

OSCR Reporter - September 2026

Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.



Trustees' Week 2026: Join our free charity trustee webinars

Trustees' Week 2026 takes place from 9 to 13 November 2026, and is an opportunity to celebrate the vital contribution charity trustees make to organisations and communities across Scotland. To mark the week, we are [hosting two free webinars](#) designed to support both new and experienced trustees in understanding their role and strengthening charity governance.

Join us for:

- [Being a Charity Trustee: The Basics](#) - Tuesday 10 November 2026, 12-1pm
- [Beyond the Basics: Understanding Board Dynamics](#) - Thursday 12 November 2026, 12-1pm

Sign up for the free webinars



New search tool launched on the OSCR website

We've [launched a new search tool on the OSCR website](#) to help you find the information you need more quickly and easily.

The tool allows you to ask questions in your own words, rather than searching using keywords. It then generates a response based on relevant content published on the OSCR website.

Alongside its answer, the tool also highlights related pages and guidance from our website. This allows you to view the source information and read the full guidance for more detail.

Try the new search tool

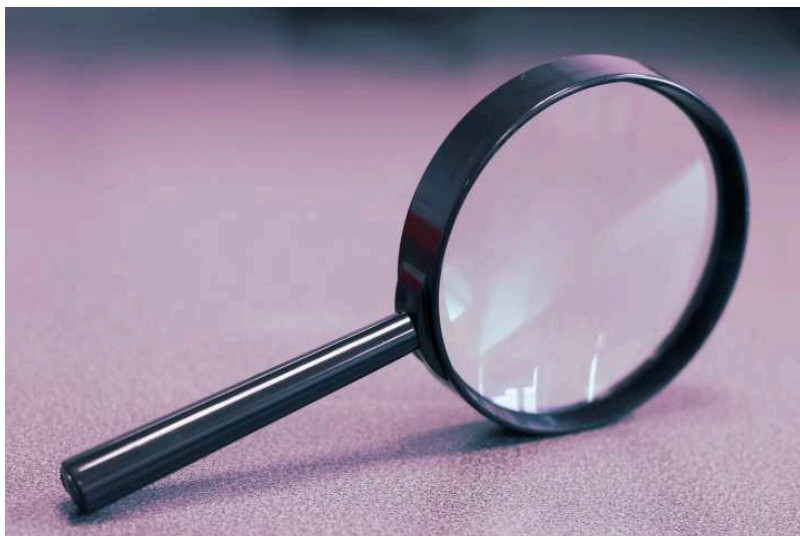


OSCR concludes inquiry into Harvest Ministries Limited

We have [published an inquiry report into Harvest Ministries Limited](#) (SC004545), which examined the charity's handling of safeguarding concerns and the oversight exercised by its trustees.

The report highlights the importance of robust safeguarding procedures, clear decision-making, effective record keeping and the appropriate management of conflicts of interest.

[Read the inquiry report](#)



OSCR issues a direction to five Aberdeen-based charities

The George Jamieson Fund (SC007537), Nether Don Fishers Fund (SC022305), Nether Don Widows Fund (SC022306), Patrick Mitchell Hunter Fund (SC017380) and The Shepherd Trust (SC000112) have been [directed to submit information to OSCR as part of an ongoing inquiry](#).

There has been some engagement between OSCR and the charities, however they have failed to provide the required information requested. As a result, we have directed them to submit the overdue documentation and details of their current charity trustees by 3 March 2027.

[Read the inquiry report](#)



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