Gourock Schools and Churches Together

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

Charity No: SC046236

Gourock Schools and Churches Together
Year ended 31 January 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Gourock Schools and Churches Together
Charity Registration Number:	SC046236

Trustees

Rev Father Gerard McNellis (Chair)	St Ninian's RC Church, Gourock
Rev David Burt	Old Gourock and Ashton Parish Church
Rev Jose Leonardo Sitongua Laussu	Gourock Baptist Community Church
Mrs Lynne Cushnahan	Gourock Primary School
Mr Martin Craig	St Ninian's Primary School
Ms Elyse Buchanan	Moorfoot Primary School
Mr Craig Gibson	Clydeview Academy
Ms Nicola Devine	St Columba's High School
Rev Teri Peterson	St John's Parish Church, Gourock

Treasurer
Rev David Burt

Principal Office
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Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 January 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

GSCT is a SCIO, the purposes and administration of which are set out in its constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

As detailed in the GSCT constitution, charity Trusteeship is open to any state-funded school, Roman Catholic Church, Baptist Church or Church of Scotland based or having a parish boundary within Gourock that subscribes to the purposes of the organisation and wishes to see them fulfilled.

Charitable Purposes

To promote social responsibility and awareness by co-ordinating Christian inter-denominational input to agreed curricular activities of pupils, normally aged 5 - 18 years, for the benefit of Gourock's population.

To advance and encourage good citizenship across the community through direct and indirect contribution to the social and religious education of Gourock's young people.

Activities and Achievements

During the year, the Charity continued to support the schools, especially in relation to pupils with great need.
The Trustees were very pleased to be able to support the schools in various ways, including funding to offset costs of community concerts and also funding to provide assistance with mental health and wellbeing projects.
The Trustees continued outreach to the Gourock community through the annual church service held in Old Gourock and Ashton Parish Church on the first Sunday of Advent, involving both Secondary Schools and all three Primary Schools along with the clergy from all of the Gourock Churches, parents, friends and members of the community.

Trustee Remuneration

No trustee has received any remuneration during the year in their role as Trustee.

Reserves Policy

All of the GSCT's funds are unrestricted. Funding has been achieved via donation with this held in a Virgin Money account which draws a small amount of interest and a current account established during 2019 to remove delays in the distribution of funds. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at around 2-3 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time.
This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Rev Father Gerard McNellis
Chair

Date: 29th October 2026

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Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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.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

An 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 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
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

(b) 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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James K Hempsey

Chartered Accountant

6 Cambridge Avenue
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PA19 1XT

Date : 12th October 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 January 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts		£	£	£	£	£
Donations	3	51	-	-	51	12,000
Activities for Generating Funds	3	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		295	-	-	295	93
Total Receipts		346	-	-	346	12,093
Payments	4					
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		7,936	-	-	7,936	10,425
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	674
Total Payments		7,936	-	-	7,936	11,099
Excess of Payments over Receipts		(7,590)	-	-	(7,590)	994

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Statement of Balances
At 31 January 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £		Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Deposit Balances						
Bank & deposit balances brought forward at 31 January 2024		22,684			22,684	21,690
Movement in year:						
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year		(7,590)			(7,590)	994
Transfers		-				
Funds at 31 January 2025		15,094	-	-	15,094	22,684
Bank and Deposit Balances carried forward at 31 January 2025						
- Virgin Money Savings Account		14,600			14,600	14,305
- Virgin Money Current Account		494			494	8,379
		15,094			15,094	22,684
Assets						
Other Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities						
Accounts Fee		-	-	-	-	-

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29th October 2026.
For and on behalf of the Trustees

Rev Father Gerard McNellis
Chair

Rev David Burt
Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 January 2025

Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or a person related to a Trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

2. Movements in Funds

	At 31 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31 Jan 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	22,684	346	7,936	-	15,094
Designated Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	22,684	346	7,936	-	15,094
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	22,684	346	7,936	-	15,094

Unrestricted Funds are those that may be used at the dicretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

There are no Designated or Restricted Funds in this year.

3 Analysis of Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Sharp Trust	0	-	12000	12000

4 Charitable Activities

Clydeview Academy (S U Trip)			0	1000
St Columba's Pilgrimage	600		600	880
St Columba's Pastoral Retreats	1000		1000	0
St Columba's YPI Funding	500		500	0
Buses	380		380	540
Fischy Music Costs	275		275	0
Christmas Card Costs	0		0	1444
Great Scots Project	0		0	1898
GSCT Project Against Racism	4300		4300	4050
Miscellaneous	881		881	613
	7936		7936	10425
Governance Costs			0	674