIO has receipts of £53,965 and made payments of £66,091 resulting in a deficit of £12,126. The total funds of the SCIO as at 28 February 2025 are £37,495 which are held in the charity's bank account. Of these funds £31,792 are restricted to use and £5,703 are unrestricted.

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Reserves policy

The £5,703 held as unrestricted funds form the reserves of the SCIO. Given the funding received and secured until 2027 and the development plans, the Trustees believe the reserves are sufficient. However, the building of reserves will be monitored and the Trustees are developing a reserves policy as the SCIO consolidates its activities and develops.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees did not receive remuneration or expenses in connection with their role in the SCIO.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Alexander C Forsyth
Convener

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHSIDE FAITH CARE

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 28 February 2025, which are set out on pages 16 and 17 and the related notes on pages 18 to 20.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave 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.

Elaine Alsop ACA FCIE DChA

EA Independent Ltd

5 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4AN

DATE TBC

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	3,000	50,965	53,965	64,883
		<u>3,000</u>	<u>50,965</u>	<u>53,965</u>	<u>64,883</u>
Payments					
Charitable activities	3	-	66,091	66,091	15,262
Total payments		<u>-</u>	<u>66,091</u>	<u>66,091</u>	<u>15,262</u>
Net receipts/payments before transfers		3,000	(15,126)	(12,126)	49,621
Transfers		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u><u>3,000</u></u>	<u><u>(15,126)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,126)</u></u>	<u><u>49,621</u></u>

The Notes on page 18 to 20 form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Opening funds		2,703	46,918	49,621	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		3,000	(15,126)	(12,126)	49,621
Closing funds	4	<u>5,703</u>	<u>31,792</u>	<u>37,945</u>	<u>49,621</u>
<i>Represented by:</i>					
Opening bank balances		2,703	46,918	49,621	-
Movement in the year		3,000	(15,126)	(12,126)	49,621
Closing bank balances		<u>5,703</u>	<u>31,792</u>	<u>37,945</u>	<u>49,621</u>
Other balances for information				2025	2024
				£	£
Amounts due to creditors					
Consultancy				-	3,120
Publicity				-	80
Activities				-	61
Independent examination fee				400	400

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Alexander C Forsyth
Convener

The Notes on page 18 to 20 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Statement of Receipts and Payments is a summary of all money received and paid by the Charity during the financial year. No adjustments have been made for income due not yet received, or for expenditure incurred not paid by the end of the year.

VAT

The Charity is not registered for VAT and, accordingly, expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Resources expended

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fee.

Funds

The general funds of the Charity are unrestricted and administered on a discretionary basis under the direction of the Trustees, and in line with the objects of the charity. Any funding given to the charity for specific purposes, is held as a restricted fund.

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Tor Christian Foundation	-	37,965	37,965	18,680
Queensberry House Trust	-	-	-	15,000
Benefact Trust	-	13,000	13,000	14,000
National Lottery	-	-	-	9,500
Mercers Company	-	-	-	5,000
Johnnie and Hilda Gibbs Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000	-
Other	-	-	-	2,703
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>50,965</u>	<u>53,965</u>	<u>64,883</u>

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3. PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	-	45,980	45,980	11,545
Rent	-	3,500	3,500	1,500
Administration	-	2,021	2,021	731
Activities	-	11,063	11,063	69
Publicity	-	873	873	571
Equipment	-	2,126	2,126	846
Volunteer costs	-	128	128	-
Independent examination	-	400	400	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>66,091</u>	<u>66,091</u>	<u>15,262</u>

The fee for the independent examination is £400 (2024: £400) and is included in the statement of balances.

4. FUNDS

	Opening funds at 1 Mar 2024	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing funds at 28 Feb 2025
Unrestricted funds					
General	2,703	3,000	-	-	5,703
Restricted funds					
Tor Christian Foundation	3,418	37,965	(40,886)	-	2,921
Queensberry House	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Benefact Trust	14,000	13,000	(10,705)	-	16,295
National Lottery	9,500	-	(9,500)	-	-
Mercers Company	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
	<u>46,918</u>	<u>50,965</u>	<u>(66,091)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,972</u>
Total funds	<u>49,621</u>	<u>53,965</u>	<u>(66,091)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,495</u>

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Funds continued

Transfers between funds:

There were no transfers between the funds in the year to 28 February 2025.

The General Fund is the unrestricted funds of the Charity and is administered on a discretionary basis under the direction of the Trustees, and in line with the objects of the charity. The Johnnie and Hilda Gibbs Charitable Trust awarded £3,000 to further the development of the charity.

Restricted funds:

The restricted funds all part-fund Southside Faith Care to establish local, person-centred services, operating in the space between formal health and care services, and to tackle social isolation and loneliness among older people.

Tor Christian Foundation provides funding of £110,000 over 2.5 years, £37,965 in the year to 28 February 2025 to appoint part-time staff whose role is to establish Southside Faith Care within the local community and to identify and initiate activity groups that respond to the unmet needs of older people experiencing social isolation.

Benefact Trust awarded a grant of £40,000 over 3 years. The funds, of which £13,000 is the second tranche, are being used towards staff costs and training, activities development, volunteering development, promotion and equipment.

Queensberry House Trust awarded £15,000 in the prior year and agreed to its use being spread over 3 years to help establish a hub from which groups, activities and support for older people could be centred, in particular staff costs and training activities, volunteering and equipment. Volunteering will be a particular focus in the coming year.

Awards for All, the National Lottery gave Southside Faith Care £9,500 in the prior year to help our community thrive. The grant recognised the early development of the charity to put an infrastructure in place, by part-funding staff costs, premises, activities, and equipment.

The **Company of Mercers Philanthropy Committee** awarded £5,000 in the prior year towards the expansion of the first year development of the charity. This funding is towards staff costs, volunteers' expenses, website building and equipment.