REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC049386

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
New Life Shetland 2019 (AOG)

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity number

SC049386

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Independent examiner

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Church Officers

Church Secretary





Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust. This charity was established to replace New Life Shetland (SC043742). New Life Shetland (SC043742) has now wound up and passed its assets and liabilities to New Life Shetland 2019 (SC049386) which is a SCIO.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES Objectives and aims

The purpose for which the Fellowship is formed is to be the new legal form of the Scottish Charity currently operating and known as New Life Shetland (AOG) which exists to advance the Christian faith through the continuance of a body of believers founded on the practice of biblical principle which maintains that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the supreme authority and rule in matters of belief and life and which is engaged in serving God through worship, spiritual growth, pastoral care and outreach including the relief of sickness and hardship, the provision of counselling and support and the advancement of education.

The charitable purpose of the Fellowship for the purposes of the Act is the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit.

The Basis of Faith of the Fellowship is that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the supreme authority and rule in matters of faith and life. The Leaders may publish Ethos Statements from time to time to clarify the Fellowship's understanding of the teaching of the Scriptures on matters of life and doctrine.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The financial year of 2024/25 was a year where we once again saw the help and provision of the Lord in miraculous ways. Surely the Lord has been good to us.

I would like to thank my wife and kids for their support, love and work throughout the year, the leadership team for their wisdom and togetherness, our age-group pastors, treasurer and administrator, life group leaders, department leaders and the many volunteers who have led and served throughout this year. Your work, support, heart for one another and care has been inspiring and I am grateful for all you have done.

Our major project throughout this year was the renovation of our church building. We had worked to finalise the plans and submitted our building warrant application. Throughout the summer of 2024, the external walls of the building were painted which was a huge task but now the building is striking white. There were those who gave hours to this process and we are grateful for their work.

The process of gaining the building warrant took longer than anticipated due to having to obtain structural calculations for some internal walls due to heights. We successfully were granted a warrant in September. We sent our plans for Mechanical and electrical work to tender and appointed local contractors for the work. The internal walls and structures began to be built once our warrant was through and the electricians were appointed to rewire the premises. We obtained funding from Local Energy Scotland for our heating system and the plumbers were appointed to carry out the heating system. There was a committed team of church volunteers who have helped with this project.

Carried out the role of project manager and he was assisted with a team of staff and volunteers from the church who oversaw finance, health and safety and design. PJP architects were helpful in overseeing the design project and IPME designed our mechanical and electrical system. We had external ground works carried out by a local contractor. The project really began to take shape in early 2025. We are grateful to everyone who has given time, finance and support to the project including those from outside of our church family. It has been such a blessing. In May it was projected we would have our first wedding in the premises and the official opening is scheduled for June 20th 2025. Parts of the building work will continue further into 2025 as phase 1 is completed.

Pastorally I continue to meet and support those in church at times of need and count it a privilege to be involved in people's lives in this way. I believe it is also important to honour the contribution that Tiff makes in this area. Pastorally, every week we meet with individuals to pray with, disciple, cry with, support and challenge them to be all they can be in Christ. Our age group and life group leaders also do this in their work and we want to say thank you to them for being committed to helping people in their different seasons of life. Tiff and I have worked through pre-marriage courses with 3 couples before their wedding days. I have also taken a number of funerals this year. As part of our discipleship commitment we offer a Keys to Freedom course which a number of people have gone through.

has played a huge part within this, helping them in their journey of faith and freedom.

Our church has given meals to families that have seen the blessing of a new baby meaning that at a time suitable for them, they have had a meal provided every day for a period of time. We have seen baby dedications and seen new people come along to church as the Lord has added to our number. Throughout this year we have also had the privilege of conducting numerous baptisms. Easter Sunday was a particular highlight where 7 people were baptised. We see a hunger in the hearts of people to looking for an authentic faith in Jesus Christ.

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Tiff and I have continued to lead the young adults group. This group has had many blessings but also we have seen some challenges in this area too as some have moved on from the church. We have seen salvation in this group this year and later in the year a team from this group will travel to Vienna to work with Lifechurch International on a short term mission trip.

We have also seen a group from the church travel to Laos to work with a humanitarian group over there. The team were involved in house building and landscape work as well as other humanitarian initiatives. This was a real blessing to those who attended.

Our ministry throughout the year has seen us study sermon series' such as, 'The House that God built', 'Till He appears', 'Mindfield', 'Revelation', as well as various one off sermons. We have been blessed by ministry from both those within the church and have been encouraged from visiting speakers. This year we had a special weekend with who performed his comedy show as well as ministry from who carried out a youth weekend, who shared about the persecuted church. We were also meant to have but due to weather he was unable to travel.

Our prayer and praise nights continue to be a huge blessing as we seek to make prayer central to what we do. These have seen a real sense of the presence and power of God with people joining us from other churches for these powerful times of seeking God.

Our Youth Pastor Tim graduated from Minister in Training in May at national conference. In recognition of this we have appointed him to role of Assistant Pastor with Responsibilities for youth and increased his hours.

Various members from our team have attended numerous AOG events both in Scotland and across the UK. I also attended a national prayer event joining with ministers across Scotland for a powerful couple of days of prayer. had the privilege of representing the church at the opening of AOG central's new building in Fraserburgh.

We have ran a number of community events throughout the year. These have included our Easter egg hunt, back to school BBQ & Christmas movie night. We organised to be part of Da Voar Redd Up, cleaning up an area in Trondra. We put on 3 services in Mossbank kirk including hosting a prayer and praise evening in the church as well as Christmas and Good Friday services. The church will continue to assist how we can in that part of the islands.

At New Life we recognise the importance of building community and as such have organised various relationship building events and initiatives. Our ladies and men's ministries have met socially. A group of ladies attended the 'Radiant' woman's conference at King's church in Aberdeen in September. This was a brilliant time and they will look to go again in 2025.

There has also been other one-off events in the year such as Safeguarding and data protection training for our teams, an IJM missions evening, Rocknations, BBQ fundraiser and other age-group events. There was also a Ceilidh fundraiser organised for Rocknations funding as well as a group of musicians from the church organising an evening for the building fund.

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The children and youth works have continued throughout the last year and our youth have been part of organising the undivided conference for young people across Shetland. The church also continue to have Ben Ritchie from AOG Central in Fraserburgh as part of the leadership team in an advisory role.

A new initiative was launched called 'The Alabaster Box' which was started as a group primarily for over 60's but has since evolved to a fellowship group for all ages. They meet once a month and has been a blessing to those who have attended.

Looking ahead to 2025/26, there will be a number of changes as the church celebrates the opening of and then adapts to having its own premises. Later in the year, Tiff and I have let the church know that we will be following the Lord's leading and will be leaving Shetland. We would like to put on record our gratitude to the team and to the church for the privilege of leading them over these last 8 years. The church will be praying for the right Pastor to take on the role going forward, but the leadership team are a wonderfully competent group who will lead this process and steer the church in the right direction till those times. We ultimately thank the Lord who has led us to this place as a church. He will provide for all we need in the next season. The mission remains the same. In His word, the islands will put their hope. What a privilege to be part of God's family.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

NewLife is involved in supporting projects on 3 levels: Internationally, nationally and local.

Internationally

New Life continue to support a work in Kyrgyzstan called "Fountain of Life" which is a project working with the homeless in their region. Margaret Gordon has now ended her time in Kyrgyzstan, however, we will continue to support the organisation.

We continue to be committed to working with Compassion International and many in the church continue to sponsor children through their work.

We continue to support on a regular basis the work of Empathy International. The founder of the organisation, Andrew Hepburn is doing an incredible work in the country of Laos and we now support both the male and female projects providing skills that will enable those to have a career.

We also have committed to support the work of Open Doors and Austria.

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Nationally

New Life had continued to financially support one of our members who works full time on a voluntary basis at the Missions College International Bible Training Institute in Sussex although this will end in Summer 2024 as they move on from this role.

We support projects financially if requests come in to do so, mostly through the denomination that we are part of, AOG. We gave to a building project in Bedworth in support of their vision to see a facility growing there.

We support the work of the Hope Bus project in Buckie and have had a visit from Sean who has kept us updated on the work there.

We moved some of this support to support Valley Church in Stirling which is a church plant ran by Stuart and Jenn Innes.

Locally

The church continues to help when it comes across situations of financial hardship and wherever we can help to relieve such hardships. We have helped individuals with food provision while also sourcing furniture such as mattresses for those in need.

At Christmas we provided Christmas and New Years day meals for those in need in the community. This was the 30th year that the church had carried this out and we thank

who head up the organising and catering for this and for all the volunteers who make this possible. These meals were very well received and the community was grateful for this initiative.

The church took part in the island wide Redd up in May along with other community groups. When the premises at the church building is established the aim will to see the premises become an asset for the local community. We also took part in the Salvation army appeal at Christmas where we provided 70 new sets of hats, scarves and gloves along with selection boxes.

In January, launched the pink chair project which sought to connect young people from across various organisations in Shetland to create an interactive map and provide support for young people in isolation. This has involved a number of young people from New Life.

As part of our continued investment in the local area, we continue to employ and resource those to minister to various age-groups. We see the work of our kids and youth pastors as part of our investment in those age groups of Shetland and they have supported children and young people pastorally throughout the last year.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity's total reserves amounted to £433,517. Of this amount £280,863 was represented by Fixed Assets. The remaining £152,654 included £63,456 restricted funds, meaning that there was a total of £89,198 unrestricted funds available to spend as at the report date.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on Sep 15, 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages eight to fourteen.

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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation
 8 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.



Curle & Company (Scotland) Ltd Chartered Accountants 22 Backbrae Street Kilsyth G65 ONH

Date: Sep 15, 2025

Statement of Financial Affairs for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31.03.25 Total funds	31.03.24 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		98,765	85,328	184,093	116,899
Income from other charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Other Income			79,000	79,000	22,449
Total		98,765	164,328	263,093	139,348
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Other Total		86,217 <u>1,190</u> 87,407	42,905 10,299 53,204	129,122 11,489 140,611	107,689 <u>8,599</u> 116,288
Gross transfers between funds NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					23,060
Total funds brought forward		78,435	232,904	311,339	288,279
		89,793	344,028	433,821	311,339

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

All form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

				31.03.25	31.03.24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
		Fund	Fund		
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	295	280,568	280,863	27,013
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	5,700	1,175	6,875	6,875
Cash at bank and in hand		83,798	62,285	146,083	277,451
		89,498	63,456	152,958	284,326
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		89,498	63,460	152,958	284,326
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		<u>89,793</u>	344,028	433,821	311,339
NET ASSETS		89,793	344,028	433,821	311,339
NET ASSETS			344,020	433,021	<u></u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				89,793	78,435
Restricted funds				344,028	232,904
TOTAL FUNDS				433,821	311,339
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on $\frac{\text{Sep }15,\,2025}{\text{sep }15,\,2025}$ and were signed on its behalf by:



All form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant & Machinery 25% reducing balance Computer Equipment 33% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued...

Merger Accounting

- Although a newly incorporated body, the essence and substance of New Life Shetland 2019
 (AOG) is the same as its predecessor New Life Shetland (AOG). Subsequently the accounts
 have been prepared in accordance with section 27 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) which
 deals with charity mergers.
- The SoFA 2020 figures included the combined figures for both New Life Shetland (AOG) and the newly formed New Life Shetland 2019 (AOG) as follows:

Charity Name	<u>Period</u>
New Life Shetland (AOG)	1 st April 2019 – 30 th November 2019
New Life Shetland 2019 (AOG)	1 st December 2019 – 31 st March 2020

• An analysis of the principle SoFA components for the previous reporting period can be found at Note 10 below.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
Trustees' Remuneration	46,861	48,240
Trustees' Social Security	3,969	3,302
Trustees' Employer Allowance Reclaimed	(3,969)	(3,302)
Trustees' Employer Pension Contributions	1,031	876
Expenses	615	465

3. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

 Minister & support staff
 31.03.25
 31.03.24

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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2024 (NEW LIFE SHETLAND (AOG))

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	99,000	17,899	116,899
Income from other charitable activities	-	-	-
Other Income	2,121	20,328	22,449
Total	101,121	38,227	139,348
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Charitable activities Other Total	87,856 <u>1,735</u> <u>89,588</u>	19,836 6,864 26,700	107,689 8,599 116,288
Gross transfers between funds	(32)	32	-
NET INCOME	11,501	11,559	23,060
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	66,934 78,435	221,345 232,904	288,279 311,339

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	New Building	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment	Totals
	£	£	L	£	£
COST					
At 1 April 2024	26,598	1,597	-	4,269	32,464
Additions	248,574		5,396		253,970
At 31 March 2025	275,172	1,597	5,396	4,269	286,434
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	-	1,384	-	4,067	5,451
Charge for the year		53_		67	120
At 31 March 2025		1,437_		4,134	5,571
NET BOOK VALUE					
As 31 March 2025	275,172	160	5,396	135	280,863
As 31 March 2024	26,598	213		202	27,013

Restricted funds

TOTAL FUNDS

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

			31.03.25	31.03.24
			£	£
	Other debtors		6,875	6,875
7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE	WITHIN ONE YEAR		
			31.03.25	31.03.24
			£	£
	Taxation and social security			
8.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
			Net	
			movement	
		At 01.04.24	in funds	At 31.03.25
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	78,435	11,358	89,793

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gross transfers between funds	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	98,765	(87,407)	-	11,358
Restricted funds				
Restricted	164,328	(53,204)	<u> </u>	111,124
TOTAL FUNDS	263,093	(140,611)		122,482

232,904

311,339

111,124

122,482

344,028

433,821

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds 2024 (FOR NEW LIFE SHETLAND (AOG))	Net movement				
	At 01.04.23	in funds	At 31.03.24		
	£	£	£		
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	66,934	11,501	78,435		
Restricted funds					
Restricted	221,345	11,559	232,904		
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>288,279</u>	23,060	311,339		

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gross transfers between funds	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	101,121	(89,588)	(32)	11,501
Restricted funds				
Restricted	38,227	(26,700)	32	11,559
TOTAL FUNDS	139,348	(116,288)		23,060

9. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

10. ANALYSIS OF PRINCIPLE SOFA COMPONENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

	New Life Shetland (AOG) (pre-merger)	New Life Shetland 2019 (AOG) (post-merger)	Combined Total
	£	£	£
Total Income	127,153	74,238	201,391
Total Expenditure	58,115	25,725	83,840
Net income/(expenditure)	69,037	48,513	117,550
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	69,037	48,513	117,550

Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aid donations	103,513	69,464
Non gift aid donations	60,352	26,664
Gift aid reclaim	19,437	20,286
Collections	790	485
	184,092	116,899
Other Income		
Grants/Funding	66,440	9,800
Building income	307	4,875
Miscellaneous income	12,254	7,774
Total incoming resources	263,093	139,348
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	57,831	52,816
Pastor's Expenses	615	465
Insurance	2,620	2,784
Postage and stationery	257	389
ChurchSuite	507	390
Advertising	418	211
Travel & accommodation	3,631	3,486
Annual Visits	9,996	6,864
Conference fees	973	5,692
Assemblies of God	2,100	2,080
Venue hire & meeting expenses	1,502	1,769
Catering costs	1,635	1,322
Gifts & donations	8,869	9,025
Activities & kids club	4,936	4,904
Computer maintenance	901	398
Building Expenditure	40,964	19,631
Bank Charges	253	223
Small Misc.	504	435
	138,512	112,884
Other	50	74
Plant and Machinery	53	71
Computer equipment	<u>67</u>	109
Support costs	120	180
Support costs Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1 070	2 224
Accountancy and legal lees	<u>1,979</u>	3,224
Total Resources Expended	140,611	116,288
Net Income	122,482	23,060
	122,702	23,000