

Charity Registration No. SC041912 (Scotland)

Company Registration No. SC371392 (Scotland)

THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

**THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees Mr Shaw Anderson (Chairman)
Mr William Barclay
Mr Andrew Carton (Finance Director)
Mr Donald Crawford
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**THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's Articles of Association, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The trust's objects are the advancement of the Christian religion in Scotland and elsewhere; the relief of poverty and sickness and the promotion, protection and preservation of good health and welfare of persons in Scotland with the object of improving their condition of life.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by OSCR in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

The work of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) is to support and provide advice and training to local Street/School/Rail Pastor initiatives. This is achieved through the organisation of events; the provision of uniforms; training manuals; best practice gleaned through Quality Assurance visits to existing areas and other opportunities to raise the profile of the organisation. Liaison is also undertaken with government and police at national level.

With the exception of the part time C.E.O. and one part time administrative support post, all the work of the charity is provided at no cost to the charity.

Achievements and performance

Trustees have provided practical support and training to existing initiatives as well as working with other areas expressing an interest in starting Street Pastors. Communication has been maintained through meetings and correspondence with Government ministers, local councillors, senior police officers and church leaders to ensure they are aware of the achievements of local initiatives. The funding received from the Church of Scotland during the partnership in 2015-18 is held in a designated fund. This has allowed The Ascension Trust (Scotland) to fund training modules in Roles and Responsibilities and Good news, previously funded by each local area. Further training covering Human Trafficking Awareness and Training for Trainers was also provided. A further training conference in September 2020 for all Scottish Coordinators and Management Committee members will also be funded from Guild Funding. Two of the 22 Street Pastor areas in Scotland felt their work was complete and closed in 2019. One new Street Pastor area in Caithness started preparations to become operational and Rail Pastors continued to operate in three areas, with a fourth in the Scottish Borders having a pilot project before deciding whether to continue on the railways.

Financial review

The charity had a deficit of £14,594 for the year. At 31 January 2020 The Ascension Trust (Scotland) held unrestricted funds of £49,556, this includes designated funds for Rail Pastors of £1,062 and the Church of Scotland Guild Partnership project of £39,597. The Church of Scotland Guild Partnership project transferred funds of £37,842 to the charity in 2019. Gift aid is still to be claimed back from the donation of £20,000 received in 2018.

At the Directors meeting in December 2015, the trustees took the view that an acceptable level of reserves was 90 days anticipated operating costs. They also restated that there still exists a need to build on present funding in order to be able to continue to fulfil its obligations to local initiatives.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

Structure, governance and management

The trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 19th January 2010 and registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 19th November 2010. The Ascension Trust (Scotland) was established under its Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mr Shaw Anderson (Chairman)

Mr William Barclay

Mr Andrew Carton (Finance Director)

Mr Donald Crawford

Mr James Duce

Rev Alexander Gunn

Ms Judith Hamilton

(Resigned 20 November 2019)

Mrs Margaret Hassall

Rev Leslie Isaac

Mr M Hadfield

(Resigned 15 March 2019)

The present directors take the views of the leaders in Street Pastor areas and select a number of new board members following their discussions.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. None of the trustees are members of the company.

The organisation is responsible for the correct functioning of the trust and the chairman has the authority to manage the affairs of the trust and report back to the board when they meet.

The sole member of the trust is The Ascension Trust, Company Number 6751712, Charity Registration Number 1127294, which is the umbrella body for all Street Pastor initiatives outside Scotland. In the event of a liquidator, receiver or administrator being appointed to The Ascension Trust, they will cease to be the sole member, with the chairperson of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) becoming the sole member of the trust.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr Andrew Carton (Finance Director)

Trustee

Dated: 10 March 2020

**THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020**

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)

I report on the financial statements of the trust for the year ended 31 January 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) 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 was 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 11 March 2020

THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	849	25,767
Income from charitable activities	4	43,145	78,125
Other income	5	250	47
Total income		<u>44,244</u>	<u>103,939</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	6	58,838	75,091
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>(14,594)</u>	<u>28,848</u>
Fund balances at 1 February 2019		64,150	35,302
Fund balances at 31 January 2020		<u>49,556</u>	<u>64,150</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	10	1,182		1,250	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,121		64,487	
		<u>51,303</u>		<u>65,737</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,747)		(1,587)	
Net current assets			<u>49,556</u>		<u>64,150</u>
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	12	40,659		50,061	
General unrestricted funds		<u>8,897</u>		<u>14,089</u>	
			<u>49,556</u>		<u>64,150</u>
			<u>49,556</u>		<u>64,150</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2020.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 March 2020



Mr Andrew Carton (Finance Director)
Trustee

Company Registration No. SC371392

THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

1 Accounting policies

Company information

The Ascension Trust (Scotland) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Suite 4D Kinnoull House, Riverview Business Park, Friarton Road, PERTH, PH2 8DG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes all VAT incurred and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of concessionary loans which are initially recognised and measured at the amount received or paid, with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest and adjusted if necessary for impairment.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.8 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
Donations and gifts	849	-	849	25,767
For the year ended 31 January 2019	<u>20,767</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>25,767</u>	<u>25,767</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Advising Scottish Street Pastor groups	43,145	35,283
The Gannochy Trust	-	5,000
Church of Scotland Guild	-	37,842
	<u>43,145</u>	<u>78,125</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2020 £	2019 £
Other income	250	47
	<u>250</u>	<u>47</u>

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6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	31,052	30,577
Rent	5,043	4,805
Heat and light	439	426
Insurance	702	690
Postage and stationery	1,542	1,526
Computer expenses	30	168
Telephone	580	672
Office equipment	484	398
Licences	6,671	14,869
Travel and subsistence	349	138
Refreshments	368	105
Sundry expenses	127	154
Guild expenses	8,560	12,595
Donations	-	5,000
Uniforms	1,259	974
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	57,206	73,097
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Share of support costs (see note 7)	-	350
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,632	1,644
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	58,838	75,091
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Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	58,838	
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	58,838	
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For the year ended 31 January 2019		
Unrestricted funds		70,091
Restricted funds		5,000
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		75,091
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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	2019	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Rail Pastor exploratory analysis fee	-	-	-	350	
Accountancy fees	-	1,632	1,632	1,644	Governance
	-	1,632	1,632	1,994	
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	1,632	1,632	1,994	

8 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year (2019 - £nil). Three trustees were reimbursed for their travelling expenses totalling £451 (2019 - £1,084).

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Chief Executive	1	1
Office and administration	1	1
	2	2

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	30,694	30,363
Other pension costs	358	214
	31,052	30,577

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits of the key management personnel were £18,000 (2019 - £18,000). The wife of the Chief Executive Officer received employment benefits totalling £13,524 (2019 - £12,577).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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10 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	500	600
Prepayments and accrued income	682	650
	<u>1,182</u>	<u>1,250</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,747</u>	<u>1,587</u>

12 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 February 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended 31 January 2020	Balance at
	£	£	£	£
Rail Pastors	2,189	-	(1,127)	1,062
The Church of Scotland Guild Partnership	47,872	250	(8,525)	39,597
	<u>50,061</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>(9,652)</u>	<u>40,659</u>

Rail Pastors

These funds were received from Network Rail and Scotrail in the course of discussions on the deployment of Rail Pastors. These funds are to be used for costs incurred in such deployments mainly, but not exclusively, in relation to the costs of uniforms.

The Church of Scotland Guild Partnership

These funds are to be used for extending the range and availability of training and to find opportunities to raise the profile of Street Pastors, including the potential for increasing the number of areas in Scotland.

