



LIVING HOPE (SKYE and LOCHALSH)

ANNUAL REPORT

1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: LIVING HOPE (Skye and Lochalsh)

Scottish Charity Registration Number: SC050950 – Registered 5th May 2021

Address: Lighthouse, 5 Station Road Kyle of Lochalsh, IV40 8AE

Trustees and Management Committee:

Chairperson - Mr. Gilbert A McKinnon, Inverness. Retired teacher

Vice-chairperson - Mr Calum I MacAskill, Isle of Skye. Local man; long-term friend and supporter of Living Hope and Road to Recovery

Secretary - Mrs Catriona M Boyle, Isle of Skye. Social worker (wife of Stevie Boyle)

Treasurer - Mr Robert E McRae, Isle of Skye. Retired

Independent Examiner:

John Henderson, Isle of Skye

Bankers:

Bank of Scotland

Living Hope (Skye and Lochalsh) Chairperson's Report

Main aims and purposes of **LIVING HOPE (Skye and Lochalsh)**

Living Hope exists primarily to offer hope and a support to those affected by alcohol and substance misuse and related issues such as social isolation, poor mental health and poverty. We aim to help improve the general quality of life and wellbeing of those who have been affected by adverse circumstances.

We understand that full recovery requires peer support and a healthy active support network around an individual to meet the needs of the whole person, physical, mental and spiritual. Support is available at the level required whether through drop-ins, recovery groups and one-to-one mentoring. For those who struggle to seek external support, Living Hope offers individual support by phone or home visits. Support also includes a variety of activities such as excursions and opportunities to network with other recovery groups further afield for peer support online and face to face at recovery conferences.

We currently rent a premises called the Lighthouse in Kyle of Lochalsh, from which Living Hope operates a coffee shop a few times a week providing an open door to a warm and welcoming space for the local community and access to Living Hope support. It is also a hub for other related charities some of whom run regular drop ins from the Lighthouse such as the local mental health association, social housing tenants support and even adult literacy and education provision. The overall aim is to increase social inclusion, community interaction, access to services, provision of free food through the pay it forward scheme and the food bank in a welcoming safe environment.

WHAT was done this year:

- Individual support for people struggling with life controlling addictions has continued across Skye and Lochalsh and occasionally further afield.
- Weekly recovery groups run from the Lighthouse in Kyle of Lochalsh.
- The Lighthouse Coffee shop continues to run successfully a few times a week and some member of the Living Hope community now volunteer here increasing their employability.
- The Cafe drop-in during the week is helpful for the recovery work because it provides a natural place to relax and connect with others through socialising or playing pool. Stevie Boyle is the manager of the Café which has been supported by the Robertson Trust.
- New volunteers have been recruited to support the outreach work of Living Hope.
- Networking and partnership with other recovery charities such as Connect to TC, Teen Challenge, Broken Chains Ayr, Walking Free, Proclaim Trust and the Keys Project continues.
- Fortnightly Christian worship and fellowship meetings take place in the Lighthouse with a focus on celebrating recovery.

Report approved by the Trustees September 2025 and signed on their behalf by



G. McKinnon (Chairman)

Living Hope (Skye and Lochalsh)

Financial Review

This Financial Review covers the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025

The Accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

The principal source of the income of Living Hope is regular and occasional donations from supporters of the charity. There is also income from independent organisations who use the charity's premises.

It is the policy of the charity to endeavour to maintain reserves of at least 6 month's expenditure.

Approved by the trustees on15 /09/25..... and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. McKeon'.

(Chairperson)

Living Hope (Skye and Lochalsh)

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the financial year ended 31 May 2025 as set out on pages 7 and 8

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity 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.

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 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 with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking 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 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 have not been met.

2. or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

John Henderson

Name: John Henderson.

Address: Hashabiah, Lower Breakish, Isle of Skye

Date 13 / 06 /25

Living Hope (Skye and Lochalsh)

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year
Individual Donations		27679.07		27679.07	44461.98
Other Income		21743.78		21743.78	28354.30
User Groups		2896.00		2896.00	3078.00
Grants		10000.00		10000.00	10000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		62318.85		62318.85	85894.28
Payments					
Staff Costs		44729.87		44729.87	51147.14
Shop Supplies		3421.95		3421.95	6463.17
Hall rent		10500.00		10500.00	10500.00
Hall Clean & Upkeep		255.00		255.00	233.40
Wifi		312.00		312.00	312.00
Electricity		5585.76		5585.76	6565.33
CCLI		170.00		170.00	332.28
Business Stream (Water)		1173.67		1173.67	903.94
Insurance		819.60		819.60	939.49
Capital Expenditure		0		0	866.36
Gifts & Donations		0		0	2265.00
Miscellaneous		100.00		100.00	1321.12
TOTAL PAYMENTS		67067.85		67067.85	81849.23
NET RECEIPTS/(-PAYMENTS)		-4749.00		-4749.00	4045.05

Living Hope (Skye and Lochalsh)

Statement of Balances As at 31 May 2025

	Current Year £	Last year
Bank Balance b/fwd @ 1 June 2024	17719.91	13674.86
Surplus/(Deficit) per Receipts & Payments A/C	-4749.00	4045.05
Bank Balance c'fwd @ 31 May 2025		
Main a/c 2393.38		
Shop a/c 10577.53	17719.91	17719.91

Approved by the trustees on 15/09/25 and signed on their behalf by:



Robert E McRae

G McKinnon, Chairman
R McRae, Treasurer.