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Report and accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026



Scottish charity SC045755

Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2026
The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name
Crescendo

Charity number
SC045755

Address
8/1, 8 Cranston Street, Glasgow G3 8GG

Trustees
Kate Christie *Chair*
Maria Pia Carena *Secretary*
Anne Jolly *Treasurer*
Iain Johnston
John Kewley
Linda McGrouther
Isobel MacNaughtan
Alan Mitchell
Tom Moffat

Independent Examiner
Gordon Gillies
51 Birnam Ave
Bishopbriggs
Glasgow G64

Bankers
Co-op Bank
Balloon Street
Manchester

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution
The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered on 1 July 2015. The charity has a two-tier structure: members and trustees.

Appointment of trustees
Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting. There must be a minimum of four and a maximum of twelve trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes
To organise recreational activities for members of the public in order to reduce isolation and to improve well-being and confidence; and to bring together people from different social, generational, cultural and religious backgrounds. Activities are primarily intended for people who have need of them by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; and for members of the public.

To advance the arts and culture by encouraging the appreciation and performance of music and drama.

Activities
The charity brings together people of all ages, abilities and social backgrounds to develop confidence in performance through music, drama and dance. Throughout the year, members meet weekly for rehearsal, working towards an annual public performance in November. The charity has a particular focus on encouraging participation and involvement amongst people living in some of the economically poorest communities in and around the Glasgow area. To this end, particular effort is made to hold local performances in these communities whenever possible.



Achievements and Performance

We meet weekly bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds from across Glasgow. We grow in confidence through singing and performance, we form new friendships and social connections. We perform in local communities whenever we can and sometimes help raise funds for particular causes.

In July 2025 we had a visit to Boclair Care Home in Bearsden and entertained the residents there.

In November 2025 we celebrated 10 years of Crescendo since we first came together as a singing group in 2015. We marked this with a concert over two nights at the CCA in Glasgow.

We wish to place on record our ongoing thanks to the staff and volunteers of the Glasgow City Centre Salvation Army who provide space and hospitality for our weekly music workshops.

You can find out more at our facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/Crescendo4all/







Future plans

During 2026/2027 we will be holding weekly singing workshops where all are welcome and hope to perform at other events in the Glasgow area.

Financial review

Our principal source of income is regular weekly donations from our participants, as well as from our friends who come to support us and buy tickets for our concerts. Our grateful thanks once again to Gordon Gillies, our Independent Examiner who examines our book-keeping and annual accounts.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Kate Christie

Kate Christie
Chair

Date: 20 October 2026

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance 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 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 accounts.

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, or

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

Gordon Gillies
51 Birnam Avenue
Bishopbriggs
Glasgow G64

Signed: *Gordon Gillies*

Date: 21 October 2026

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2026					
		Unrestricted Funds 2026	Restricted Funds 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
Receipts	**Notes**				
Donations	*4*	1,696	-	1,696	1,772
Receipts from fund-raising activities	*5*	673	-	673	527
Grants		-	-	-	-
		2,369	-	2,369	2,299
Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	*6*	4,149	-	4,149	3,447
Purchase of equipment/fixed assets		43	-	43	-
		4,192	-	4,192	3,447
Surplus/deficit for the year		- 1,823	-	- 1,823	- 1,148

Statement of Balances - as at 31 March 2026				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2026	2026	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
Opening cash at bank and in hand	3,642	-	3,642	4,790
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 1,823	-	- 1,823	- 1,148
Closing cash at bank and in hand	1,819	-	1,819	3,642
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank deposit account	1,771	-	1,771	3,525
Petty cash	48	-	48	117
	1,819	-	1,819	3,642
Other assets - restricted fund				
	Cost	Current value		
	£	£		
Optoma digital projector (2022)	702	175		
Euroset staging kit (2022)	3,223	804		
	3,925	979		

Approved on behalf of the trustees:

Kate Christie, *Chair*

Anne Jolly, *Treasurer*

Date: 20 October 2026

Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & 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.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year. (2025: Nil)

4 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2026	2026	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
Members' weekly donations	1,696	-	1,696	1,439
Other donations	-	-	-	333
	1,696	-	1,696	1,772

5 Receipts from fund-raising activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2026	2026	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
Ticket sales	673	-	673	527
	673	-	673	527

6 Cost of charitable activities				
	Unrestricted Funds 2026	Restricted Funds 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Room hire	910	-	910	830
Event costs	2,971	-	2,971	1,876
Insurance and administration	225	-	225	225
Donations made to other charities	-	-	-	410
Equipment	43	-	43	106
	4,149	-	4,149	3,447