Scottish Charity No. SC045125

Christian Values in Education Project

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2026

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Christian Values in Education Project

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

The Christian Values in Education Project (known as CVE Scotland) was established by Constitution on 24 September 2014 and amended with the approval of OSCR in August 2016. It is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) No. SC045125.

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Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the charity are:

- the advancement of education through identifying, resourcing, enabling and disseminating best practice by teachers and community partners, which empowers children and young people in critically understanding a range of beliefs, values and practices;
- the advancement of citizenship and community development by supporting organisations and churches to take up opportunities to serve schools in a relevant and effective manner which will benefit children and young people and enhance the curriculum, through the development and teaching of civic values and the encouragement of both adults and young people in voluntary community activity; and
- the advancement of religion by fulfilling the above purposes within a framework of Christian faith and values, working in active engagement with a range of organisations and churches and at all times within the Scottish Government guidelines for education for young people aged 3-18.

Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

Steve McLeister	Vice-chair/Secretary
Iain Macleod	Treasurer
Nigel Kenny	(appointed 28 November 2025)
Kirsteen Maclean	
Elaine Tait	SU Scotland representative
Megan Patterson	Chair (resigned 31 March 2026)
Marjorie Paton	(resigned 28 November 2025)

The position of Chair is currently vacant and Management Committee meetings are chaired on a rotational basis by the Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated for appointment by the existing Trustees. The Board must include at least one serving or retired Primary Head Teacher, one serving or retired Secondary Head Teacher and a representative of Scripture Union Scotland.

Unless otherwise agreed, a Trustee shall hold office for a period ending on the fifth AGM following their appointment. A Trustee must not hold office continuously for more than eight years. Megan Patterson resigned as Chair and Trustee due to this requirement but remains as a CVE Scotland volunteer. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities. Trustees met regularly throughout the year.

Activities and achievements

Overview

The Charity's vision statement was updated during the year to reflect a new focus: "Inspiring and encouraging Christian teachers and school staff to confidently live out their faith in school." In fulfilling this vision, we focus primarily on encouraging and supporting Christians working in schools. We also support those of any faith by making resources available for RME/RMPS lessons, cross-curricular work, and Time for Reflection assemblies. We continue to believe that Christian values have a significant place in Scottish education, not least because the Scottish education system was originally built on them.

In 2025-26 the Management Committee continued the revised communications strategy implemented the previous year. Quarterly newsletters were issued on topical themes including the revised RSHP Government guidance, Christians in Football, and Easter resources.

The 'Catalyst 2025: Make a Difference in Your Local School' conference was held in Inverness in September. The event aimed to encourage churches to become more involved in their local schools and to raise awareness of opportunities arising from recent UNCRC legislation. We are grateful for the support of partner organisations and to Out of the Box, who kindly recorded several seminars. These are now available to view on our YouTube channel. Due to a number of circumstances, the Management Committee took the decision to cancel the planned Ignite Conference.

Our relationship with the national Association of Christian Teachers (ACT) was strengthened over the year. A joint online prayer meeting for Scottish members was held in April, and our Chair and Outreach Administrator were interviewed for an ACT podcast 'Scotland – What's Going On in Schools?' in March.

During the year the Management Committee, staff, and volunteers continued to raise the profile of the charity, increasing awareness among school staff of the support available. This involved attending various events, including the Recharge Plus event in September, a presentation at the Pray for Scotland Zoom meeting in March, SU Ministry Hub meetings in Kilmarnock and West Lothian, and stalls at the Scottish Teachers Association of Religious and Moral Education (STARME) Festival of Learning and the Unite for Education Inverclyde events in May.

As part of our renewed vision and strategy, CVE Scotland is establishing a national network of informal meetings for fellowship and encouragement. The first 'breakfast-style' meeting took place in Haddington in June. Staff from both primary and secondary sectors in East Lothian enjoyed morning rolls, cakes, and coffee while hearing about the work of CVE Scotland, receiving free resources, and praying over current issues in the teaching profession

Another strand of the new vision is to support and encourage new teachers entering the profession. We do this by distributing 'Blessing Packs' containing items such as a notebook, stylus pen, fidget toy, and coffee voucher at probationer events. Renfrewshire Council was the first in Scotland to accept our offer, with over 50 packs distributed at their NQT celebration event in June. Two further local authorities will take part in August 2026–27, and we hope to extend the initiative more widely.

To support school staff and those working with children and young people, we continue to curate an extensive list of resources from a wide range of organisations for use at Christmas, Easter, and as a Christian alternative to Halloween.

In spring 2026, CVE Scotland issued an electronic survey across all 32 local authorities, church denominations, and newsletter subscribers to gather views on how best the Charity can support Christian teachers and school staff. A total of 117 responses were received. These will help inform the website refresh planned for August 2026.

Activities and achievements (**continued)**

School Chaplaincy

Our School Chaplaincy Project Leader, Reverend Dr Steve Younger, retired from his post in November 2025 after many years of faithful service. His final project was the publication of Time for Reflection Volume 5: Christianity – Values and Issues, an essential resource for teachers, school leaders, chaplains, and anyone involved in delivering Religious and Moral Education (RME) and Religious Observance (RO). Copies are available from the CVE Scotland website.

Steve also delivered an informative seminar on active chaplaincy at the Catalyst 2025 conference in Inverness in September 2025. The recording is available on our YouTube channel.

Back to School with God

Back to School with God is an initiative of SU Scotland in collaboration with CVE Scotland. The 2025 resources explored Psalm 23 and the character of God as our Shepherd, helping participants discover in what ways God is 'All I Need'. The resources are suitable for all congregations – those with and without children, and those with and without technology. They include a range of activities, Bible exploration ideas, suggested prayers, and children's crafts. Available as PDF and Word documents, the resources are easily adapted for midweek or Sunday Club use.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Project (RSHP)

The final stage of CVE Scotland's RSHP Project was completed with two online Explainer events for staff and parents in November 2025. These events focused on Early Years, First, and Second Level resources in conjunction with staff from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. Resources for all levels continue to be available on the CVE Scotland website. The publication of updated Scottish Government Guidance on RSHP Education (February 2026) brought both reassurance and responsibility to Christian teachers: faith is respected, but professional duties remain central. CVE Scotland produced a short guide for Christian teachers, which is available to download on the website.

Personnel and Volunteers

The Management Committee met regularly throughout the year, supported by a smaller planning group that dealt with operational issues between meetings. The group also met specifically for prayer at various times. Our Chaplaincy Project Leader, Rev Dr Steve Younger, retired in November 2025. Together with a Vision and Strategy review, this led to a new, refined focus for the charity. Following an audit of support from other Christian organisations, it was felt that a gap remained in specific support for Christian teachers and school workers. This has now become the sole focus for CVE Scotland. As a result, a replacement for Steve has not been sought.

Our Chair, Megan Patterson, stepped down as a Trustee in March 2026, in line with our constitution which requires this after eight years' service. We give thanks to God for her years of faithful service. Megan led with grace, wisdom, and deep commitment to our shared mission, guiding us through seasons of challenge and growth with Christ-like humility and strength. We are profoundly grateful for the time, prayer, and love she has poured into CVE Scotland – her leadership has borne lasting fruit. We praise God that Megan will continue serving as a valued volunteer.

We also acknowledge the service of Marjorie Paton, who stepped down as a Trustee in November 2025. Nigel Kenny was elected as a Trustee at the AGM in November, bringing legal knowledge and experience as Scotland Officer for the Christian Institute. Shelagh Coulter also joined the Management Committee as a volunteer, after many years' experience in teaching and as a Depute Head Teacher in a large secondary school.

The charity is extremely grateful to all Trustees and volunteers who have given their time, skills, and advice in many capacities, including serving on the Management Committee, providing IT support, and helping with social media and events. As a result of the new focus, the job title and description of our sole staff member (Outreach Administrator) were updated. The post remains a 20-hour-per-week contract.

Activities and achievements (**continued)**

Fundraising

The Management Committee is grateful to everyone who supported our main fundraising activities, including a Soup and Pudding Lunch in Lewis in November 2025 and funds raised via clothing recycling websites.

The charity is keen to explore new fundraising methods, particularly regular monthly donations. We are also very grateful for several successful grant applications, which have enabled new projects to progress.

Financial review

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 6 to 9. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 6 reflects a deficit for the year of £10,085 (2025: surplus of £14,129). Total reserves, including restricted funds, amounted to £19,974 (2025: £30,059).

The Trustees are grateful for financial support from charitable trusts, churches and individual donors during the year.

Reserves

The Trustees seek to hold funds in reserve to cover six months' unrestricted salary costs plus one year's operating costs. Based on the budget for 2026/27 this amounted to £11,000. Reserves held at the year-end met this reserves target.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Iain Macleod

Iain Macleod
Trustee

Christian Values in Education Project SCIO

Report of the Independent Examiner for the year ended 30 June 2026

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

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 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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 (as amended), and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

   have 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.

Alison Franks

Alison Franks CA
Director
Cornerstone Accounting Ltd

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Date: 21 October 2026

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £
Receipts							
Trust donations		**20,625**	**-**	**20,625**	-	-	-
Church donations		**3,960**	**-**	**3,960**	5,050	-	5,050
Individual donations		**3,708**	**-**	**3,708**	3,443	-	3,443
Gift aid on donations		**550**	**-**	**550**	1,062	-	1,062
Grants		**(5,000)**	**(3,400)**	**(8,400)**	27,100	(500)	26,600
Fundraising events		**841**	**-**	**841**	1,973	-	1,973
Resources income		**-**	**-**	**-**	45	-	45
Bank interest		**372**	**-**	**372**	496	-	496
Total receipts		**25,056**	**(3,400)**	**21,656**	39,169	(500)	38,669
Payments							
Salary costs		**14,969**	**2,820**	**17,789**	10,242	8,337	18,579
Other staff costs		**-**	**-**	**-**	329	-	329
Consulting fees		**-**	**-**	**-**	250	-	250
Fundraising expenses		**-**	**-**	**-**	262	-	262
IT Support		**1,498**	**-**	**1,498**	1,599	-	1,599
Insurance		**793**	**-**	**793**	777	-	777
Administration and IT costs		**824**	**-**	**824**	477	-	477
Website redevelopment		**3,341**	**-**	**3,341**	-	-	-
Publicity materials		**2,757**	**-**	**2,757**	916	-	916
Catering, conferences and travel		**457**	**3,130**	**3,587**	199	-	199
Memberships and subscriptions		**232**	**-**	**232**	232	-	232
Grants and donations	2	**500**	**-**	**500**	500	-	500
Independent examination		**360**	**-**	**360**	360	-	360
Bank charges		**60**	**-**	**60**	60	-	60
Total payments		**25,791**	**5,950**	**31,741**	16,203	8,337	24,540
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		**(735)**	**(9,350)**	**(10,085)**	22,966	(8,837)	14,129
Transfer between funds		**(2,735)**	**2,735**	**-**	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after transfers		**(3,470)**	**(6,615)**	**(10,085)**	22,966	(8,837)	14,129
Total funds brought forward		**23,444**	**6,615**	**30,059**	478	15,452	15,930
Total funds carried forward		**19,974**	**-**	**19,974**	23,444	6,615	30,059

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Balances

As at 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 Opening balance £	2026 Surplus for year £	2026 Closing balance £	2025 Opening balance £	2025 Surplus for year £	2025 Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand							
Current accounts		**30,059**	**(10,085)**	**19,974**	15,930	14,129	30,059
Total cash at bank and in hand		**30,059**	**(10,085)**	**19,974**	15,930	14,129	30,059
Represented by:							
Unrestricted fund							
General fund	3			**19,974**			23,444
Restricted funds							
Chaplaincy project fund	4			**-**			2,615
Conference fund	**4**			**-**			4,000
Total funds				**19,974**			30,059

Statement of assets at 30 June	**2026**	2025
	£	£
Gift aid due	**550**	550
Web redesign deposit paid in advance	**3,341**	-
Conference deposit paid in advance	**-**	164
	3,891	714

Statement of liabilities at 30 June	**2026**	2025
	£	£
Independent examination fee	**420**	360
HMRC and pension costs due	**349**	457
	769	817

The financial statements on pages 6 to 9 were approved by the Trustees on 12 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Iain Macleod

Iain Macleod
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2026

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise donations, grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

2. Grants and donations

Grants and donations in the year include the following:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Scripture Union Scotland	**500**	500
	500	500

3. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.07.25	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Transfers**	**Balance at 30.6.26**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General fund	23,444	25,056	(25,791)	(2,735)	**19,974**
Total unrestricted funds	23,444	25,056	(25,791)	(2,735)	**19,974**

Explanation of funds

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

4. Restricted funds

	Balance at 01.07.25	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Transfers**	**Balance at 30.6.26**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Chaplaincy project fund	2,615	-	(2,820)	205	**-**
Conference fund	4,000	(3,400)	(3,130)	2,530	**-**
Total restricted funds	**6,615**	**(3,400)**	**(5,950)**	**2,735**	**-**

Explanation of funds overleaf

4. Restricted funds (continued)

Explanation of funds

The *Chaplaincy project fund* represents grants received to support the development of resources for Assembly/Religious Observance/Time for Reflection and Discussion. The £4,500 brought forward on this fund was returned to the funder due to the cancellation of the course at the Scottish Baptist College.

The *Conference fund* represents funding received towards the CVE conferences to be held in September and November 2025.

5. Trustee and related party remuneration and expenses

Flowers were purchased for a retiring Trustee at a cost of £27 to the Charity. No other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity (2025: nil).

Elaine Tait is employed by Scripture Union Scotland. CVE Scotland made a donation to that organisation of £500 as a thank you for their support.

The Trustees and their related parties donated £2,360 to the Charity in the year. One Trustee held a fundraiser for the charity and raised £715.

6. Donated facilities, goods and services

We are most grateful for the support provided by Scripture Union Scotland with office space, HR and payroll services and for the provision of meeting spaces by The Harper Memorial Church, Haddington Community Church and Yoker Evangelical Church.