

Gourdon Mission Hall Committee

Scottish Charity No SC012452

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report together with the Financial Statements and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information:

Charity Name

Gourdon Mission Hall Committee

Charity No

SC012452

Address

% Mrs Jill Duncan Lickleyhead, Lochside, St Cyrus, Montrose DD10 0DB

Current Trustees

Andrew Morrison - Chair

Jill Duncan - Vice Chair/Property Convener/Finance Committee

Margaret Wells - Secretary/Finance Committee

Elma Williamson - Finance Committee

Andrew Jones

Other Trustees Who Served During the Year:

Margaret Hutchison - Deceased 29 February 2024

Structure Governance & Management:

Constitution

The Affairs of Gourdon Mission Hall Committee are administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust signed on 29 September 1921.

Appointment of Trustees

Members of Gourdon Mission Hall Committee are the charity trustees. The Parish Minister is normally the Committee Chair and currently is Rev Andrew Morrison, ordained and inducted to the charge in April 2019.

New committee members are appointed from the surrounding area. They are people who have shown an interest in the work of the Mission Hall and are thought to have the skills to contribute to the work of the Committee as a Trustee.

Management

The Gourdon Mission Hall Committee is responsible for the activities that take place in the Hall and for the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The charitable purpose for which the Hall exists is the advancement of religion (Christian Faith).

Activities

Weekly Sunday afternoon or evening services are held in the hall. These are conducted by visiting preachers (both lay & ordained) and the local parish minister. Funeral services and christenings are held in the Hall for residents of Gourdon village and people connected with Gourdon. The Trustees decided to continue having the services at 3pm in the afternoon during the darker months.

Achievements and Performance

The main source of income is from supporters' donations, fundraising events such as musical evenings, occasional bequests, hall rental and funeral services fees. The main items of expenditure cover hall insurance, heating and lighting costs and hall repairs.

Only one Bank Account is used for the running of the Hall and the funds in this account are unrestricted.

The renovation and preservation was paused this year but should be completed in 2025. Due to a flood in the kitchen which extended into the toilet area costs of £3,690 were incurred but were offset by the insurance settlement of £3,415 allowing for the policy excess. It is intended to carry out further preservation measures such as the roof ties but renewed estimates will be required since the original costings are now out of date and funding/grant applications need to be considered.

In addition, due to a misunderstanding between the deceased Treasurer and the Finance Committee electricity costs of £630 which related to year 2023 are included in this current year. Incorrect readings between SSE and British Gas Lite weren't resolved until December 2023.

A Harvest Evening and a Christmas Music Evening were once again arranged as social events with donations most welcome. The Harvest Evening donations in excess of £100 were donated to World Vision.

The short term loans amounting to £2,500 have been repaid and we were fortunate in that some of these funds (£500) have been donated back to the Mission Hall Committee.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees policy is to maintain reserve funds to support the General Account as and when the need arises and also for large items of expenditure to maintain the Hall, which dates from 1868. Given the need for major renovations, there was a choice to make between keeping these reserves and failing to do the renovations necessary, or using the reserves and ensuring the preservation of the Hall. The Trustees decided on the latter course. Any future major repairs would require funding assistance.

Independent Examiner's Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

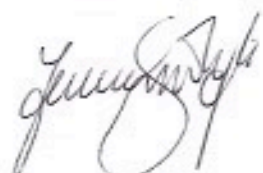
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 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 Statements

In connection with 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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.



Frances Whyte

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Montrose
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Date 25 Sept 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments – for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

All funds are unrestricted.

Receipts

		2024	2023
Donations/ Fundraising	Note 4	5,440	3,957
Donations/ Church of Scotland ABK		0	800
Funeral Fees		150	300
Poppy Scotland		90	30
Insurance Claim		3,415	
Donation for Ukraine			100
Other Income	Note 5	53	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		9,148	5,087

Payments

		2024	2023
Charitable Activities	Note 6	7,451	3,419
Renovation/ Preservation	Note 7	4,801	518
TOTAL PAYMENTS		12,252	3,937
Deficit for the year		3,104	1,150

Statement of Balances – as at 31 December 2024

Funds Reconciliation	2024	2023
Cash at Bank 31 December 2023	16,741	15,591
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-3,104	1,150
	13,637	16,741
Short Term Liabilities Payable 2024	0	3,000

The Notes on page 7 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on:

And signed on their behalf by:

Jill Duncan
Vice Chair/Property Convenor/
Finance Committee

Margaret Wells

Secretary/Finance Committee

Date Jill Duncan

Date Margaret E. Wells

24/8/25

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Notes to the accounts – For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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.

3. Related Party Transactions

Nil

4. Income Received from Donations and Fundraising

	2024	2023
Funeral Donations	400	804
Amazon Smile	0	25
Musical Evening	167	213
Harvest Supper	153	75
Door Box	2,740	2,840
Gift Aid Donations	980	
Sybil Gowans	1,000	
Total Donations	5,440	3,957

5. Other Income

	2024	2023
Sale of Tomato Plants	40	0
Virgin Money Cashback	13	0
	53	0

Note 6. Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
Hall Insurance	1,119	1,386
Electricity	1,502	683
Hall Repairs		216
Speakers' Expenses	970	625
Musical Evening Expenses	94	132
Fire Safety	81	116
Sundry Items		261
Bank Charges	15	
Repayment of Short Term Loans	2,500	
Faith Mission Donations	200	
Postage Stamps	32	
Gifts	160	
Earl Haig Fund	150	
Slavic Association	100	
Harvest Thanksgiving Expenses	89	
Thain Landscaping (Grounds restoration)	150	
World Vision - from Harvest Thanksgiving	160	
Printing Costs	129	
Total Payments	7,451	3,419

Note 7. Renovation/Restoration 2024

	2024	2023
Folding Tables		322
New Bibles - Faith Mission Book Shop		196
Morgan Report	480	
Gillies - Kitchen & Bathroom Flooring	923	
Intona - Remedial Treatments/Plumbing Work to Entrance Hall and WC	2,768	
Ceretti Electrical	630	
TOTAL	4,801	518