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Charity Number SC 032860

Accounts, Trustees' & Independent Examiner's Reports

For the year 1/1/2025 to 31/12/2025

Prepared:
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Chairman's Report 2025

During 2025 we received continuing generous donations which enabled the charity to put aside another substantial sum for the HIV/AIDS Orphan Care Project in Ekwendeni, Malawi.

Again, we were unable to hold another fundraising 'Kovwirana' concert during 2025 but fortunately we have maintained a significant level of support in donations for Ekwendeni.

Without this generous support Sons of Thunder could not assist many of the poor, disadvantaged and under-privileged in Northern Malawi, one of the poorest nations in the world. We wish to thank all our donors for their generosity.

On behalf of Sons of Thunder

Derek Fergus

Derek Fergus
Chairman,
Sons of Thunder, 6th July 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1/1/2025 to 31/12/2025

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Name:	Sons of Thunder
Reg. Charity No:	SC 032860
Address:	c/o Langside Parish Church 167 Ledard Rd Langside Glasgow G41 9QU

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

1	Derek Fergus	Chairman
2	Douglas McCulloch	Treasurer
3	Margaret McCulloch	Secretary
4	David Jolly	
5	Margaret Watson	
6	Colin Fisher	
7	Stewart Moffat	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document: Sons of Thunder is a constituted charity recognised by the Inland Revenue for the purposes of *Section 505 Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988* with effect from 25th January 2002, entitled under Section 1 (7) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 to describe itself as a Scottish Charity.

Trustee recruitment and appointment: The Charity is managed by a committee of trustees which meets a minimum of six times per annum. Additional trustees can be appointed by the committee.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes: Throughout 2025 with support from our main donors, Sons of Thunder was able to put aside a significant amount to send, mid 2026, to Malawi.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

As noted in the Chairman's Report on page 3, no specific annual fundraising 'Kovwirana' event was again held in 2025 however with donations received elsewhere, including monthly standing orders from friends within the Langside Church family, the charity is still able to support the work of the HIV/AIDS Orphan Project in Ekwendeni as they require..

Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period: Continued raising money from donations. Note that we sent a further £3,000 to the HIV/AIDS Support & Care Program in Ekwendeni, Malawi in February, 2025

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves: The Charity retains a minimal amount of cash reserves.
Details of surplus/deficit: The year's activities produced a surplus of £2,306.16. **(Note that a further donation to Ekwendeni Hospital is being made in July2026)**

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)	Derek Fergus	
	.....	.....
Full Name(s)	Derek Fergus	Douglas McCulloch
	.....	.....
Position	CHAIRMAN	TREASURER
	.....	.....
Date	6th July 2026	6th July 2026
	.....	.....

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Independent Examiner's Report of Sons of Thunder Finances Year ended 31st December 2025 - as set out on pages 7, 8 & 9

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

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 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 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
- 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.

I have examined the books of Sons of Thunder and find the attached report to be a true and accurate summary of their finances:

Signed: ..... Name: Robert J McPhail

Date: 6th July 2026 Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ... I.C.A.S...

Address: Flat GC, 21 Milverton Road, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 7JN

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Statement of Receipts & Payments

(See notes on page 8)

Receipts

2025	2024
Donations Received (note 1)	
£ 2,088.00	£ 3,950.00
Fundraising (note 3)	
£ 00.00	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed (note 5)	
£ 00.00	£ 356.16

Payments

2025	2024
Outgoing Donations: (note 2)	
£ 3,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Expenses: (note 4)	
£ 00.00	£ 00.00

TOTAL INCOME:

2025	2024
£ 2,088.00	£ 4,306.16

TOTAL OUTGOINGS:

2025	2024
£ 3,000.00	£ 3,500.00

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Notes (to Statement of Receipts & Payments)

1. Donations received:	2025	2024
Clarkston Community Choir	£ 443.00	£ 400.00
Langside Praise Band	£ 00.00	£ 2,150.00
Regular Private Donations	£ 1,250.00	£ 1,400.00
Other donations	£ 200.00	£ 00.00
Sale of two guitars (which had been donated to the band)	£ 195.00	£ 00.00
TOTAL:	**£ 2,088.00**	**£ 3,950.00**

2. Outgoing Donations:	2025	2024
Ekwendeni Malawi, HIV/AIDS Support & Care -	**£ 3,000.00**	**£ 2,000.00**

3. Fundraising		2025	2024
Kovwirana	-	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
Kiltwalk		£ 00.00	£ 00.00
TOTAL:		**£ 00.00**	**£ 00.00**

4. Expenses:		2025	2024
Kovwirana	-	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
Insurance Premium	-	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
TOTAL:		**£ 00.00**	**£ 00.00**

	2025	2024
5. Gift Aid Tax Recovered *	£ 00.00	£ 356.16

* Gift Aid claims for charitable donations are made annually in the fiscal year to 5th April. There is, at 31st December 2025, approx. £260 of income tax to be recovered from HMRC for donations received between 6th April and 31st December 2025.

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Statement of Balances

At 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
Income	£ 2,088.00	£ 4,306.16
Expenditure	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Surplus/Deficit:	**£ - 912.00**	£ 2,306.16

Bank Balance 1st January 2025	£ 2,944.35	£ 638.19
Bank Balance 31st December 2025	£ 2,032.35	£ 2,944.35
Surplus/Deficit:	**£ - 912.00**	£ 2,306.16