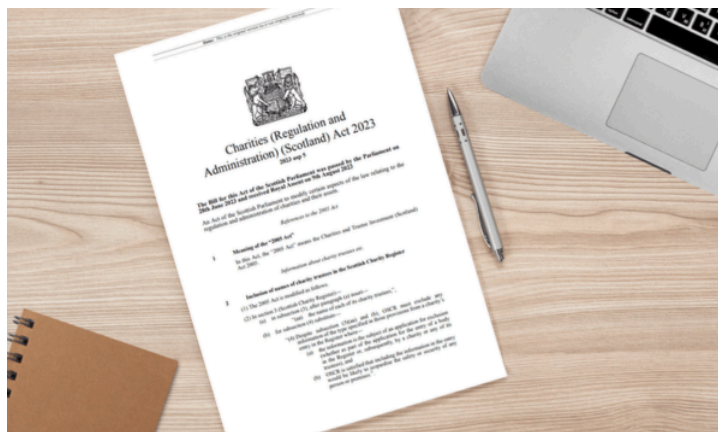


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Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.



Get ready for new charity regulations coming this year

The information we publish about charities on the Scottish Charity Register will be changing soon. This will be the final set of changes resulting from the [Charities \(Regulation and Administration\) \(Scotland\) Act 2023](#), which aims to strengthen oversight and public trust in the charity sector. From early in 2026:

- The **first and last names** of charity trustees will be displayed on the charity's register entry.
- **Every accounts document** submitted to OSCR as part of a charity's online annual return will be published in full, without any changes, on the Scottish Charity Register.

We expect to be able to announce the exact date when these changes will take effect in the next few

weeks. In the meantime, please ensure you are prepared for this change by:

- Making sure your [charity trustee details are up-to-date in OSCR Online](#).
- Carefully considering what information to include in your accounts before drafting them. Please remember, the documents will be published in full, as they are received, so you may want to consider if it is appropriate to include the names and images of volunteers or beneficiaries.
- Making sure your accounts can easily be displayed online, with a PDF document being the most preferable option.
- Considering adding digital or typed signatures, rather than handwritten.

[Read more about the changes](#)



OSCR at the Gathering 2026

[The Gathering](#) is Scotland's biggest celebration of the voluntary sector, and this year's two-day event takes place on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 February 2026 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC).

As part of the event programme, we will be hosting an event to help you understand the recent changes to Scottish charity law.

- **Event:** [Charity law in transition: key legislative updates and what they mean for you](#)
- **Date:** Wednesday 11 February 2026
- **Time:** 13.30 to 14.30
- **Location:** EICC (Sidlaw Auditorium)

Please do book your place now (it's free!) and join us to learn more about the key legal changes and what they mean for charities and advisors. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion throughout.

You can [view the full event programme here](#).

Book your place now

More news from the Scottish charity sector

- We have published an [updated inquiry report about Clan Donald Lands Trust](#) (SC007862). Given the high level of ongoing public interest, OSCR considers it important to provide additional detail to support public understanding of the work undertaken, and the context behind the charity's recent decisions.
- Did you know 2026 is the United Nations International Volunteer Year? The initiative is a call to governments, organisations and communities worldwide to champion volunteerism in all its forms, while fostering inclusive policies and ensuring that the contributions of volunteers are recognised and measured. Read more about the [International Volunteer Year on the Volunteer Scotland website](#).



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