

JC McNAUGHT POOR CHILDRENS HOLIDAY FUND

SC019426

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024/25

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	April	2024	To	31	March	2025

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator****Reference and administration details****Charity name**

JC McNaught Poor Children's Holiday Fund

Other names charity is known by**Registered charity number****SC019426****Charity's principal address**

North Lanarkshire Council

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Civic Centre, Motherwell

Postcode ML1 1AB**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	K Shearer	Business Finance Manager, Resource Solutions, North Lanarkshire Council		
2	G Telfer	Chief Officer (Finance and Technology), North Lanarkshire Council	from 31 March 2025	

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
Elaine Kemp	1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Administration

On behalf of the Trustees, North Lanarkshire Council administer the fund but it does not represent assets available to the Council and as such have been excluded from the Council's Balance Sheet. The administration of the sundry trust fund is covered by North Lanarkshire Council's financial regulations and policies.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Deed of Trust
Trustee recruitment and appointment	K Shearer, Corporate Finance Manager, North Lanarkshire Council and G Telfer, Chief Officer for Finance, North Lanarkshire Council act as Trustees for the charitable fund. G Telfer and K Shearer are authorised by North Lanarkshire Council to manage and administer the sundry trust fund.
Trustee Responsibilities	The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which properly present the receipts and payments of the charity, and which have been properly prepared from, and agree with, the accounting records of the charity and comply with the relevant disclosure requirements. The Trustees are required to: • select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently; and • state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The charity trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there are appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for providing reasonable assurance that: • the charity is operating efficiently and effectively. • the charitable assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition. • proper records are maintained, and financial information used by the charity is reliable. • the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The sundry trust fund was established to provide holidays for the poor protestant children of Coatbridge.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

During the financial year 2024/25 there was no expenditure against the trust fund, however, interest totalling £514 was received.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

n/a

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The level of financial reserve held by North Lanarkshire Council is reviewed annually during the budget setting process.

Details of any deficit

n/a

Donated facilities and services (if any)

n/a

Other optional information

Investment Policy and Performance

North Lanarkshire Council invests its trust funds in high earning investments (subject to the original investment limitation parameters of the original bequest) or with North Lanarkshire Council's Loans Funds and earn interest accordingly. It is generally the case that only income arising from these funds can be distributed each year thus ensuring that resources are available to meet their continuing requirements.

Risk Management

The administration of the sundry trust fund is covered by North Lanarkshire Council's Risk Management Policies.

Strategic Plans

The administration of the sundry trust fund is covered by North Lanarkshire Council's Treasury Management Strategy in accordance with recognised Codes of Practice.

Related Parties

During the period the Council also acted as the banker for the Trust and all transactions are made via the Council's bank accounts. There are no outstanding balances due to or from North Lanarkshire Council nor were there any cash transactions during 2024/25.

Control Environment

North Lanarkshire Council's systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. In addition, North Lanarkshire Council's Internal Audit Service which is an assurance function provides an independent and objective opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment.

Other

The Trust has ceased activities and is essentially dormant.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Greg Telfer

Full name(s)

Greg Telfer

Position

Chief Officer (Finance and Technology), North Lanarkshire Council

Date

31 October 2025

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2024		31	March	2025

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					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	514				514	432
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	514	-	-	-	514	432
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	514	-	-	-	514	432
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	514	-	-	-	514	432
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	514	-	-	-	514	432

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	8,074				8,074	7,642
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	514				514	432
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	8,588	-	-	-	8,588	8,074
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Greg Telfer

Greg Telfer

31 October 2025

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Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Resources expended

Charitable payments comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of JC McNaught Poor Children's Holiday Fund and the Accounts Commission

Reporting on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of JC McNaught Poor Children's Holiday Fund for the year ended 31 March 2025 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Statement of Balances and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and a receipts and payments basis.

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- properly present the receipts and payments of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 and its statement of balances at that date; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulations 9(1),(2) and (3) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation and proper presentation of financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

Procedures include:

- using my understanding of the local government sector and charity sector to identify that the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 are significant in the context of the charity;
- inquiring of the Trustees as to other laws or regulations that may be expected to have a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity;
- inquiring of the Trustees concerning the charity's policies and procedures regarding compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework;
- discussions among my audit team on the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the

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degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Reporting on other requirements

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the Trustees' Annual Report.

My responsibility is to read all the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Trustees' Annual Report to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Trustees' Annual Report

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or

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- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 108 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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31 October 2025

Audit Scotland is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.