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## Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known
by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address



Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to stee (if any)
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

## Type of governing document

Lightaware is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is governed by a constitution. The charity is a membership organisation and adopted a new constitution, based n the SCVO model at our AGM in 2023.

# Trustee recruitment and appointment

- The board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting.
- At the conclusion of the first AGM, one third (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees shall retire from office; the question of which of them is to retire shall be determined by some random method.
- 20 At the conclusion of each AGM (other than the first)
- 20.1 any charity trustees appointed during the period since the preceding AGM (but excluding those re-appointed under clause 22 during that period) shall retire from office; 20.2 out of the remaining charity trustees, one third (to the nearest round number) shall retire from office.
- The charity trustees to retire under paragraph 20.2 shall be those who have been longest in office since they were last appointed or re-appointed; as between persons who were last appointed/re-appointed on the same date, the question of which of them is to retire shall be determined by some random method.
- A charity trustee who retires from office under clause 19 or 20 at the conclusion of an AGM shall be eligible for re-appointment under clause 18 at the next board meeting.
- A charity trustee vacating office at the conclusion of an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected at the board meeting which next follows unless:
- 23.1 he/she advises the board that he/she does not wish to be re-appointed; or
- a resolution for the re-appointment of that charity trustee was put to the board meeting and was not carried.

## Objectives and activities

#### Charitable purposes

LightAware's purposes are:

- To raise awareness about the effects of artificial lighting on human health and wellbeing.
- To stimulate discussion and investigation into the effects of artificial lighting on human health and wellbeing.
- The promotion of equality and diversity through encouraging provision of access to civic life for those excluded by sensitivity to artificial lighting.

# Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- 1. The provision of an up-to-date website to provide information and assistance to people suffering from health problems associated with lighting.
- 2. Attending conferences and meetings to promote knowledge and awareness of about the effects of artificial lighting on human health and wellbeing.
- Responding to consultations and lobbying the EU, UK and Scottish
  Governments on behalf of people of excluded from civic life by sensitivity to
  artificial lighting.
- We distribute wallet-sized plastic LightAware cards for light-sensitive people
  to carry to help enable access. Our supporters have found carrying these
  cards invaluable for easier communication when requesting lighting to be
  switched off or altered.
- LightAware facilitates a telephone mutual support group People with light sensitivity can often feel isolated and the LightAware Telephone mutual support group aims to provide an opportunity to have informal discussions and friendly chat in a safe environment.

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

In May, members of the LightAware team met in the Lake District for a team get together. We try to meet at this time of year to maximise daylight and so to make travelling easier for those who struggle with artificial lighting. In the evening, the night sky filled with light from the Aurora Borealis. The northern lights were visible from our base near Keswick – as they were from much of the UK that night. It was the first time many of us had seen it and we were treated to an amazing display. It was appropriate to be celebrating the beauty of natural light while planning our campaigns against too-much and too-bright artificial light. We developed a plan for continuing our vital work in liaising with the UK governments about legislation affecting light sensitive individuals., developing resources to help light-disabled people, political engagement, campaigning and advocacy.

In July, LightAware attended a meeting with CPRE, the Countryside Charity and others to discuss how we can work together to protect the night sky from light pollution. Meanwhile, we continue our work to protect people from artificial light that is not fit for purpose and campaigning for safe

#### The lightbulb exemption

We campaigned hard for an exemption at EU level for those who need incandescent or halogen lighting to be able to continue to use them. This exemption has been carried into UK law, and the government department BEIS (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) has stated that:

"There is an exemption built into the legislation to allow people who are photo-sensitive to purchase alternative light sources via medical prescriptions. Non-LED light sources such as incandescent bulbs will continue to be provided specifically for use by photo-sensitive consumers. These can be obtained from pharmacies and other authorised selling points such as suppliers of disability products."

However, LightAware supporters have told us that their GPs and pharmacists are unaware of these provisions. We have written to representatives of BEIS calling for clarity on this process and have received the response that the issue is being given 'due consideration' but without any details yet. The current focus is on planning to raise energy performance standards from 120 lumens/watt from 2023 and 140 lumens/watt from 2025.

LightAware has responded again asking for clarification, including whether there will be prescription charges or whether the NHS will cover this. Also, whether the exemption will be available to employers to provide access to workplaces. In November, LightAware will be attended a general stakeholder meeting with BEIS on the Energy-related Products Framework, to draw attention to these issues. We have continued to lobby and meet with representatives of BEIS and their successor department the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DENZ) to make the exemption workable.

#### LightAware card

We have continued and expanded our distribution of wallet-sized plastic cards for light-sensitive people to carry to help enable access. Our supporters have found carrying these cards invaluable for easier communication when requesting lighting to be switched off or altered. The charity receives regular requests for these cards from members of the UK public who suffer adverse reactions to new forms of lighting, including fluorescent and LED lighting. Now working with our German Ambassador we have launched a German Language version of the LightAware Card. We hope that this card will be equally helpful to light sensitive people in Germany.

#### Telephone mutual support group

People with light sensitivity can often feel isolated and LightAware aims to provide those with an opportunity to have informal discussions and friendly chat in a safe environment. LightAware facilitates a telephone mutual support group on the first Tuesday mornings of the month from 10am to 11am. The aim of the support group is to provide a place to discuss light sensitivity and to provide sufferers with a safe place to talk to others in similar situations.

#### Improved access to eye tests

LightAware has negotiated improved access to eye tests for light-sensitive people. Members have told us that they have been unable to get their eyes tested because some of the eye health checks required them to have lights shone into their eyes. This would have risked causing severe and long-lasting reactions. Declining part of the test led to some

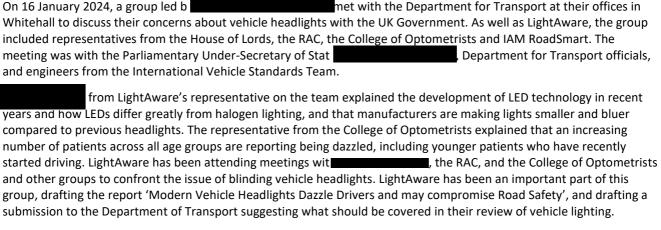
optometrists refusing to undertake any testing at all.

Optometrists believed they were following guidance that a minimum level of eye health check had to be undertaken. Some LightAware members have also been unable to access opticians' premises because they would not turn off problematic lighting or provide a suitable unlit area.

To pursue this, members of the LightAware team have had constructive discussions with representatives of the General Optical Council (GOC), who regulate around half of optical businesses in the UK. As a result, the regulator's Chief Executive's report (Page 249, paragraphs 60 to 63), sent to all regulated businesses, now sets out clear expectations for optometrists to make reasonable adjustments for light-sensitive people, in line with equalities legislation and the GOC's standards of practice.

We are grateful to the General Optical Council for constructive discussions and taking action so promptly. Their advice to opticians should improve responsiveness to light-sensitive people within the optical businesses they regulate. We would be grateful if you could let us know of your experiences, both good and bad, about access to eye tests.

#### **Vehicle Headlights Campaign**



LightAware's work on dazzling car headlights was also discussed in the UK parliament in May during a Westminster Hall debate on glaring headlights. Several MPs expressed the concerns of themselves and their constituents, describing 'discomforting glare'. The debate was led by Cleethorpes MP who quoted LightAware's contribution to the vehicle headlights report agreeing that legal limits should be set for blue light in headlights and that a national body should fund research on the discomfort caused.

The new UK Labour Government commissioned research, promised by the previous government, into problems of headlight glare. This is being undertaken by TRL Limited. A LightAware representative attended a stakeholder workshop with TRL in early October. The meeting was very positive and a number of points were made by attendees, which supported the arguments LightAware have been making for the past few years - that modern vehicle headlights are too bright, and there is a particular problem with SUVs. As well as doing fieldwork research, TRL are undertaking a review of scientific evidence to make sure that the project builds a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

#### Our first members meeting

Our first LightAware members meeting was held on 25 September 2024 via Zoom. At the meeting around 20 members from all the nations of the UK, the US, Denmark and Australia shared their experiences of LED street lighting, and of contacting local authorities about lighting problems. Despite the worldwide geographical spread of attendees there were several common themes, including:

- Ignorance of issues of light sensitivity by street lighting departments.
- Poor attitudes and an unwillingness to act to resolve complaints
- Not believing that complainants' problems were real
- Buck passing between local authorities and contractors.

LightAware is planning to draft a guidance on this, including advice on how to challenge councils. The meeting was extremely helpful in gathering people's experiences. We're hoping to include these in the document together with advice on how to tackle councils on this important issue.

#### **Fundraising**

Fundraising this year included a matched funding initiative where, thanks to a generous donor, every donation made to LightAware was matched, pound for pound, up to a total of £3,000. This raised £6,000 in total.

On Saturday 1st June 2024 a group of LightAware supporters crossed Morecambe Bay together to raise money for LightAware. The Cross Bay Walk was led by King's Guide to the Sands and entailed walking about 7 miles across the mud flats of Morecambe Bay and fording the river Kent to make the journey between Arnside and Grange over Sands in Cumbria. £500 was raised for LightAware and a wonderful time was had by all.

One of our supporter set herself a challenge to run 1000km to raise funds for LightAware. It took a great deal of mental and physical strength and determination but she did it, raising hundreds of pounds for LightAware in the process.

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have reserves.

Details of any deficit

There is no deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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## Other optional information

N/A

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	12 June 2025	12 June 2025

Scottish Charity Regulator

#### Independent examiner's report on the accounts Report to the Charity name LightAware trustees/members of Registered charity SC046160 number On the accounts of the Period start date Period end date Month Day Month Year Day Year charity for the period to DECEMBER NOVEMBER 2023 30 2024 (remember to include the page Set out on pages

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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

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:
- 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

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date:

Signed\*\*:
Name:
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
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<sup>\*</sup>Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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	Receipts and payments accounts									
		Period start da	te			Period end dat	e			
For the period	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year			
from	1	December	2023		30	November	2024			

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Section A Statement of re	ceipts and p	ayments				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	11,882				11,882	10,637
	11,002				11,002	10,637
Legacies					-	
Grants		$\vdash$			-	
Receipts from fundraising activities		$\vdash$	$\vdash$		-	
Gross trading receipts Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
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Rents from land & buildings Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
					_	
A1 Sub total	11,882	-	-	-	11,882	10,637
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					_	
Proceeds from sale of investments					_	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	11,882	-	-	-	11,882	10,637
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A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					_	
Investment management costs					_	
Payments relating directly to charitable	42 200				42.200	40.040
activities Grants and donations	12,399				12,399	19,618
Governance costs:		$\vdash$			-	
Audit / independent examination		$\vdash$	$\vdash$		-	
Preparation of annual accounts		$\vdash$	$\vdash$		-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
Other					-	
A2 Cub total					-	
A3 Sub total	12,399	-	-	-	12,399	19,618
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	12,399	-	-	-	12,399	19,618
Net receipts / (payments)	(517)	-	-	-	(517)	(8,981)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(517)				(517)	(8,981)
	(317)	-	Page 6	-	(317)	(0,581)

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Section B Statemen	t LightAware						
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	1,760	to nearest z	to nearest £	to flearest 2	1,760	10,742
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and	(517)				(517)	(8,981)
	payments account					-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	1,243	-	-	-	1,243	1,761
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	- 0	-	_	-	- 0	
	Details			Fund to which	asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
D2.1						to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments							
					Total		
						Current value (if	
	Details		Fund to which	asset belongs	Cost (if available)	available)	Last year
B3 Other assets					to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
D3 Other assets							
				Total	-	-	
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	Details			runa to which	liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities							
					Total	_	_
	Details			Fund to which	liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities						TO INCIDENCE	to mediest E
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					Total	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name			Date of
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C2 Grants							
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details							
C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any (otherwise complete section 4b)	char	ity trustee	during the	period then cross	this box	х
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C4b Trustee expenses - details							
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	Nature of relationship		N	lature of tra	nsaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
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C6 Other information							

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## Analysis of receipts and payments

#### 1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	11,882				11,882	10,637
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					-	
					-	
Total	11,882	-	-	-	11,882	10,637

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	neriod to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Receipts from Fundraising Activities					-	
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			$\vdash$		_	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

## 4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	endowment funds	endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest £	to nearest €	to nearest £	to nearest €
Bank Account fees	60				60	60
Printing	356				356	-
Specialist work excluding new website	9,941				9,941	10,546
Old website and IT					-	1,405
Zoom Licence	156				156	144
Production of promotional materials					-	553
SCVO (training 2023, advertising 2022)					-	115
Photographic Library	274				274	274
New website design (50% of cost)					-	2,385
Registration with information commisioner	40				40	40
Website content	1,572				1,572	4,096
Total	12,399	-	-	-	12,399	19,618

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Additional analysis (3)						
6 Breakdown of restricted funds						
	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Restricted fund		
	1 - enter name of fund below	2 - enter name of fund below	5 - enter name of fund below	4 - enter name of fund below		
					Total restricted	Total restricted
					funds	funds last
						period
Receipts						
Donations						
Legacies					-	
Grants					_	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments					_	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	_
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					_	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					_	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					_	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					_	
Preparation of annual accounts					_	
Legal costs					_	
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					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment					-	
movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)						
Net receipts / (payments)						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds  Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-			-	-

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Nature and purpose of funds