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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: SC047273

Scottish Grocers Federation Benevolent Fund SCIO
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2025

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Scottish Grocers Federation Benevolent Fund SCIO
Charity registration number	SC047273
Company registration number	CS002700
Principal office and registered office	Federation House 222-224 Queensferry Road Edinburgh EH4 2BN

The trustees

W Adye
G D Watson
P Cheema
C Brown
A Kenney

Independent examiner	William A S Gunn CA Gibson McKerrell Burrows Limited Chartered Accountants 28 Rutland Square Edinburgh EH1 2BW
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Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23 March 2017. The charity was previously an unincorporated association (Scottish Charity number SCO14216) but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on the 23 March 2017. It has a two tier structure with members and a board of trustees.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to grant practical aid to past and present members of the grocery trade in their time of need.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

During the year funds totalling £3,100 (2024 £3,600) were distributed to individuals. In addition a grant of £7,500 (2024 - £7,500) was paid to the retail trust. The trustees consider all applications for assistance from qualifying employees of the Scottish Grocers Federation members.

The trustees continue to explore ways to advertise work of the charity and make the Scottish Grocers federation members aware of the charity's activities.

The charity's investment portfolio saw growth this year £44,692 (2024 - £31,845).

Financial review

The charity's reserves increased by £46,392 (2024 - £33,060) due to an increase in the market value of investments of £45,300 (2024 - £31,845). The charity has restricted funds of £583,851 (2024 - £538,551) and unrestricted funds of £22,305 (2024 - £21,213).

Expenditure was lower in the year whilst the income generated from investments was higher.

The trustees are grateful for the donations received in the year.

Risk Policy

In general terms the financial risk are mitigated by the employment of professional investment managers and annual examination of the financial statements. The charity adopts a low to moderate investments risk policy as monitored by Brewin Dolphin, and utilise investment diversification in order to mitigate any market volatility.

Investment Policy

The charity's primary source of income is derived from its investment portfolio. The income generated from this portfolio is then available to be used for the charity's aims.

The Trustees employ Brewin Dolphin Limited as investment managers of the portfolio on a discretionary basis. The portfolio is managed on a low to moderate risk, total return basis and there are no specific investment restrictions or limitations applied to the portfolio. The performance of the portfolio is monitored against the Brewin Dolphin linked benchmark, which is based on the adopted risk category and investment objectives.

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Plans for future periods

The trustees are confident that the level of current reserves will ensure that the charity will continue to meet its aims and objectives noted above. The trustees continue to explore ways of raise the profile of the charity within the retail sector.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 20 May 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



P Cheema
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Scottish Grocers Federation Benevolent Fund SCIO

Year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025, as set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 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 report

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.

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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 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.


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Gibson McKerrrell Burrows Limited
Chartered Accountants
Independent Examiner

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20 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	2,967	—	2,967	2,951
Investment income	6	16,093	—	16,093	15,553
Total income		<u>19,060</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>19,060</u>	<u>18,504</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	19	—	19	16
Investment management costs	8	4,821	—	4,821	4,523
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	12,520	—	12,520	12,749
Total expenditure		<u>17,360</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>17,360</u>	<u>17,288</u>
Net gains on investments	12	608	(45,300)	(44,692)	(31,845)
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>1,092</u>	<u>45,300</u>	<u>46,392</u>	<u>33,061</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		21,213	538,551	559,764	526,703
Total funds carried forward		<u>22,305</u>	<u>583,851</u>	<u>606,156</u>	<u>559,764</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	16	583,851	538,551
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		25,295	23,913
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>2,990</u>	<u>2,700</u>
Net current assets		22,305	21,213
Total assets less current liabilities		606,156	559,764
Net assets		<u>606,156</u>	<u>559,764</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		583,851	538,551
Unrestricted funds		22,305	21,213
Total charity funds	18	<u>606,156</u>	<u>559,764</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 May 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



G D Watson
Trustee



P Cheema
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

1. General information

The charity is a SCIO, registered in Scotland and a registered charity in Scotland. The contact address of the SCIO is Federation House, 222-224 Queensferry Road, Edinburgh, EH4 2BN.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: - income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

The charity is not registered for VAT, therefore all expenditure is inclusive of VAT.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Scio

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23 March 2017.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations				
Conference raffle	2,967	2,967	2,951	2,951

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	<u>16,093</u>	<u>16,093</u>	<u>15,553</u>	<u>15,553</u>

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Credit card charges	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>

8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Administration of investments	<u>4,821</u>	<u>4,821</u>	<u>4,523</u>	<u>4,523</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants paid	10,600	10,600	11,100	11,100
Support costs	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,649</u>
	<u>12,520</u>	<u>12,520</u>	<u>12,749</u>	<u>12,749</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total funds 2025	Total fund 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants paid	10,600	—	10,600	11,100
Governance costs	<u>—</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,649</u>
	<u>10,600</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>12,520</u>	<u>12,749</u>

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11. Analysis of grants

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants to institutions		
Grant to retail trust	7,500	7,500
Grants to individuals		
Grants to individuals	3,100	3,600
Total grants	<u>10,600</u>	<u>11,100</u>

12. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>(608)</u>	<u>45,300</u>	<u>44,692</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>8,347</u>	<u>23,498</u>	<u>31,845</u>

13. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,650</u>

14. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

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16. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2025	538,551
Additions	91,466
Disposals	(90,859)
Fair value movements	44,693
At 31 December 2025	<u>583,851</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2025	<u>583,851</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>538,551</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

In 2025 the total gain on investments was £44,692 (2024 - £31,845).

The investment portfolio contains bond holdings and shares in listed companies the market value at 31 December 2025 was £583,851 (2024 - £538,551). The cost of these investments were £497,428 (2024- £477,865).

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,990</u>	<u>2,700</u>

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18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 20 25	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December r 2025 £
General funds	<u>21,213</u>	<u>19,060</u>	<u>(17,360)</u>	<u>(608)</u>	<u>22,305</u>

	At 1 January 20 24	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	<u>11,650</u>	<u>18,504</u>	<u>(17,288)</u>	<u>8,347</u>	<u>21,213</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 20 25	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December r 2025 £
Restricted Fund	<u>538,551</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>45,300</u>	<u>583,851</u>

	At 1 January 20 24	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted Fund	<u>515,053</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>23,498</u>	<u>538,551</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Investments	—	583,851	583,851
Current assets	<u>22,305</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>22,305</u>
Net assets	<u>22,305</u>	<u>583,851</u>	<u>606,156</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investments	—	538,551	538,551
Current assets	<u>21,213</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,213</u>
Net assets	<u>21,213</u>	<u>538,551</u>	<u>559,764</u>

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Conference raffle	<u>2,967</u>	<u>2,951</u>
Investment income		
Income from listed investments	<u>16,093</u>	<u>15,553</u>
Total income	<u>19,060</u>	<u>18,504</u>
Expenditure		
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Credit card charges	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>
Investment management costs		
Administration of investments	<u>4,821</u>	<u>4,523</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	1,920	1,649
Grants paid	<u>10,600</u>	<u>11,100</u>
	<u>12,520</u>	<u>12,749</u>
Total expenditure	<u>17,360</u>	<u>17,288</u>
Net gains on investments		
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>(44,692)</u>	<u>(31,845)</u>
Net income	<u>46,392</u>	<u>33,061</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Credit card charges		
Credit card charges	19	16
	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>
Costs of raising donations and legacies	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Grants paid		
<i>Grant funding activities</i>		
Donations, sponsorship and grants	10,600	11,100
	<u>10,600</u>	<u>11,100</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	1,920	1,649
	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,649</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>12,520</u>	<u>12,749</u>