

SPAN THE GAP

(SC051433)

THE ANNUAL REPORT

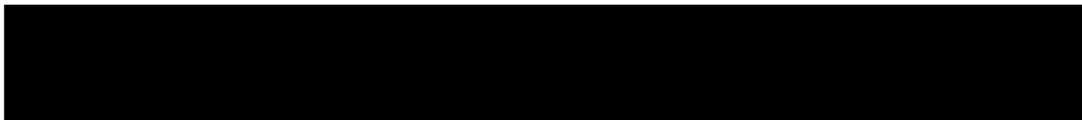
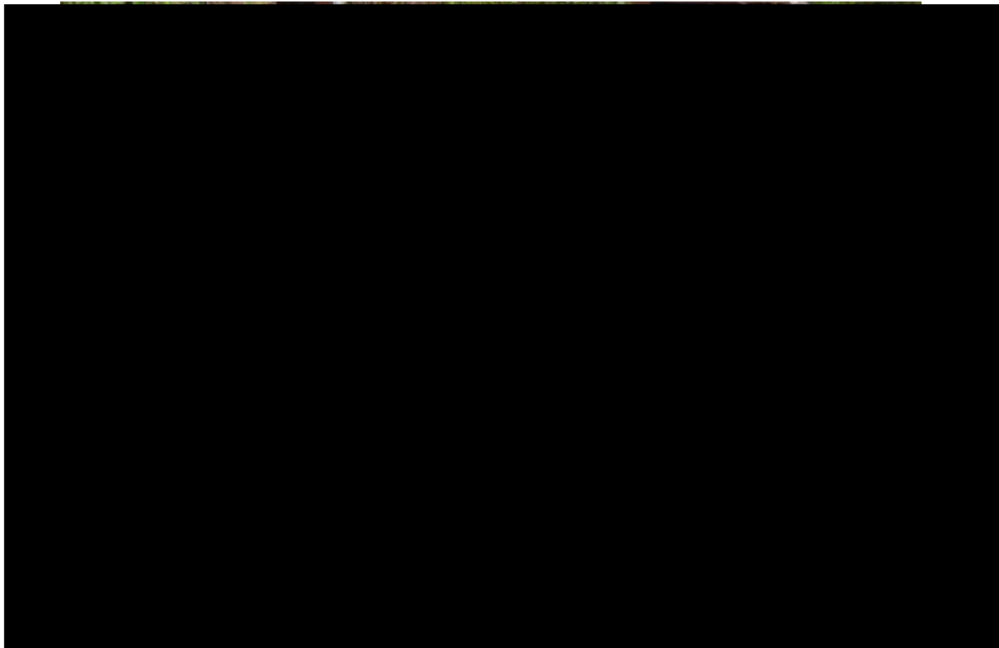
Nov 2023 – Nov 2024

Missionary Training School

Dewalwal Mountain Outreach

This is one of several missions that we support & sponsor

Forest & Mountain Outreach with the A-Team



APPROVED BY TRUSTEES

Yes I accept and approve of the Annual charity report

Kind Regards -



Read the report last week, amazing work for the kingdom. Full approval from



I approve this 23-24 annual report –



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Introduction

The name of the organisation is SPAN THE GAP [SCIO]

The organisation's purposes are:

- Exclusively charitable objects in the advancement of the Christian religion & social care
- The benefit is for all levels of the public. The areas covered are the UK & Abroad

Our remit is to joyfully obey Christ in fulfilling His last commission...

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19,20

Governance:

The day-to-day administration of Span The Gap is mainly carried out by Trustees [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is always on hand to assist in all services. Our other trustees
[REDACTED] are both full-time in Care & rehabilitation work but are also available as and when required.

Daily activities include fundraising, fund-giving, preaching, teaching, counselling, travel, and, of course, all the preparation and admin that goes along with that.

Decision Making: Trustees & Manager remain in constant contact, mostly daily in one form or another, with the overseas partners, groups & individuals we sponsor.

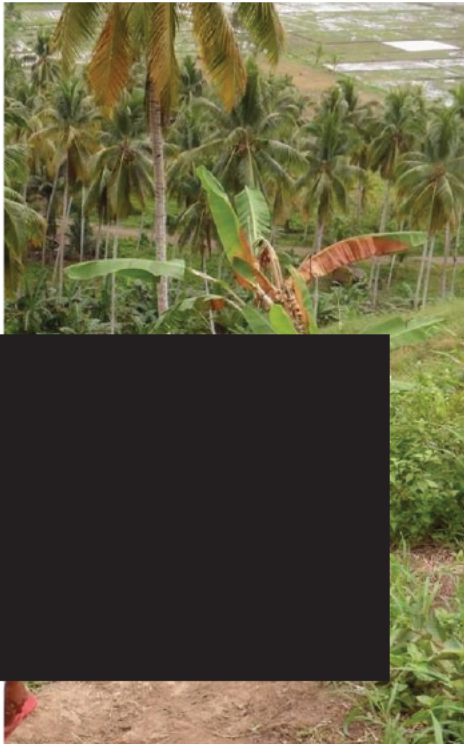
What follows are the various ways we are fulfilling our charitable purposes in the UK & Overseas.

SPAN THE GAP IN THE UK - Why the Charity was set up...

In the Beginning...

In 1976, shortly after [REDACTED] (Span the Gap founder & manager) conversion to Christianity, local outreach began in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Soon after, he travelled to preach the gospel of Christ throughout the length & the breadth of the British Isles.

OVERSEAS



Another Mission, another Mountain

Overseas funding for teams to reach out abroad began in part in 1976 after [REDACTED] spent time with a travelling Choir of converted former Philippine Highland head-hunters. A missionary had the courage to visit their region, resulting in the entire village turning to Christ, renouncing head hunting, and bringing an end to a year of generational and bloody tribal wars.

The story of their life, both before & after Christianity, deeply impressed [REDACTED] and the urgent need to help spread the gospel of Christ as far and wide as possible. Personal commitment to ongoing missions to America & Ghana, Africa began in 1992. Adding New Zealand and Australia in 1993. And so, a full-time commitment to the organisation's Christian charitable purposes began. Simply put, that meant raising the money through various personal private enterprises in order to fund Christian outreach both at home & abroad.

In 2004, [REDACTED] took over the management of Kingdom House Christian Rehab and Conference Centre, Paisley. During the 2.5 years they were residents, doors opened overseas in the Turks and Caicos Islands and China. They then permanently moved to the Turks and Caicos to establish an international Bible training centre.

The source of most funding has come from [REDACTED] several business endeavours. They never bother others for funding, if possible, when they themselves are capable of personally producing it.

But in 2019, a changing world and a struggling economy made raising funds themselves increasingly challenging. At the same time, missions in the UK and abroad continued to expand.

A hopeful solution was to register as a charity and attract sponsors to the vision.

The aim is for [REDACTED] (Manager and trustee) to spend less time creating funds for missions and more time fulfilling missions while managing and funding our co-workers across several continents engaged in missions, orphanages, community welfare, etc.

In December 2021, we were thankfully successful in obtaining charitable status.

What we do and where the funds are spent to help in the UK

Though Scottish-based, we are, however, a UK-wide work organisation that networks extensively across the British Isles. At present, quite a bit of time & resources are invested in working alongside several Scottish Churches and their community outreach whilst continuing to network with several of our partners in England & Wales.

The table below provides an overview of some of our past & present activities.

THE UK

- *Support & Advance the Christian Faith*
- *Assist the poor*
- *Helps & Repairs*
- *Hospital & Prison Visits*
- *Ex Offender/Addict resettlement & Re-Training*
- *Counselling for abuse, abortion, victims of crime & debt counselling*
- *Support for those with mental health issues*
- *Counselling re Suicide & bereavement*
- *Witness protection (not latterly)*
- *Traumatised family resettlement*
- *Care & friendship for the vulnerable & elderly*
- *Immigrant & Asylum seeker support & re-training*
- *Aid in the repair of places of worship*

Who Was Helped ... Nov 2023- Nov 2024

This year, we continued to support all of our loyal friends and thankfully, a few more along the way.

Outreaches this year we spent 5 months overseas teaching and training missionaries and trainee missionaries. Our overseas visits include time in

- Indonesia - We continue to sponsor and teach trainee missionaries online
- Northern India – Ongoing, sponsorship and advising the Orphanage team in Shillong
- Laos – Sponsor and advise local missions' trainers
- Thailand – Sponsor and advise missionaries and mission trainers
- Cambodia – One-month training for missionaries and reaching the tribal people

An interesting year indeed, more people wanting to be trained to reach their tribal people and be a Practical and spiritual; a blessing to them. Online training has made this much easier than ever before.

The hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, the sick & persecuted are visited and helped...
And the poor have the gospel preached to them...

ASYLUM SEEKERS & IMMIGRANTS

We continue our sponsorship and support for the Glasgow-based asylum seekers. They are becoming settled and recognising Scotland as their new home and new life.

- Glasgow Romanian Christian Fellowship
- The Glasgow Indian & Tamil Christian Church
- The Glasgow Iranian Christian Church

We are now working alongside several of the Glasgow African fellowships.

Romanian and Tamil immigrants. A similar report to last year in that Romanians find it significantly easier to settle here in Scotland, mostly because they do not arrive traumatised and they have a very settled community ready to welcome and support them. The Indian community likewise have very much settled into Scotland as their new home and requires little by way of external support. The Tamil community have, for a couple of years, run their own foodbank. Strangely, it's mostly Iranian asylum seekers that benefit from the food bank.

Although this social care outreach reaches both Eritrean and Somali communities, it benefits mostly the Iranian community.

IRANIAN—I wrote the paragraph below last year. Thankfully, we have now seen a significant number obtain residential visas, have jobs, and, most importantly, be joined by their families here in the UK.

Many of these dear souls are not so settled, and new ones arrive most weeks. In Iran, once alerted that their Home Church has been raided and they are now on the Wanted List of the Secret Religious Police, in order to avoid a possible death or lengthy jail sentence for apostasy, they must flee immediately. Often, with no time to return home to pack a bag, as the police may be there already waiting for them.

Time is of the essence for the preservation of life. Could you imagine yourself in those same circumstances? A single text warning from another Christian that your home group are being raided! The anguish of soul as the family breadwinner must urgently desert loved ones, home, job, all possessions and immediately run for their lives. The luxury of taking their mobile phone for continued family contact is excluded; the phone must be ditched, or else they are trackable. It may be months before they can make contact with their families. We weekly learn of nightmare episodes as some manage to make it across the border to begin a life who knows where & how.

Thankfully, for those who manage to make it to the UK, the government kindly provides accommodation, food, and a spending budget of £7 per week.

Many of these people are professionals in Iran, doctors, lawyers, teachers, carpenters, models, mothers and daughters, and people from all walks of life.

Many soon find themselves in states of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). Lost, alone and depressed and despairing as months and often years go by without an interview from the grossly overburdened Home Office. Which interview is a necessary requirement before consideration of the possibility of granting them UK citizenship? This would allow their family to join them and for them to begin seeking employment. Thankfully, we have been able to support several who are now reunited with their families here in the UK.

TRAINING FOR WORK AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

PALLET FURNITURE – RECYCLING & RE-TRAINING As funding allows, we aim to obtain suitable premises for recycling as much discarded wood as possible. Hopefully, the items will be sellable and provide activity for bored minds and an income for those who'd like to develop their own recycled wood business.

We continue to train those who wish to learn “How to repurpose discarded wood & pallets” ...

Pallet furniture



Overseas Report

Who was helped abroad... Our Annual Activities include the following...

OVERSEAS

- *Support & advance the Christian faith*
- *New church planting groups*
- *Establish indigenous missionary training schools*
- *Support & Sponsor Orphanages*
- *Teach basic education in rural communities*
- *Provide clean water, sanitation, health care & first aid*
- *Train in off grid energy, farming, crop & live stock.*
- *Provide transport E.g.: horse, motor cycle, SUV*

WHERE WE GO AND WHO WE HELP

We continue to invest as much time & resources as possible in aiding our overseas workers. We are currently or have been active or sponsoring outreaches indicated by the star below: 

- Cambodia
- Laos
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- China
- Philippines
- Indonesia
- India
- South Africa
- Turks & Caicos Island
- Haiti
- New Zealand
- Australia



Cambodia: ██████ (a convert from the Goddess of Evil Mountain) remains in Cambodia and teaches with her sister at the primary level. Outreach continues with local groups at the weekend.

Cambodia Central, [REDACTED] has built a dual-purpose block, divided into two areas, one to teach English to the rural community and the other to teach computer skills. Span has been able to assist in sponsoring that work.

Span now also partners with the YWAM Battanbang base that outreaches to 36 remote village locations and sponsors several of the missionaries.

Help a granny

The work initiated by South African missionaries [REDACTED], assisting grandmothers who are removed from their homes when grandchildren arrive and live under the home on stilts (this is the tradition) continues to thrive, although [REDACTED] have returned home for a season.

One of the many Yiey's (Grandmothers) that they have helped A final note from [REDACTED]

Thank you to those of you who support us in prayer, who have adopted a granny and just generally keep up with us. We appreciate your thoughts and care.

God bless,

Laos:



Dan with the indigenous bible students

As with all communist countries, we are limited regarding what we can share. However, we are thankful for the advance of Christ's gospel among this broken & wary nation. Consider that for 9 years, bombing by USA planes continued for every 8 minutes, night & day, without ceasing. They are sceptical of Westerners. Unfortunately, they consider Christianity to be a Western religion.

██████████ from the Philippines is continuing on location for his fifth year there. He is training both indigenous and outside missionaries and working alongside local Christian fellowships. Span has managed to assist him with visas, travel costs, and expenses for holding training sessions. His reports remain positive, and the work remains progressive. ██████████ works ceaselessly at bringing relief to the villages; he outreaches them, too, and they welcome him.

Philippines:



This is where most of our outreach and social Care work takes place. Outreaches are to rural areas. Numerous teams we began training in 2012 carry out forest and mountain activities daily. Span funds ongoing training and sponsorship with a growing number of missionaries. Once a missionary is welcomed into a new region, we sponsor and look to plant a small church and begin Bible training for those who wish to learn more.

Palambang, Southern Philippines

In the photo, is 4 of our Span team leaders –



██████████ live on site. ██████████ are there to conduct outreach train ██████████ sponsored event.

Vietnam & China – For security reasons, reporting is currently reserved

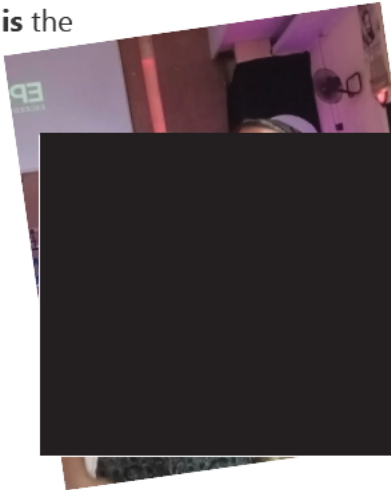
Thailand: Another beautiful Asian nation, outreach and church planting continue.

█████'s Span's sponsored missionary on the ground in Thailand. She is a very experienced missionary who began with us in the Philippines in 2012. Since serving in Laos, Cambodia and now Thailand. Span supports █████ who spends her days in outreach, hospital visitation & supporting local pastors & missionaries. Whilst working as an English teacher.

Indonesia

is the

world's most Muslim nation, made up of many islands. Thankfully, Span team Leaders █████ and their respective teams prosper there by preaching the gospel and discipling new converts.



Some of the rural locals we met carry out laundry tasks

The prayer and the plan are to open two indigenous Bible schools there this year and offer a more formal training schedule for those keen to grow in Christianity.

India: Span

works alongside and sponsors several ministries in India, predominantly █████ and her orphanage in the north. Last year, we spent three amazing weeks living and working alongside █████ They are young but manage to care for 59 residential children.

Within the past two years, we have managed to build a dorm for the boys along with a toilet and shower block, an additional dorm for the young women, and shore up all the walls against a landslide. The most important development is that the orphanage now has its very own water well. No more carting water up and down the one-mile assault course track twice a day.

Previously, Span has been able to help fund the orphan's truck, the boy's dormitory, solar panels, a large water pump, and security fencing. There is now an extension to the Girls' dorm, and a school is being built, so there will be no more daily 5-mile round trips up and down mountain roads to the nearest school.

South Africa: The Agape Orphanage in the Township Grabow near Cape Town continues to prosper. Caring for many severely disabled children, teaching & feeding hundreds more for free. We thoroughly enjoyed our 2x 3-month seasons there. The poverty, crime & depravity were appalling but the love for God and His

wee lambs there was beyond description. We were actively involved in the building and finally painting of the new school hall, completed along with the extensive car park. Compliments of Span Donations. Such an amazing time and place, and worthy of any support we can offer them.

You can visit their website here <https://www.agapegrabouw.org.za/stories>

Turks & Caicos: Regrettably, not much has progressed with the reconstruction of our International bible training centre since Hurricane Irma nearly tore the place apart, along with totally destroying two other island churches on the same night.

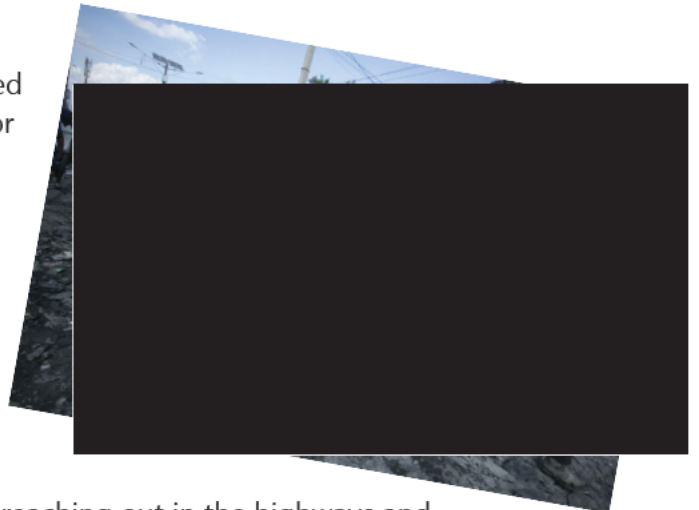
Thankfully, the roof is now replaced, and doors and windows are boarded up, restoring a semblance of order. The 3-bedroom cottage still functions, but the 7 rooms of the main house remain uninhabitable. This means that we cannot run courses as there is insufficient accommodation. Prayer for progress is appreciated, as this costly resource is achieving nothing. There are plans for next year (2025) to progress the redevelopment as far as is affordable.



Haiti: The mission has been suspended until the government regains national control. Haiti is still rated as the poorest nation on earth. Many of our students for the Bible training centre in Turks & Caicos came from Haiti. We were deeply saddened by what we witnessed there. The need is overwhelming.

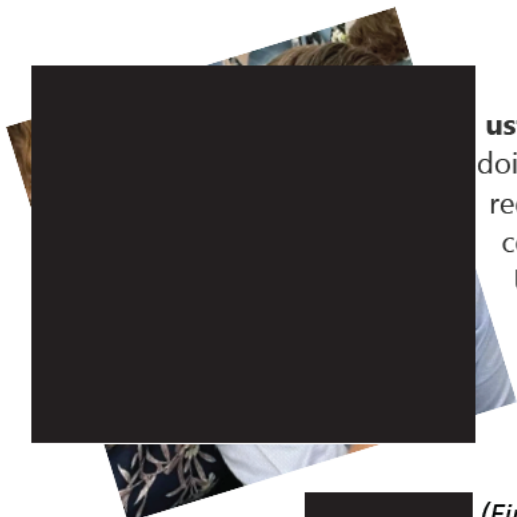
One of our students was recently running as a presidential candidate in Haiti, campaigning on making Jesus Christ as an answer to the deep spiritual darkness and poverty there.

Many of our co-workers have returned to Haiti and are reaching out in the highways and byways and trying to make a difference. There is a ceaseless need for financial support, as it is not a benefits state. You are on your own if you experience any personal or family crisis. Income is low and hard to come by, and living and mission running costs are expensive. We do what we can as we can.



Australia: We haven't been involved in Australian outreach since 1993. It's doing splendidly through many Christian outreach programs and hardly requires our input. However, [redacted] our own family, after a combined 15 years of full-time Christian service in the Ellel ministry in the UK, left to begin a new ministry in Brisbane. Span was able to help facilitate that move. We visited to support them and spent much time outreaching the large Filipino community there.

[redacted] (Finding Home Ministry - Australia)



New Zealand: This year's trip didn't work out because we were so busy during our mission to Australia. We hope to return there this year. As mentioned last year, New Zealand can more than progress without input from Span the Gap. We have dear and competent friends there. We look forward to visiting them again soon.

FUNDING

Until now, due to time restraints and a Funding manager who didn't quite work out, Span the Gap charity continues to be predominantly funded by [REDACTED] We are profoundly thankful that several others did and do continue to contribute, mostly directly to the various causes and not through the charity itself.

Unfortunately, our total income was not large enough to assist with all the many requests. Regardless, we are again thankful for what we could do during what proved to be a very financially challenging commercial year for our business.

We also received more laptops that proved a great blessing to the Iranians & Indian orphanage that received them.

FUNDING & OUTGOING FOR: Dec 23 – Dec 24

These are the actual amounts paid into Span the Gap accounts. However, the ministry spent significantly more out with the charity account as many of the locations & missionaries sponsored can only receive payment directly through corporations such as Western Union etc. which has been the method of sending Sponsorship for the past two decades.

Nov 23 – Nov 24

TOTAL MONIES IN	26286.15
TOTAL MONIES OUT	26805.06

CURRENT GOALS

THE GOSPEL BY COMMUNITY REGENERATION

Funding for UK

To assist with expenses for the army of volunteers

FOR:

Community clean-up for morale & Improvement

Litter lifting

Gardening

Graffiti removal

Repainting tenement doors, cleaning the lobby & stairs, tidying the garden

Basic odd jobs

Encouraging the old & disfranchised

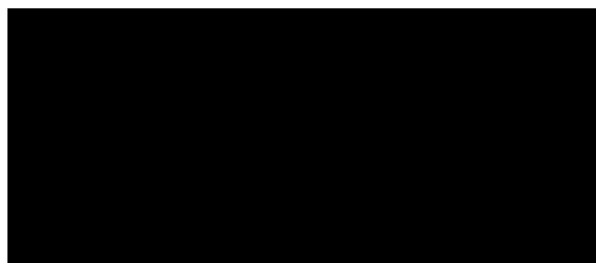
Encouraging those with Mental Health

Hi Viz vests or hoodies labelled with Span The Gap

Funding for Overseas

- Sponsoring missionaries with cost of living, travel & outreach expenses
- E.g, feed the poor, clothe the naked, help the homeless
- Establish & fund bible training centres
- Repair & Restore Turks & Caicos Bible Training Centre

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION



External Scrutiny Report

Details	Information
Charity Name:	Span The Gap (SCIO)
Charity Number:	SC051433
Financial Year End:	30 November 2024
Prepared by:	
Scrutiny Type:	Independent Examiner

To the Trustees of Span The Gap,

I have examined the accounts of Span The Gap for the financial year ending 30th November 2024, which consist of the Statement of Receipts and Payments, a Statement of Balances, and supporting financial documentation provided by the trustees.

This examination was carried out in line with the requirements set out by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) under the 2006 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act and the accompanying Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Scope and Responsibilities

As an independent examiner, my responsibility is to review the accounting records kept by the charity and to compare the accounts presented with those records. I have not conducted an audit and do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe that:

Examination Findings

- The total receipts for the period were £26,286.15, and total payments were £26,805.06, resulting in a modest deficit, which is explained in the accompanying report as due to donations exceeding the formal charity account balance (some giving being made through direct personal giving).
- Supporting ledgers and a transparent narrative were available, and all figures are consistent with the activities outlined in the charity's annual report.
- The charity's work spans both UK-based social support and international outreach. Financial activities remain modest but targeted.
- Most income is generated directly through personal support and business income from the founders, with a small number of direct donations made through formal channels.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the accounts present a fair reflection of the charity's financial activity and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations.



Date: 8 August 2025

SPAN THE GAP

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	12	2023		30	11	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	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	26,412				26,412	26,075
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					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	26,412	-	-	-	26,412	26,075
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,412	-	-	-	26,412	26,075
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	23,929				23,929	25,256
Grants and donations	2,282				2,282	150
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	594				594	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	22
					-	
A3 Sub total	26,805	-	-	-	26,805	25,428
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,805	-	-	-	26,805	25,428
Net receipts / (payments)	(393)	-	-	-	(393)	647
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(393)	-	-	-	(393)	647