

KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AB24 3YX

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

Meets Morrison's, King Street, Aberdeen.

Scottish Charity Number SC 038633

Established June 2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Monday 27th July 2026 at 1.30

At Asda, Bridge of Dee, Aberdeen.

Our AGM is a legal requirement and as good an attendance as possible is required.

AGENDA

Minister Rev. Charlotte Stewart
Senior Pastor Rev. Andy Cowie

AGENDA

Welcome / Prayer

Report

Financial Report

Child / Vulnerable Persons Policy

Appointments

Close Meeting

APPOINTMENTS

CHURCH SECRETARY

Lisa Gibson

TREASURER

Bruce Cowie

MISSION CONVENOR

Vacant

BOYS' BRIGADE

Rev. Andy Cowie /

Rev. Charlotte Stewart

Home Work Club

Rev. Andy Cowie

Sunday Club

Margaret Cowie

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**KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

31 MARCH 2025

Charity registration number SC 038633

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Kittybrewster Congregational Church is affiliated to the Scottish Congregational Churches Fellowship. Congregationalism is a form of church government where each Church is independent in the Management of its own affairs.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name Kittybrewster Congregational Church

Charity registration number SC 038633

The trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Reverend Andrew Cowie	Senior Pastor	Since June 2007
Pastor Charlotte Stewart	Minister	Since Sept 2023
Lisa Gibson	Secretary	Since Sept 2023
Bruce Cowie	Treasurer	Since Sept 2012

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Bankers Lloyds TSB
Union Terrace
ABERDEEN

Constitution and Organisation

Kittybrewster Congregational Church was established in June 2007 and is affiliated to the Congregational Federation. However due to the long ongoing dispute with the governance of the Congregational Federation, the Church at the end of March 2023, withdrew from it and is now only affiliated to the Scottish Congregational Fellowship (SCF), a small Group, now grown to 17 Churches, stretching from Balmedie in the North to the Scottish Borders. Congregationalism is a form of Church government where each Church is independent in the management of its own affairs.

Charitable purposes

The principle charitable purpose is the advancement of religion.

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Activities and achievements

This report covers the 17th year of Kittybrewster Congregational Church. At the end of the year, membership stood at 16, with an average of 3 children who attend Sunday Worship. We are still involved in supporting the Muslim community in our area, with youth work and advice to parents.

CHURCH

Rev, Charlotte Stewart continues to be our Minister.

We continued to meet for Church at 3pm, in Morrison's Supermarket (in 2026 the Church started to meet in St. Stephen's Church, Powis Place, Aberdeen.) Attendance varied up to 17, with an average of 3 children in attendance at Church, but those who attend are very committed and loyal. The services are still informal family services, with no singing during worship, but we adapt to our unusual situation. We now need to plan for growth. The Church continues to have a vision for Mission at home and overseas.

Rev Andy Cowie continues to take Services at three other Churches on Sundays, Cove, Balmedie, and fortnightly at Potterton.

YOUTH

The Church runs weekly a 'Boys' Brigade, Craft Club and a Home work Club.' They continue to meet in the McDonald's Restaurant. Attendance was erratic, numbers steadied. Youth footfall is over 50 in the groups.

'JOINT YOUTH CAMP'

During the year we did not run a residential for older youth, but in conjunction with our sister Churches, we ran a 'Seniors' week of activities followed by a playscheme throughout the Summer holidays, ending on a high with a day trip to go tubing at Alford Ski Slope.

During the year, the Church received financial help for children's / youth work from Aberdeen City Council and a local Radio Station, North Sound Cash for Kids, and Trades Widows, which financed much of our youth work and to 'employ' Children's Sessional Workers. Moir Green - Our youth also took part in the Northfield, Moir Green Youth Fair - a fun day for young people, our youth leaders helped to staff the event.

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MISSION

The Church has a vision for Mission at home and overseas.

Despite our size, we continued to support:

Tear Fund – In response to disasters.

Locally, help is given to people in need and, to local charities

Lady Haig Poppy Appeal

PASTORAL HELP AND PRAYERS

Pastoral Support was given when and where required. Four years on, our Senior Pastor, Rev. Andy Cowie's, Myeloma – a bone marrow cancer – remains – A Symptomatic - inactive. We give thanks to God.

It was good to again hold our 'Mid Winter Meal' at Buckie Farm Restaurant and to meet our friends from Danestone, Balmedie, Potterton, Northfield, Woodside and Cove. Fellowship.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Along with our sister SCF Churches we have since the start of the Ukrainian War gathered by telephone every fortnight to pray for Peace (sadly we have had to include prayers for Peace between Hamas and Israel).

Special Services

Our Church, through the Minister, continues to be involved with Baptisms Christenings – 0, Weddings – 0, and Funerals – 1

AFFILIATION

During the year our sister Churches, and Kittybrewster individually agreed unanimously to change the name of the Scottish Congregational Fellowship to the Scottish Congregational Churches Fellowship (SCCF), to which we are affiliated. It is a small Group, with 17 Churches, stretching from Balmedie in the North to the Scottish Borders.

FUTURE MINISTRY (SCCF) Apprenticeship

Seven years ago we reported an issue that our Scottish Congregational (Churches) Fellowship is aware of, the lack of future Ministry, and the possibility of a Non-Stipendiary Apprenticeship for Practical Ministry-style scheme. It was established and as a result we now have Ministers at Law Congregational Church in Dundee, and Northfield, and Woodside, and our own Kittybrewster Church (and during 2025 a

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couple were called to become Ministers at Balmedie. We still have two apprentices on the scheme.)

The Church is normally governed by regular meetings of its members, but often, we still deal with routine business, under the weekly Announcements. .

Financially the Church did well for its size as raising funds in the area is difficult, but due to the pandemic, the Joint Church ventures of the Local Authority Charity Shop and Carol Singing, did not take place. Grants allowed us to run our children's / youth programme.

Our Church serves Christ and as we move forward in His Name, we must keep Faith in Him – it is central to all we do. We give thanks to God for that which He has given and in Faith we continue with our 18th year.

Independent Examiner

The Church appointed, as Independent Examiner, Coleen Murphy, Admin Services, 175 Countesswells Road, Aberdeen, AB15 7R6

Reserves policy

The Church holds £16,000 for the building / future project. The aim is to add at least 5% annually to that total. During the period the charity made a surplus of £7,135.51, which has been added to reserves resulting in total reserves at 31 March 2025 of £30,412.05. These reserves are being carried forward to support the future work of the Church. This figure includes, grant money to complete funded projects and the building / project funds (e.g Building, Ministry etc) of £16,000 previously mentioned. The Reserve Policy Aim is to hold 1 years expenditure in reserve, in addition to the above mentioned holding fund to increase at AGM to £17,000. We have a long way to go.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Rev. Andrew Cowie

Rev. Andrew Cowie
Trustee

27th July 2026

Rev. Charlotte Stewart
Trustee

C Stewart 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 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 report

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:
- i. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - ii. 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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Coleen Murphy
Independent Examiner
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Date 27/5/2026

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Fund	
	General fund	
	2025	2024
Receipts	16619.56	14381.80
Payments	(9,484.05)	(12,021.52)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	7135.51	2360.28

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2025

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	
	General Funds	
	2025	2024
Opening cash at bank and in hand	23276.54	20916.26
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	7135.51	2360.28
Closing cash at bank and in hand	30412.05	23276.54
Bank and cash balances		
Treasurer's Account	30412.05	23276.54
Cash	0.00	0.00
	30412.05	23276.54

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ADDITIONAL NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Trustees expenses

	Lisa Gibson 2025	Rev Andrew Cowie 2025	Pastor Charlotte Stewart 2025
Sundry expenses	168.08	314.35	91.83
Youth/Playscheme expenses	106.37	1106.68	531.77
Boys Brigade expenses		52.00	
Admin expenses		155.64	
	<u>274.45</u>	<u>1,628.67</u>	<u>623.60</u>

Transactions with Trustees and connected persons

There has been no reimbursement of expenses to persons connected to a trustee

Name	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	2025

There has been no payment to close family member during the year

Name	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	2025

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
	General Funds	
	2025	2024
Analysis of receipts		
Donations		
Offerings	932.04	972.43
Gift Aid		
Other Donations		50.00
Grants		
Bauer Radio	3843.62	6502.20
Aberdeen City Council	1090.68	1112.75
Trade Widows	5691.20	2553.60
Receipts from fundraising activities		
Carol Singing		
Charity Shop	1116.29	1456.74
Walk & Talk	255.00	
Other receipts		
Recovery of Administration Costs	3138.82	1734.08
Recovery of Youth Work	551.91	
Total Receipts	16619.56	14381.80

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ADDITIONAL NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
	General Funds	
	2025	2024
Analysis of payments		
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		
Administrator's Wages (including PAYE and NI)	6505.83	6484.29
Youth workers Wages		
Hall Fees		
Advertising and Notification Costs		
Playscheme Expenses	1409.68	
Congregational & General Insurance	191.46	188.00
Affiliation Fees		150.00
Boys Brigade Expenses	52.00	25.00
Youth Work	532.30	4729.84
Sundry Expenses	792.78	69.39
Grants and donations		
Scottish Congregational Fellowship		150.00
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fees		225.00
Total Payments	9484.05	12021.52