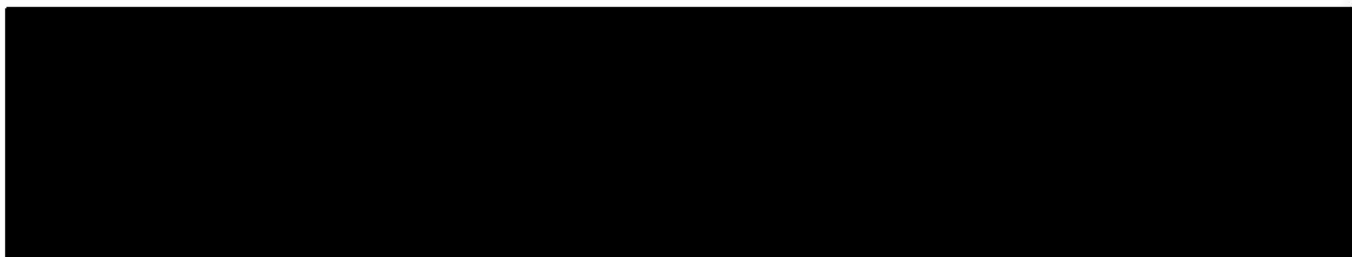


**Melanoma Action and Support Scotland  
Annual Report & Financial Statements  
For the 12 months ended 31 March 2025  
Scottish Charity No SC 040286**



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF MASSCOT ACTION AND SUPPORT SCOTLAND**

I report on the Account of Masscot Action and Support Scotland for the year ended 31st of March 2025 which comprises the receipts and payments, Statement of balances and related notes.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity 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 section 44(1)(c) of the Act 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 Examination**

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 seeking 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.

**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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended); and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

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.

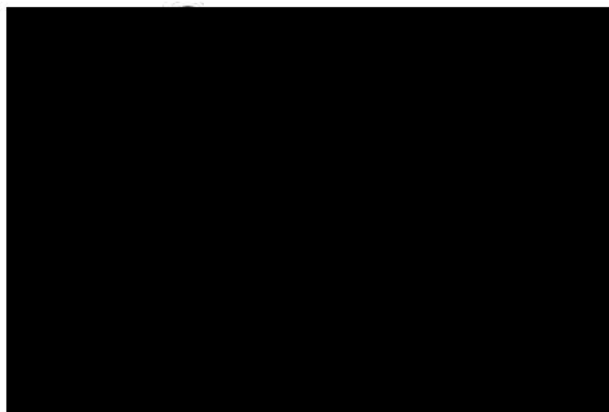
Signed:

Name:

Professional Qualification:

Address:

Date:



**Melanoma Action and Support Scotland**  
**Receipts & Payments**  
**For the 12 months ended 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	10,126.00		10,126.00	9,468.09
FUND RAISING			-	-
Bank Interest	76.18		76.18	414.89
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>10,202.18</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>10,202.18</u></b>	<b><u>9,882.98</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
School Education Project			-	-
SCVO			-	-
Support & Self Management	1,720.00		1,720.00	36,630.00
Fundraising Expenses			-	-
Governance / Office Costs	4,690.62		4,690.62	- 692.91
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>6,410.62</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>6,410.62</u></b>	<b><u>35,937.09</u></b>
<b>Surplus/ -Deficit of year</b>	<b><u>3,791.56</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>3,791.56</u></b>	<b><u>- 26,054.11</u></b>

**Melanoma Action and Support Scotland**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the 12 months ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment ( 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 requirements of the charity.

**3 Related Party Transactions**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected persons during the year





<b>Banks</b>	
Virgin	0
CAF	£ 39,827.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 39,827.46</b>

## **Charitable Activities and Achievements**

During the reporting period, MASScot continued to support individuals affected by melanoma, remaining committed to its charitable purpose even as activity levels changed. Much of the charity's work focused on people newly diagnosed with melanoma, many of whom were facing fear, uncertainty, and the emotional impact of their diagnosis.

Support was delivered predominantly through our helpline and a referral option for those that wished to engage in virtual therapy consultations, by our preferred and experienced therapist providing beneficiaries with a confidential and accessible space to discuss their anxieties, sleep difficulties, and the challenges of adjusting to their diagnosis. This remote model allowed MASScot to continue offering meaningful, person-centred support despite limited resources and a reduction in overall demand.

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## **Fundraising and Financial Position**

MASScot remained financially stable throughout the year. Income was generated primarily through volunteer-led fundraising efforts, including participation in the Kilt Walk and the London Half Marathon among others. These events represented more than financial contributions; they were acts of solidarity and commitment from supporters who believed in the charity's work. The Trustees extend heartfelt thanks to all volunteers and donors whose efforts sustained the charity during this period.

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## **Challenges and Shortfalls in Activity**

While MASScot continued to provide direct support to patients, the Trustees acknowledge that several of the charity's wider aims were not fully achieved during the reporting period.

- The objective to raise public awareness of melanoma and skin cancer did not progress as intended due to limited capacity.
- No school-based education sessions or sun-safety initiatives were delivered, leaving an important preventative element of the charity's mission unmet.

These shortfalls reflect the broader challenges MASScot faced in maintaining its full programme of activities.

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## **Governance Review and Decision to Wind Up**

During the year, the Trustees undertook a review of MASScot's ongoing viability. This review considered the sustained decline in patient enquiries, reduced levels of activity, and the charity's capacity to continue delivering its aims effectively.

Following careful reflection, the Trustees unanimously concluded that continuing the charity in its current form was no longer sustainable or in the best interests of its beneficiaries. At the Annual General Meeting, all Trustees present confirmed that they did not wish to be reappointed, except where required to support an orderly wind-up. With no new nominations to continue the charity, it was agreed that Frankie Caldwell would assume the role of Chair solely to oversee the dissolution process.

The Trustees agreed that MASScot had not been sufficiently active in fulfilling its charitable aims, that continuation was not viable, and that the charity should proceed towards winding up in accordance with its constitution and OSCR requirements.

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## **Future Plans and Transfer of Support**

In planning for dissolution, the Trustees agreed to continue discussions with likeminded charities such as Maggie's and Melanoma Focus, organisation's whose aims closely align with those of MASScot, with the intention is to signpost current and former MASScot members to charities for ongoing information, guidance, and support.

The Trustees also explored potential transitional awareness activity, including early discussions around a possible television advertisement, to ensure clear communication and effective signposting during the winding-up period.

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## **Trustees' Statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have acted in accordance with their legal duties under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. They believe that the decision to wind up MASScot is responsible, proportionate, and in the best interests of those the charity was established to support.

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## **Acknowledgement of Support**

The Trustees extend their sincere thanks to every donor, volunteer, supporter, and beneficiary who has been part of MASScot's journey. Their generosity, compassion, and

commitment have enabled the charity to make a meaningful difference to individuals and families affected by melanoma.