



Oban Winter Festival

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st January 2025

Scottish Charity No. SC044782

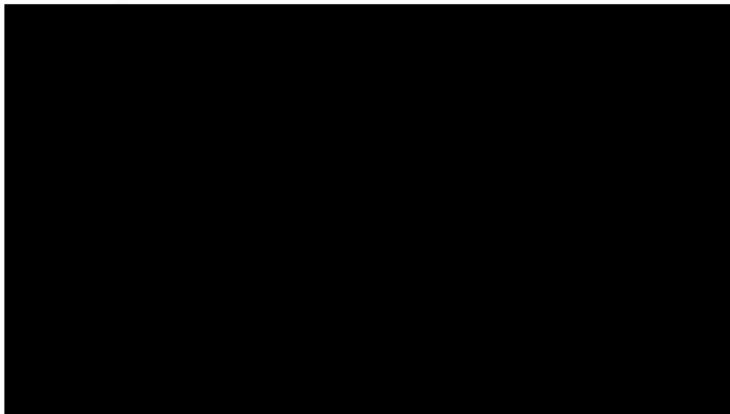
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INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025

CURRENT TRUSTEES



CHARITY REGISTRATION

Scottish Charity Number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025

The trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st January 2025.

Constitution

Oban Winter Festival is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator with effect from 1 April 2014. The charity was previously an unincorporated association and the assets of that association were transferred to the SCIO on 1 April 2014.

The charity has a single tier structure and therefore the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees may be any person aged 16 or over who subscribes to the purposes of the charity. The board of trustees may at its discretion accept or veto any person applying for or nominated for membership as a trustee.

Objectives and Activities

The organisation was established to organise and promote an annual Winter Festival in Oban, providing a focus for local charity and community groups to stage events. The aim is to provide a stimulus to the local economy and generate a spirit of fun and excitement for the local community.

Activities

The committee of now has five volunteers who are responsible for putting together the programme of events, liaising with the media, local businesses, charity and community groups, organising events, parades, workshops and markets.

Achievements and Performance

The Festival held in November 2024 included a further expansion of our Winter Woods event, where we employed a specialist event lighting company. We also held a sell-out finale concert with some of the top performers in Scottish traditional music.

Our Haggis and Whisky Festival has gone from strength to strength with 19 butchers entering in 2024 and a record number of guests sampling the haggis.

Total attendances were over 31,000 and we were encouraged by the positive feedback from locals and visitors.

The Festival received significant local and national press coverage and we were included in a number of top 10 lists for markets, winter festivals and events.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025

Financial Review

The charity's main source of income was grant income and details of grants received are given at note 4 to the accounts.

Total income for the year amounted to £65,398 (2024: £42,179). The increase was due to higher ticket sales at the Winter Woods event and additional income from the finale concert, which was a new event for the year.

Expenditure increased from £35,152 in 2024 to £52,696 in 2025. There were higher costs for the Winter Woods event and new costs this year for the finale concert.

The results show a surplus for the year of £12,702 (2024: £7,027).

Reserves Policy

The Festival has no restricted reserves.

Oban Winter Festival is very dependent on grants and sponsorship in order to fund its events and this process is a yearly cycle.

Whilst the committee would seek to build up reserves, so that the Festival was less dependent on annual fundraising, this must be seen as a long term objective and may take many years.

Future Plans

The committee were are working hard on planning for the next Festival in November 2025.

Approved on behalf of the trustees



28 October 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025

I report on the accounts for Oban Winter Festival, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act 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.

My 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 accounts.

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 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts regulations

have not been met, or

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Date 28 October 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Donations and sponsorship	3		1,263		5,798
Grants received	4		20,875		12,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	5		7,874		7,818
Other income	6		<u>35,386</u>		<u>16,563</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS			65,398		42,179
PAYMENTS					
Fundraising expenses			-		-
Cost of charitable activities	7		52,146		34,652
Donations			<u>550</u>		<u>500</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS			52,696		35,152
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			<u>12,702</u>		<u>7,027</u>

Oban Winter Festival**SC044782****Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation****BALANCE SHEET****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank account	27,106	14,437
Cash in hand	35	2
Net Assets	<u>27,141</u>	<u>14,439</u>

Reserves

Funds held at 1 February 2024	14,439	7,412
Surplus for the year	12,702	7,027
Funds held at 31 January 2025	<u>27,141</u>	<u>14,439</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees

Date 28 October 2025

Treasurer, Oban Winter Festival

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. All of the funds held are unrestricted funds which may be used at the discretion of the trustees in support of the aims and objectives of the charity.

	2025 £	2024 £
3. Donations		
Other	313	2,298
Drax Corporate	750	3,500
Rotary Club	200	-
	<u>1,263</u>	<u>5,798</u>
Grant Income		
Argyll & Bute Council	500	5,000
Awards for All (National Lottery)	10,000	-
ACHA	500	-
Event Scotland	8,875	5,000
Oban Common Good Fund	-	1,000
Scottish Seafarms	1,000	1,000
	<u>20,875</u>	<u>12,000</u>
5. Fundraising		
Stall Fees	6,050	7,270
Food stall fees	720	-
Haggis Festival income	1,104	460
Merchandising	-	88
	<u>7,874</u>	<u>7,818</u>
6. Other Income		
Ticket Sales	19,792	15,663
Glensanda Quarry (minibus sponsorship)	2,000	-
Perle Hotel (concert sponsorship)	1,000	-
Concert ticket sales	11,644	-
Programme Advertising income	950	900
	<u>35,386</u>	<u>16,563</u>
7. Cost of Charitable Activities		
Promotion and Marketing	1,351	991
Printing and stationery	2,529	2,541
Insurance	662	585
Stewarding costs	2,761	2,941
General expenses	141	78
Event costs	1,193	627
Winter Woods Costs	26,534	14,825
Haggis Festival costs	395	-
Concert costs	8,645	-
Puppet Cost	-	4,000
Venue Cost	1,098	2,420
Equipment costs	-	477
Performer costs	3,250	3,210
Travel and subsistence	719	967
Bank charges and ticket commission	1,512	-
Storage costs	1,356	990
	<u>52,146</u>	<u>34,652</u>
Donations Paid		
Hope Kitchen		500
Oban High School Pipe Band	550	-
8. Income Received after 31 January 2025		
Argyll & Bute Council	-	500
Event Scotland	1,125	2,500
	<u>1,125</u>	<u>3,000</u>

This related to grants received in respect of the Festival in November 2024.