

# Seaton Community Church SCIO

Report and Accounts

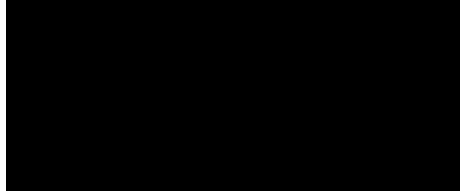
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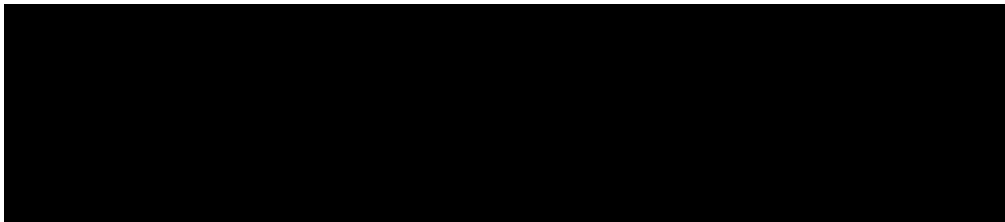
**SEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH SCIO  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE



CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

SC047825



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH SCIO**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Seaton Community Church SCIO ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2025 on pages 3 to 6 following.

**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

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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Date: Jul 24, 2025

**SEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH SCIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Donations	83,338	-	1,789	85,127	86,810
Gift aid receipts	10,252	-	-	10,252	15,783
Grants from other registered trusts	-	-	24,749	24,749	13,200
Mission trip to Philippines	-	-	2,163	2,163	1,310
Income from lettings and charitable activities	5,805	-	-	5,805	4,066
Income from investments	2,262	-	-	2,262	1,611
<b>Capital and similar receipts</b>					
Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	1,000
Loans repaid [Philippines trip airfare]	-	-	-	-	7,550
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>101,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,701</u>	<u>130,358</u>	<u>131,330</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2 78,660	-	26,179	104,838	106,458
Governance costs	3 2,904	-	-	2,904	2,860
Grants and donations	4 12,826	-	3,798	16,624	12,113
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Capital and similar payments</b>					
Purchase of fixed assets	13,696	-	-	13,696	1,924
Loans made [Philippines trip airfare]	-	-	-	-	7,550
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>108,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,977</u>	<u>138,063</u>	<u>130,906</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers	(6,429)	-	(1,275)	(7,705)	425
Transfers between funds	7 (6,302)	5,000	1,302	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>(12,732)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>(7,705)</u>	<u>425</u>
Cash funds as at last year end	56,428	100,000	1,058	157,486	157,062
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>A 43,697</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>1,085</u>	<u>149,782</u>	<u>157,486</u>

The notes on pages 5-6 form part of these accounts.

**SEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH SCIO**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	42,667	-	1,085	43,752	53,633
Deposit account	1,030	52,407	-	53,436	103,853
120 day notice deposit account	-	52,593	-	52,593	-
	<u>43,697</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>1,085</u>	<u>149,782</u>	<u>157,486</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	9,043	-	-	9,043	2,401
Deposit paid	598	-	-	598	225
£ equivalent of dollars held	19	-	-	19	18
	<u>9,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>2,644</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Pension due	1,433	-	-	1,433	976
Fee for Independent Examination	1,452	-	-	1,452	1,500
	<u>2,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,885</u>	<u>2,476</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
			<i>Valuation</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value</i>
				2025	2024
			£	£	£
<i>Freehold church building (valued 2020)</i>			980,000	-	-
Contents and equipment				127,610	127,610
				<u>127,610</u>	<u>127,610</u>

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

*The property has been shown at the valuation amount in 2020.*

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by [REDACTED] date Jul 23, 2025

The notes on pages 5-6 form part of these accounts.

**SEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH SCIO**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
		<u>General funds</u>	<u>Designated funds</u>			
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
Employment costs	Note 5	51,189	-	24,749	75,938	73,804
Training, conferences and related expenses	Note 5	7,250	-	-	7,250	8,089
Property running costs, repairs and maintenance		7,197	-	-	7,197	7,296
Building improvements		2,205	-	-	2,205	5,688
Insurance		1,997	-	-	1,997	1,901
Ministry costs		5,814	-	1,430	7,243	6,043
Admin and support		3,009	-	-	3,009	3,638
		<u>78,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,179</u>	<u>104,838</u>	<u>106,458</u>

**3 Governance costs**

Independent examination	1,416	-	-	1,416	1,440
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,488	-	-	1,488	1,420
	<u>2,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>2,860</u>

**4 Grants and donations paid to others**

	No. of grants				
<i>Organisations:</i>					
Relief of poverty and mission activity	35 [55]	7,310	-	200	7,510
<i>Individuals:</i>					
Visiting speakers	5 [8]	1,397	-	-	1,397
Relief of poverty, and ministry/outreach activity	29 [28]	4,119	-	-	4,119
Mission trip to Philippines [excluding employees]		-	-	3,598	3,598
		<u>12,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>16,624</u>
					<u>12,113</u>

# SEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH SCIO

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 5 Transactions with related parties

■■■■■■■■■■ served as a church leader and was paid a gross salary of £34,000 [2024: £32,840] with £9,800 employer pension [2024: £6,920] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

A total of £4,437 [2024: £4,653] was paid out to 1 trustee and 2 connected persons [2024: 2 trustees] in respect of mileage, meeting and conference expenses and airfare for the mission trip which took place in October 2024. These costs are included in 'Training, conferences and related expenses' in Note 2, above.

### 6 Acting as agent

During the year the charity acted as agent for a person going on the Philippines mission trip and in that capacity received funds which were then used to purchase the flight ticket. The amount received was £957 which was subsequently paid out to the airline. Additionally, one person cancelled their place on the trip. A refund of £755 was received and subsequently passed on to this person.

These transactions have been removed as agent and do not form part of the income or expenditure of the charity.

### 7 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	56,428	101,657	(108,086)	(6,302)	43,697
Designated funds					
Future café improvements	40,000	-	-	(10,000)	30,000
Maintenance and repairs	25,000	-	-	5,000	30,000
Church painting	15,000	-	-	(15,000)	-
Future ministerial training	20,000	-	-	25,000	45,000
	<u>156,428</u>	<u>101,657</u>	<u>(108,086)</u>	<u>(1,302)</u>	<u>148,697</u>
Restricted funds					
Employment	-	24,749	(24,749)	-	-
Rehoboth	-	509	(200)	-	309
Christmas	-	1,280	(1,430)	150	-
Mission trip 2024	1,058	1,388	(3,598)	1,152	-
Future mission trip	-	776	-	-	776
	<u>1,058</u>	<u>28,701</u>	<u>(29,977)</u>	<u>1,302</u>	<u>1,085</u>
Total funds	<u>157,486</u>	<u>130,358</u>	<u>(138,063)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,782</u>

**Employment:** donations given to assist with charity employment costs.

**Rehoboth:** Given our long standing relationship with Rehoboth Children's Home this was an appeal for funds for general support to the charity. These funds were sent to Rehoboth Children's Homes Trust [Charity Commission no. 1005152].

**Christmas:** a grant was given to cover expenditure for Christmas events.

**Mission trip:** The remaining funds were used during the October 24 trip to the Philippines.

**Future mission trip:** funds donated for the 2024 trip and not used were retained for a similar future mission trip.



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	May	2024	To	30	Apr	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

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

Seaton Community Church SCIO
Was previously Seaton Community Church until 31/12/17
SC047825

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 appoint trustee (if any)
1			
2			
3			
4			



## 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	Seaton Community Church SCIO ("SCC") is a charitable incorporated organisation and as such is governed by a constitution.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Elected or appointed by the Pastor of the church, with approval by the Trustees and confirmed at AGM by members.

## Objectives and activities

<b>Charitable purposes</b>	<p>SCC's has two main charitable purposes, as outlined in the SCIO governing document, these are summarized as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to advance the Christian faith</li> <li>• to relieve sickness and financial hardship and preserve good health</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</b>	<p><b>Sunday Church:</b> SCC meets every Sunday morning to worship and teach the word of God. The Sunday service has a functional crèche and Sunday School for primary school aged children.</p> <p><b>Life Group / Alpha:</b> SCC meets every Tuesday evening for Life group which involves learning from the word of God, prayer and in general offering support to each other.</p> <p><b>Primary aged children:</b> "One One Six" is a group for primary aged children that meet every Monday during school term time.</p> <p><b>Seaton Stars:</b> SCC runs a parents and toddlers group every Friday morning.</p> <p>Community outreach activities includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourish, a women's group. In this activity ladies meet and engage with others, to reduce isolation and to build confidence</li> <li>• Coffee@10 meeting is well attended by all ages in the community and runs on a Wednesday morning.</li> </ul> <p><b>Young Adults</b> group meets regularly on a Sunday evening at 6:30pm, meeting in various homes across the city of Aberdeen.</p>

## Achievements and performance

### Seaton Community Church SCIO – Core Activities, Ministries, Events and Structure – Overview and Performance

#### **Leadership Team**

In 2024/25, a Leadership Team was established to assist and support the Senior Pastor in ensuring the spiritual leadership of the church, and developing and establishing the vision and mission of the church. The Leadership team is accountable to the Senior Pastor, with ultimate accountability to the Trustees.

The team to date has helped shape Sunday Worship, Communion, Preaching as well as the introduction of the ChurchSuite database. The team have helped drive forward our mission of outreach in Seaton community and have been instrumental in helping cast vision for the future employment of an Intern in 2025/26.

The Leadership team meet every month and before each meeting they embark on a 24-hour period of fasting which includes praying for the church, the people, the ministries, and Seaton community.

In 2024/25, a guest speaker brought a powerful challenge to the leadership team of moving the church from “Childhood to Adulthood.” The Leadership team believe this was a word from the Lord and are prayerfully embarking on understanding what this means for Seaton Community Church as we continue into 2025/26.

#### **One One Six – Monday, 7pm to 8pm**

One One Six is a youth club for primary school aged children.

One One Six runs every Monday night, during term time, for one hour (7-8 pm). Over the last year (May 24 - Apr 25) we have seen the number of children attending increase to between 20-30 kids every week. We have had additional volunteers join the rota and help out to help give other leaders a break. We included new games, songs and added a slot for the children to request prayer, either verbally or by writing it down. During the summer break 2024 we had a BBQ which we saw a great number turn up.

The year ahead (May 25 - Apr 26) we hope to continue to grow at the same rate and continue to allow helpers and leaders to volunteer at the same frequency. Giving the children an opportunity to request prayer and respond to the bible talk has been something we would like to continue to focus on.

#### **Lifegroup / Alpha – Tuesday, 7pm – 8:30pm**

Throughout 2024/25, Lifegroup (Prayer Meeting) was consistently on every Tuesday and was well attended each week where we pray and study the bible. In April 2025, Lifegroup was halted in favor of commencing an Alpha Course which has seen new people enter into church and explore the Christian faith, averaging 25 to 30 people, with a high of 37. This is due to conclude in June 2025.

#### **Coffee@10 – Wednesday, 10am – 12pm**

Coffee@10 is the community coffee shop open to people of all ages. Tea, coffee and a fine piece is complimentary to everyone. Donations are collected – however, this is completely voluntary.

All who enter receive a warm welcome, and the tables are arranged so people can sit with someone they may have not met before to encourage friendship. Normally, approximately 30 people attend each week. Through discussions and witnessing about the life of Jesus persons arriving at Coffee@10 have begun to attend Church regularly on a Sunday morning.

12 ladies signed up to the Alpha course from personal invitation at Coffee@10.

#### **Special Event – Christmas Lunch – December 2024**

During the latter part of the year, we became increasingly aware through our Coffee@10 ministry that there were older folk in the community who were potentially going to be spending Christmas Day on their own without any family around. We responded to this by putting on a Christmas day lunch. In total we had 12 people come along for their lunch, open a gift presented to them by the church and have an opportunity to spend time with others for a few hours instead of being alone on Christmas Day. We were supported in this by The Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust.

### ***Flourish – Thursday, 10am – 12pm***

The women's bible study group Flourish has been steady over this last year, with consistency of ladies coming along and engaging with the program we have set for the group. This ranges from traditional bible studies, reading spiritual formation and faith building books together or discipleship courses.

We have seen a baptism last year through Flourish and the profession of faith and finding the Flourish group to be an integral way to meet new women in the community get settled into her new life in Aberdeen. Flourish has also been an avenue to create opportunities for one-to-one discipleship. As well as seeing individuals grow and be willing to invest time into their own personal discipleship, as a group it's been great to watch a community being formed of women who feel they have a safe space to come together and meet, encourage each other in prayer, learn together and from each other through the word of God and start to build trust to share some of life's difficulties and hardships together freely and without judgment. From Flourish there has also been the starting up of a social group on a Monday with other women in the church who can't attend a Thursday morning.

### ***Seaton Stars, Friday, 9:30am – 10:45am***

Seaton Stars continues to see new parents visit because of referrals from the local health visitor. We have seen a fluctuation in attendance due to several of the older toddlers moving on and attending pre-school nursery. We have had a few local mums begin attending Seaton Stars and we are adapting to suit their needs. We have changed the format to include an activity each week, and we are looking to add music and song to that also, which will provide a more structured session for the toddlers and mums each week. We still have a great team, who take their share of responsibilities in helping with activities and making the parents feel known and welcomed each week when they come in.

### ***Sunday Service, Sunday, 10:15am – 11:45am***

Services are at 10.15am every Sunday. This year we hosted a number of guest speakers and held numerous events, including baptisms.

#### **Crèche**

Our crèche has continued to grow over the last year particularly in the number of helpers. We have settled in well to the bigger space that we moved into last year and now have it decorated. We have also started to introduce some stories, activities and crafts during crèche especially for the older kids to help them keep engaged and also prepare them for moving up to Sunday school.

#### **Sunday School**

The number of children attending Sunday school regularly ranges from three to eight. Our Sunday School program is specifically designed for primary school children. We have assembled an exceptional team of volunteers who are passionate about this ministry. The children have been introduced to various series, such as "Hey God: Series on Prayer" and "Armour of God." Feedback from the children indicated that they felt positive and inspired afterward. More importantly, they expressed happiness in discovering more of God's Word.

We are also fortunate to have an excellent church garden, which the children always enjoy for playing games. A significant event took place in the summer of 2024 when we hosted a six-week "life skills" series. We invited individuals with specific expertise in areas including cooking, music, and sports to provide lessons to the children, aiming to inspire them to pursue further learning in these fields. We plan to conduct the same series in 2025 as well. Once again, the feedback from the children was positive. We continue to pray for more children to come to know God's Word and grow in their faith.

### ***Worship and Media***

The worship ministry in the Church involves around 12 people who serve either by playing an instrument, singing, or leading worship. Others are involved in supporting the worship team by helping to adjust and monitor the sound.

The team meets around once every 4 months to discuss where the team can grow, what support is needed and anything that can be improved as well as seeking God for this ministry. There are also rehearsals on Sunday mornings in advance of the service.

At the start of 2024/25, the worship team was also leading worship on Tuesday's as part of life group but that has now stopped since life group became Alpha.

The worship team have helped lead the Church in worship, bringing new songs and leading the Church into the presence of God.

The vision of the team is to continue leading the Church in worship so that everyone can encounter God and glorify Him. During our times of worship on a Sunday we have seen God move through people sharing words/visions from God, people receiving prayer for situations they are in and people responding to God. This has blessed the church.

Over this last year our worship team also helped in an external outreach event called 'Prayerfest' which the premise was to gather people from different churches across Aberdeen to come and collectively pray for situations individually, local and globally.

The Media team consists of an established team between 5 to 7 persons who have responsibility for guiding the visual aspects on a Sunday morning (i.e. projector, livestream, preach visuals). We have recently updated the way we do livestream to focusing on the preach alone rather than worship. In 2025/26, there are plans to develop a Media guide to support the easy completion and navigation of media responsibilities.

#### ***Young Adults, Sunday 6:30pm – 8pm***

Young Adults consists of 18 to mid 30's of people in various stages of their life including, in full time higher education (i.e. university) or in the first few years of full time work. Young Adults meet on a Sunday night from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at various Young Adult homes, with roughly 5 to 15 young adults consistently coming along. We have seen an increase in Young Adult attendance in 2024-25. The format is similar to a home group setting, where there is an opportunity for fellowship, engaged with a faith-based video followed by discussion and prayer. The young adults met based on the academic year.

In 2024-25, the Young Adults activities on a Sunday night have included:

- Ruthless Elimination of Hurry series by [REDACTED]
- The Prayer Course by [REDACTED]
- Testimony nights with other members of the church
- Meeting in a coffee shop
- Games nights

In addition to the above, the young adults have put on other events for the young adults and wider community, including:

- BBQ for Fresher's week
- Haggis, neeps and tatties night
- Provision of 100 lunches for the Christian Union Fresher's week
- Young Adults Christmas Pot Luck Supper
- Beach outing

#### ***One to One's – Ministry Meetings***

1 to 1 women's discipleship has grown over the last year.

There are 5 women within the church receiving weekly 1 to 1 support of 1-2 hours per week in the combined form of Freedom in Christ ministry time and biblical counseling.

In the last year we have seen one baptism from 1 to 1 discipleship and one further baptism will be taking place in June 2025.

In addition, as a result of a recent evangelist event 2 women have recently made a commitment of faith, who will begin a discipleship journey in the coming weeks.

There is also a less formal supportive role with 2 women who form a part of the Flourish group, that are provided with support suited to their needs. These women are no longer requiring weekly face to face support but more ad-hoc catch ups within the month.

Ongoing ad-hoc support and focus on relationship-building is given to others within the local community, ensuring referrals to specialist help for those that need it.

## *Other Events*

**Women's Collective Evening** – The women's quarterly Collective evenings have remained steady over the last year with the main vision and purpose to provide faith building testimonies, opportunities for ministry and encouragement to the women within the church.

**Working with local Primary School** – We continue to work in partnership with the local primary school and are engaging with the children who the school identify as having complex emotional support needs, on a week-by-week basis there are 9 children that spend time with the Family worker. This year we have also been able to present the gospel message during the Easter assembly and during a special Christmas service held at the church. This year we were able to open up the church for an educational cookery and nutrition course ran by Robert Gordon's University (RGU), students as part of their degree, to better educate the Primary 7 children on healthy eating and how to make some simple dishes. Another project we were able to help support the children with was a technology initiative project to provide technical help for the older people within the community who were having issues navigating their phones, laptops and iPads. We opened up the church and invited members of the church to attend and allow the children to assist them with the issues they were having.

**Summer Fun Days** – Last year we ran one summer fun day, which was a huge success with over 85 children in attendance and a total of 25 volunteers supporting the day and engaging with the children to ensure they get the most from the day. Each child had a snack at breacktime and a hot lunch and ice cream for the day. We relied on the kindness of volunteers who provided the hot lunch and Morrisons who provided the ice creams. All the children taking part received an award and recognition for their efforts as a team and working together in the various activities that they were taking part in. We worked in partnership with The Russell Anderson Foundation on the day who provided two of their coaches to help run one of the planned activities.

**Community Lunch** – In December we had our annual community lunch. We welcomed 50 older folk from the community into the church and provided Christmas Lunch for them. They also enjoyed several performances from the local school children who came along to sing carols. We were supported by Morrisons this year, who helped provide the lunch items for the day for us. It was a wonderful opportunity to provide something for the older folk in the community at that time of the year.

**Missions Team at Seaton** – In 2024 we had our first mission team over from a church in Orlando, Florida, USA. Four team members were with us for a week and during this time we had a packed schedule which included running prayer spaces for two days, which saw the Primary 4 – 7 classes come to the church and take part in the various prayer space stations we had set up around the church and garden. The team also ran the One One Six ministry for the evening, where we saw a record number of over 30 children turn up, preached a sermon on Sunday, led worship and helped support the other ministries in the church. The trip was such a success that we agreed to have a team return in May 2025, where our focus would be on evangelism and the visit would culminate in a Guest Speaker Curry Night event.

**Men's Meal night** held in September 24.

**Prayerfest** – In October 2024, Seaton Church hosted a prayer event known as Prayerfest which gathered churches from Aberdeen to pray for our needs, the needs of Aberdeen communities and churches, and also the emerging needs across the world. This event included worship, prayer and preaching and was attended by several churches from across the city from different denominations.

**Philippines Team Trip, October 24** – In October 2024, 14 people from Seaton Community Church went on a Missions trip to Rehoboth Children's Home in the Philippines, which is a Christian Orphanage. This is a long standing partner of the church. The missions team helped build a chicken coop (which the church provided financial aid for) and helped the children there with crafts and helped to facilitate a PrayerSpace to support children in developing their Christian faith and exploring themes such as forgiveness.

This gave an awareness to the team of needs outside the UK and the importance of the global mission of the church.

## Financial review

<p><b>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</b></p>	<p>It is the policy of SCC to keep at least four months offering income in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies; this is in the order of £27,000. The church staff at the year-end was a full-time Senior pastor and one full-time family worker.</p> <p>One bank account was used during 2024/5 to cover the running of the church, at the year-end the account balance amounted to £43,700, including £1,085 restricted funds.</p> <p>The Kingdom Bank total savings account amounts to £106,029 and, as of end of April 2025, is a general reserve with the following allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £30k – Future Café' improvements (£20k proposed to be used by end of 2025/26)</li> <li>• £30k – Maintenance and Repairs - e.g. Boiler, heating, painting</li> <li>• £45k – Future ministerial training and additional staff member.</li> </ul> <p>In 2025/26, it is proposed that this is allocated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ £10k to supplement main account for staff costs if reserves fall beyond uncomfortable limits, in 2025/26.</li> <li>○ Ministerial training circa £15k.</li> <li>○ £5k earmarked for potential Sabbatical for Senior Pastor</li> <li>○ £15k additional staff member earmark in next 5 years.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1,029 – Miscellaneous (interest)</li> </ul> <p>For 2025/26 financial year, the trustees' intention is to use the main account funds for various improvements at church (e.g. cafe) before supplementing with the Kingdom Bank funds.</p>
<p><b>Details of any deficit</b></p>	<p>A deficit of £7,700 was incurred due to the purchase of chairs for the main hall.</p>
<p><b>Donated facilities and services (if any)</b></p>	<p>There are a number of volunteers who ensure the running of all the church's activities. An approximate number would be around 10-20 regular volunteers.</p>
<p><b>Other information</b></p>	<p>Stewardship have been appointed as External examiners to prepare and examine the 2024/5 accounts.</p> <p>All activities undertaken by Seaton Community Church are within AOG Safeguarding guidelines.</p> <p>When discussing/reviewing staff salaries the parties involved are not present in any discussions so as to avoid Conflict of Interest issues.</p>

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	Jul 23, 2025	Jul 23, 2025



