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Current Trustees

Charlie Nicolson BEM
Shona I Macleod
Catriona Stewart
Alastair Lockett
Duncan CM Smith
Jane Macdonald
Donald Macleod

Contact Address

15 Keith Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2JA

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The charity's trustees are appointed by members of the board by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting, in accordance with its Constitution.

Governing Document

The Association is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation which became a registered charity on 14 December 2023. The purposes and administration of the charity are set out in its Constitution.

Charitable Purposes

The Association's purposes are:

- The prevention or relief of poverty by distributing food aid and where required utility aid and essential child care items;
- The relief of those in need by reason of financial or other hardship through direct aid or signposting to other relevant agencies;
- To assist other local foodbanks where required with provision of practical items relating to their role or food items for persons in need elsewhere within the Western Isles community

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the period.

Activities and Achievements

The past year has once again been a very positive and encouraging one for Eilean Siar Foodbank, made possible by the remarkable community in which we live. During 2025, a total of 1,762 bags and boxes of food were distributed to support individuals and families across our community. This has truly been a blessed year for the organisation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to those who make the work of Eilean Siar Foodbank possible.

First and foremost, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, who consistently go above and beyond in their service. Their willingness to help, combined with the kindness, care and compassion they show to everyone who comes through our doors, is at the very heart of what ESF stands for. Their commitment and generosity of spirit make a real and lasting difference, and we thank them deeply.

I would also like to offer special thanks to Sandra, our Coordinator, whose dedication and professionalism continue to be exceptional. Sandra consistently goes above and beyond her role, maintaining excellent organisation while building strong relationships with volunteers, trustees, partner organisations and the wider community. Her ability to connect so effectively with others, alongside the care, commitment and compassion she brings to her work, is also evident in all aspects of her service within the NHS. We are truly grateful for her leadership and for all she gives to the organisation.

As Trustees, we are immensely thankful for both our volunteers and our Coordinator, and we give thanks to God for His continued provision and guidance throughout the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our Trustees, who work faithfully and largely behind the scenes. I am deeply grateful for the commitment and support of Catriona, Shona and Ally, alongside Jane, Duncan and Domhnall, who joined us as new Trustees this year, and our Advisor, Gordon Matheson. Their willingness to serve and their shared commitment to ESF are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the entire ESF family, I would like to sincerely thank our wider community, including organisations, churches, schools, individuals, NHS, CNES, Co-op and Tesco, for their generous financial and food donations throughout the year. Your ongoing support enables us to continue meeting the needs of those who rely on our service.

Looking ahead, our vision for the coming year remains focused on:

- Continuing to support those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity
- Exploring opportunities towards one day owning our own premises, while remaining very thankful to Neil Mackay for the continued use of our current base
- Identifying and implementing improvements at our base to better support our volunteers
- Giving thanks to God for His kindness and grace throughout 2025, and for the commitment of our volunteers, Coordinator, Trustees, their families and our community.

I am also pleased to announce that Navantia Arnish have kindly agreed to support Eilean Siar Foodbank by hosting a food donation box at Arnish for employees who wish to contribute.

Finally, we look forward with hope and confidence to the continued work of Eilean Siar Foodbank in 2026, as we seek to serve our community with compassion, dignity and care.

Thank you.

Charlie Nicolson (ESF Chairperson)

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Reserves

As a result of the surplus of £286 for the year, unrestricted funds of £64,278 (2024: £63,992) were held at year-end which the Trustees consider adequate to continue for the forthcoming year.

£40,000 of this has been set aside in an unrestricted designated new building fund.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:



Alastair Lockett

Trustee

Date: 26/6/26

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Year ended 31.12.25 £	Year ended 31.12.24 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Funds from predecessor organisation		67,624
Grants		
CNES	5,242	
Stornoway Trust	1,800	
Donations	22,894	22,950
Employment Allowance	1,318	782
	31,254	91,356
<u>Payments</u>		
Foodbox Supplies	1,141	535
Wages	15,544	16,478
Social Security	1,574	838
Pensions	260	303
Rent, Heat & Light	8,598	8045
Rates	83	
Insurance	792	338
Telephone	183	
Advertising	358	
Postage	703	
Office Expenses	769	627
Accountancy	876	
Repairs & Maintenance	87	200
	30,968	27,364
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	286	63,992
Funds at beginning of period	63,992	-
Funds at end of period	64,278	63,992

All funds are unrestricted

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	At 31.12.25 £	At 31.12.24 £
<u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u>		
Opening balances	63,992	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	286	63,992
	64,278	63,992
 <u>Reserves</u>		
General Unrestricted Funds	24,278	23,992
Designated New Building Fund	40,000	40,000
	64,278	63,992

All funds are unrestricted

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

A. Lockett

Alastair Lockett

Trustee

Date: 26/6/26

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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

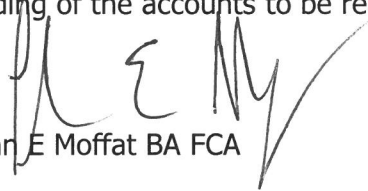
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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
- 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.

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