



ScottishPower
Foundation

Annual Report

2025

Welcome

The ScottishPower Foundation is committed to supporting charities and projects that create lasting and meaningful change. As the third sector faces challenges of growing demand, rising costs, reduced funding and increased competition for funds, this support is more vital than ever.

The sector continues to show extraordinary resilience in meeting these challenges. Charities are adapting, innovating, and responding with creativity and compassion. Their work reinforces our own purpose at the Foundation. Our mission remains clear: to support work that strengthens communities, protects the environment and improves lives across the UK.

This commitment is reflected in the projects we support. We have been inspired by the breadth and ambition of the applications we received for our Annual Grants Fund. From over 200 submissions, we selected 20 projects that reflect the power of people coming together with a shared purpose.

This work is delivered across our key funding areas. In Biodiversity and Climate Change, our grantholders are responding to the urgent need to restore nature and raise environmental awareness. Their work connects people with the natural world, builds conservation skills and encourages long-term stewardship. Across Scotland’s coastline, the Marine Conservation Society is mobilising communities to tackle plastic pollution and safeguard marine wildlife. Wild Ground is enhancing habitats and biodiversity in Wrexham, Flintshire, and Denbighshire, while Growing Well in Cumbria is combining therapeutic support with nature recovery, growing thousands of native tree saplings each year. Ocean Generation is equipping children with the knowledge to drive positive environmental change.

In Art and Culture, we’re supporting organisations that harness creativity to strengthen identity and build vibrant, connected

communities. Access All Areas provides opportunities in the performing arts for learning disabled and autistic adults. Small Woods Association/ Coed Lleol is improving wellbeing through creative, nature-based activities in Swansea and Carmarthenshire, while Moving Parts Arts in Newcastle is using puppetry to explore identity and wellbeing. Camphill Blair Drummond near Stirling is supporting adults with learning disabilities to develop skills in filmmaking and music production through its new media studio. Playlist for Life is transforming dementia care through music, and Streetwise Opera is using music to empower people affected by homelessness in London, Manchester and Nottingham.

Our Education, Training and Research funded projects are breaking down barriers to learning and creating new pathways - helping young people to build confidence, develop skills, and broaden their ambitions. Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust is bringing floating classrooms to schools in the Highlands and Outer Hebrides, inspiring young people to protect our seas. SignHealth is amplifying the voices of deaf young people and the Aberdeen Science Centre’s interactive roadshow is making climate learning fun and accessible.

In Social Initiatives, we continued to support charities embedded in their communities - tackling inequality, reducing isolation, and providing essential services to those who need them most. Aspire supports people with spinal cord injuries, and the Multiple System Atrophy Trust provides vital advocacy and support for those facing terminal illness. The King’s Community Foundation in Aberdeen promotes healthier lifestyles through its Menu for Change project,

while LifeCare Edinburgh offers care, warm meals, and connection for older adults living in underserved areas. Team Domenica in Brighton & Hove prepares young people with learning disabilities for meaningful employment by providing hands-on experience in their training cafés. The Oswin Project is helping ex-offenders rebuild their lives through its innovative bakery project in Northumberland, while Strength & Stem is empowering female survivors of human trafficking with trauma-informed training and wellbeing support.

In addition to our core Annual Grants Fund, we continued to support The Big Rock Pool Challenge for a second year through our Marine Biodiversity Fund. This project, delivered in partnership by the Marine Biological Association and The Rock Pool Project, engages communities to monitor local marine ecosystems and record non-native species. To date over 2,000 people have joined the project, resulting in over 23,000 marine species records from around the UK.

This year we announced a new multi-year funding stream - the Art for Climate Fund. In recognition of the increasing demand and reduced funding in the art and culture sector, we will support two multi-year projects that play a significant role in building capacity to meet the challenge of climate change.

Beyond financial support, we work alongside our funded charities to help build their capacity and long-term resilience. We begin each year with a welcome meeting that brings our grantholders together to connect, build relationships and learn from each other, alongside practical guidance on working with the Foundation,

including reporting on project progress and outcomes. Our mid-year meet-up brings these organisations together to access practical learning on key sector issues, such as cyber security, artificial intelligence and communications, helping them adapt to an evolving operating environment. Our annual Awards programme recognises and celebrates outstanding examples of leadership, creativity and community impact, helping charities to share learning and showcase the difference they are making.

None of this work would be possible without the support of my fellow Trustees, our Company Secretary, Compliance Manager, the ScottishPower Foundation operational team, and the many colleagues across ScottishPower who contribute their time and expertise. Their dedication ensures we can continue to provide meaningful support to the organisations we fund.

I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to play our part in supporting a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future.



Anita Longley
Chair

About the Foundation

The ScottishPower Foundation was established in 2013 and aims to create a significant and lasting change, by empowering communities to uplift people, protect the planet, and strengthen communities – especially where need is greatest.

The Foundation provides grant funding to registered charities through three funding streams:



Annual Grants Fund



Marine Biodiversity Fund



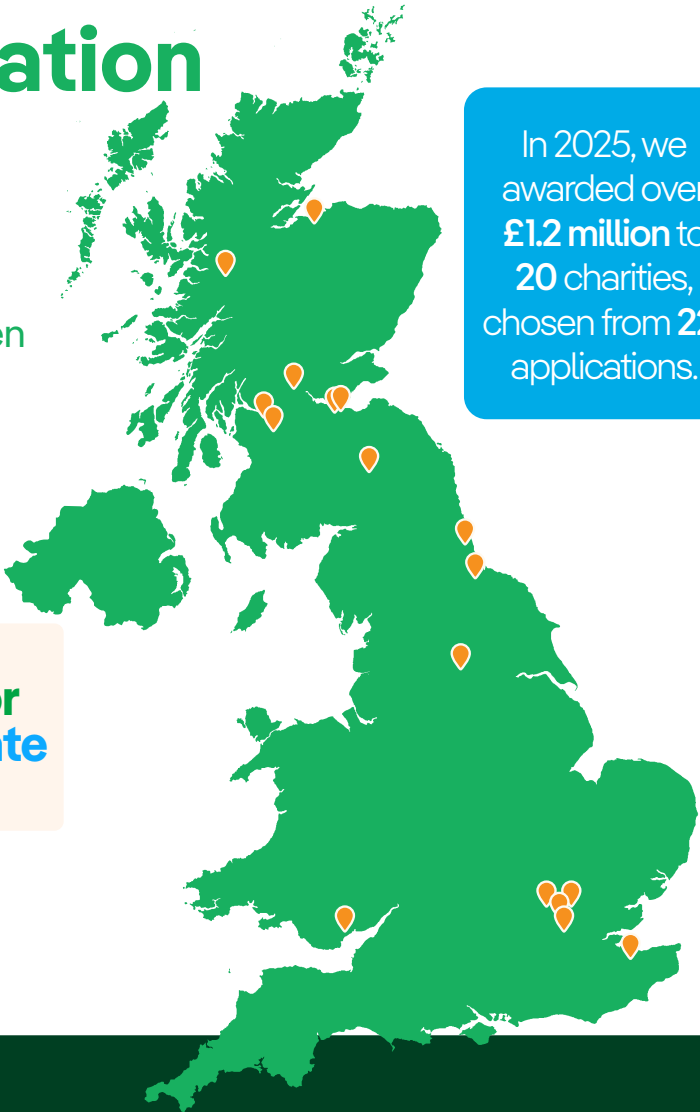
Art for Climate Fund

Decisions to award funding are made by an experienced Board of Trustees who have a special interest in the above areas.



Applying for funding

Our website scottishpowerfoundation.com offers clear guidance on eligibility and funding criteria, helping charities understand whether our grants are right for them. Details of upcoming application windows are published there as they become available.



In 2025, we awarded over **£1.2 million** to **20** charities, chosen from **221** applications.

Trustees



Anita Longley
Chair
Sustainability professional and former Chair of the Institute of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability (ICRS). Trustee since 2018 and Chair since 2023.



Janette Harkess
Director of External Relations at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Trustee since 2023.



Louise Smith
HR Transformation Lead at Dnata (Emirates Group). Trustee since 2022.



Professor Sarah Skerratt
Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Trustee since 2023.



Melanie Hill
Executive Officer
Trustee and Executive Officer since 2019.



Keith Anderson
Chief Executive of ScottishPower. Trustee since 2013.



Lowri Martin
Company Secretary
Appointed in 2023.



Stephen Giannini
Compliance Officer
Appointed in 2023.



Education, Training and Research

To support education, training, and research, prioritising innovation to contribute to energy sustainability.



Aberdeen Science Centre



Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust



SignHealth

Aberdeen Science Centre

Sustainable Superstars Roadshow

Aberdeen Science Centre serves as a dynamic catalyst for curiosity, creativity and scientific confidence across the North East of Scotland. As an educational charity, it is dedicated to widening access to STEM learning for people of all ages, ensuring that science feels relevant, exciting and within reach for every community. Its work is grounded in advancing public understanding of science and technology, while its objectives focus on creating inclusive, hands on learning experiences, forging partnerships that celebrate local innovation, and supporting groups who may face barriers to engaging with STEM. By opening its doors to families, schools and community organisations, the Centre acts as a vibrant meeting point where people can explore ideas, ask questions and discover the role science plays in shaping their world.

The Sustainable Superstars Roadshow brings this mission to life on an ambitious scale, reaching 30,000 people across the North East of Scotland. Through interactive sustainability challenges, playful carbon emission calculators and engaging demonstrations, the roadshow breaks down complex climate concepts into activities that spark curiosity and build confidence. This approach makes climate action feel accessible and empowering, encouraging children and adults alike to explore solutions, embrace innovation and imagine a greener future for their communities. By inspiring people to understand the environmental choices they make, the project nurtures a new generation of climate literate citizens who feel equipped to contribute to positive change.

Key highlights



Dozens of communities across the North East of Scotland reached through the Sustainable Superstars Roadshow.



30,000 people
Over 30,000 people engaged in interactive climate focused activities.





Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust

Hebridean Marine Explorers - Connecting Scotland's Seas and Communities

The Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust is driven by a clear and compelling purpose: to safeguard the whales, dolphins and porpoises of Scotland's west coast while strengthening the bond between people and the sea. Its work is rooted in advancing scientific understanding of these species and the pressures they face, and in translating evidence into action through long term research, community led citizen science and education that inspires lasting stewardship across coastal communities. By empowering people to play an active role in conservation, the Trust helps ensure that the Hebridean marine environment remains healthy, resilient and valued for generations to come.

The Hebridean Marine Explorers programme brings this mission to life for young people across Scotland's west coast. Combining hands on discovery with real world marine science, the programme engages participants through shoreline surveys, interactive workshops and immersive experiences aboard the Trust's research yacht, Silurian. These activities connect coastal communities with the rich biodiversity on their doorstep, while building understanding of how healthy seas underpin local livelihoods. The programme's objectives focus on nurturing curiosity, developing practical field skills, and empowering young people to become confident ocean ambassadors who can advocate for the protection of Scotland's marine environment.

Key highlights

437

pupils engaged through sessions delivered to 21 schools across Scotland.

13

young people from deprived communities participated in an intensive three day sea survey.

100%

of young ambassadors said the experience will support them in achieving their future goals.

100% of young carers reported that the trip enabled them to step outside their comfort zone, travel to new places, develop teamwork skills, enjoy themselves, and take a meaningful break from caring responsibilities.



“ This funding is so important to us as it supports our floating classroom and the communities that make it possible by sparking passion and interest in the local environment and encouraging conversations about the actions that we can all take to help protect it.

“With no comparable project in the country it has become a unique and highly sought after experience. With this support from the ScottishPower Foundation we'll inspire young ocean ambassadors and expand education and research to protect Scotland's west coast marine wildlife together.”

Sadie Gorvett, Education and Sightings Officer at Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust.

“ We might live close to the ocean, but a lot of our kids might not have the opportunity or means to go on dolphin cruises, so to have this opportunity to imagine 'sightings' has been great fun to watch!”

Ullapool Class teacher.



Biodiversity and Climate Change

To support the protection of the environment and enhance biodiversity to actively contribute to the fight against climate change.



Growing Well



Marine Conservation Society



Ocean Generation



Wild Ground



Growing Well

Growing Well in our community’s enterprise, land skills and nature recovery

Growing Well is a mental health horticulture charity that helps adults in Cumbria and North Lancashire recover their wellbeing. The charity’s purpose is to enable people experiencing mental ill health to rebuild confidence, resilience and hope by taking part in meaningful, structured growing activities. Growing Well blends professional mental health support with the energy of a thriving social enterprise, producing fresh, local food while nurturing resilience, routine and real human connection. By rooting recovery in nature, routine and community, Growing Well creates a powerful pathway for people to regain stability and independence.

The project enabled established beneficiary groups, along with the wider community, to take an active role in nurturing Cumbria’s natural landscape. Participants helped grow over 20,000 native broadleaf saplings, building confidence, skills and purpose as part of their recovery journey. These saplings then fed directly into at least one major, high profile reforestation initiative, ensuring the project leaves a lasting legacy. This is hands on, heart led work that transforms lives. Every seed planted and every moment shared becomes part of a powerful journey of recovery.



Key highlights



20,000

new saplings planted.





Wild Ground

Nature on the Doorstep

Wild Ground is an environmental conservation charity that works hand-in-hand with local communities across North Wales to protect wildlife and restore habitats. The organisation transforms neglected green spaces into thriving wildlife habitats, creating places where communities can reconnect with the natural world right on their doorstep. From restoring ponds and meadows to protecting rare species and delivering hands on outdoor learning, Wild Ground blends conservation expertise with a real passion for people. Its projects don't just improve biodiversity; they spark curiosity, build confidence and inspire local residents to take pride in the landscapes around them.

Funding from the ScottishPower Foundation has enabled them to maintain and improve their nature reserves, run volunteer programmes, and deliver educational outreach connecting people with nature in meaningful ways. Through 'Nature on the Doorstep' community members took part in habitat creation sessions, species monitoring and outdoor learning activities, building confidence and a sense of ownership as the sites flourished. By the end of the project, biodiversity had increased across multiple locations, and communities reported feeling more connected to the nature on their doorstep.

“ This support helped us to provide weekly opportunities for volunteers to gain conservation skills, create opportunities for the public to engage with the natural environment on their doorsteps through events, and support children’s learning about climate and biodiversity, whilst also improving habitats for important species in North East Wales including great crested newts, badgers and bats.”

Leah Williams, Ecology and Conservation Manager from Wild Ground.





Art and Culture

To protect and safeguard artistic and cultural heritage by promoting conservation and restoration of the arts and supporting local development.



Access All Areas



Camphill Blair Drummond



Moving Parts Arts



Playlist for Life



Small Woods Association/Coed Lleol



Streetwise Opera



Moving Parts Arts

Teeny Tiny Toon

Moving Parts Arts is an award winning arts and community development charity that brings people together through puppetry, visual theatre and creative participation. As the organisation behind the Newcastle Puppetry Festival and a range of year round outreach projects, it aims to build a vibrant hub for puppetry in the North East of England, offering festivals, performances, training opportunities and workshops that are accessible to all. The charity's objectives focus on nurturing creativity across ages and abilities, supporting emerging and established artists, and creating inclusive cultural experiences that strengthen community connection. Its work engages around 20,000 people each year, demonstrating a belief that everyone can be creative and that shared artistic experiences can enrich local life.

Teeny Tiny Toon uses puppetry and co creation to celebrate the cultural identity of Newcastle's West End. Over 12 months, the project brought

together 500 residents aged 5 to 80+, each taking part in storytelling and puppetry workshops led by local artists. These sessions became lively, intergenerational spaces where people shared memories, invented characters and crafted miniature scenes that reflected the humour, heritage and everyday life of their communities.

As the workshops unfolded, individual creations grew into a rich tapestry of voices and experiences that captured what Newcastle means to the people who call it home. The project culminated in a co created film, weaving together residents' stories through puppetry, which was showcased at five pop up celebratory screenings across the West End. Teeny Tiny Toon demonstrates how creative collaboration can strengthen identity, build confidence and bring a community's stories to life in a way that feels both playful and deeply meaningful.

Key highlights



Over 500

people of all ages living in the West End of Newcastle took part in storytelling and puppetry workshops with local artists over 12 months.



Teeny Tiny Toon is a city-wide exploration of creativity, place, community and stories."

Kerrin, Artistic Director of Moving Parts Arts.





Streetwise Opera

Streetwise Sessions

Streetwise Opera stands as a creative force for social change, rooted in the belief that artistic expression can open doors to confidence, connection and renewed possibility for people affected by homelessness. Its purpose is to ensure that those who are so often excluded from cultural life have access to high quality creative experiences that celebrate their talent and potential.

Its weekly Streetwise Sessions offer a warm, supportive space where participants can sing, act, write and collaborate under the guidance of professional artists. Each session blends skill building with creative exploration, encouraging participants to take risks, develop performance techniques and experience the pride of working collectively towards shared artistic goals. The sessions also provide much needed structure, social connection and a sense of belonging for people navigating the challenges of homelessness. By placing participants at the heart of the artistic experience, Streetwise Sessions help individuals recognise their strengths, grow in confidence and imagine new possibilities for their futures.

Through this work, Streetwise Opera has become a vibrant artistic community where individuals can explore, express and rebuild through the joy of making art together, while helping to shift public perceptions of homelessness.

Key highlights



Hundreds of people affected by homelessness take part in Streetwise Sessions each year.

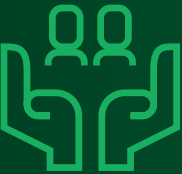


Participants consistently report increased confidence, improved wellbeing and stronger social connections.



Many go on to perform publicly, take on ambassador roles or pursue further creative opportunities.





Social Initiatives

To contribute to sustainable human development by supporting the most vulnerable people and groups.



LifeCare Edinburgh



Multiple Systems Atrophy Trust



Strength & Stem



Aspire



Team Domenica



The Kings Community Foundation



The Oswin Project



Strength & Stem

Flowers for the Future

Strength & Stem uses the creativity and calm of floristry to support women who have survived human trafficking and modern slavery, helping them rebuild confidence, skills and independence. Through holistic programmes that blend vocational floristry training, mentorship, wellbeing support and work experience, the charity creates a safe, empowering space where survivors can regain stability and move towards meaningful employment. Flowers become both a practical tool and a symbol of resilience, offering participants a way to reconnect with themselves, develop new strengths and grow within a supportive community.

‘Flowers for the Future’ provides tailored, trauma-informed, employability and wellbeing skills training which strengthens their emotional wellbeing, agency, and community. Participants in the programme often arrive with limited confidence and the ongoing impacts of trauma. Through weekly sessions, they were encouraged to explore creativity, experiment with design and take pride in their growing technical abilities. The act of arranging stems, shaping installations and collaborating on designs became a catalyst for rebuilding trust, self-belief and a sense of restoration. Many participants described the workshops as a rare space where they felt calm, valued and able to imagine a different future.



The participants can learn floristry anywhere, it's the fact that Strength & Stem have created such a safe little haven for them. They can come in and just be completely themselves."

Gemma, Florist, Strength & Stem.

“ We often see participants on the programme come in shy and nervous. To have the choice to create something can be both a new and validating experience for the women.”

Katherine, Interim Programme Director, Strength & Stem.



The Oswin Project

Baking Out

The Oswin Project is committed to breaking the cycle of reoffending by supporting people with criminal records to rebuild their lives through purposeful work, accredited training and tailored support. The charity exists to create genuine second chances - helping individuals regain confidence, build skills and move towards positive, stable futures.

By supporting sustainable change, the project strengthens communities, reduces reoffending and helps participants make a positive contribution to society.

Baking Out is a pioneering initiative that uses baking to support rehabilitation and employability. Funding from the ScottishPower Foundation enabled the creation of a dedicated bakery in HMP Northumberland, where people in prison receive comprehensive training in food preparation, baking techniques, food safety and customer service. This

provides purposeful activity while serving their sentences and practical, market-ready skills for employment on release.

What makes Baking Out distinctive is its 'bridge of opportunity' from custody to the community. Participants can progress from the prison-based bakery and kitchen into supported roles and employment in the wider community, creating a clear pathway to reintegration and tackling the barriers which often lead to reoffending.

One example showing the pathway in action: a participant worked in the charity's prison-based Café 16, gained qualifications and progressed to the charity's community Café 16 at Newcastle Cathedral through prison day release. Following release, he secured full-time employment with The Oswin Project as part of a new initiative under the Baking Out umbrella.

Key highlights



£54,000*
It costs almost £54,000* to keep one person in prison in England and Wales for their first year.



66%**
Adults released from custodial sentences of less than 12 months have a proven reoffending rate of 66%. The Oswin Project's reoffending rate is under 4%.

*Source: [Ministry of Justice Information Release, Costs per place and costs per prisoner by individual prison, 3 April 2025](#)
**Source: [Ministry of Justice accredited official statistics, Proven reoffending statistics: January to March 2024](#)



“ This grant from the ScottishPower Foundation will provide additional funding to help us continue reducing reoffending through our transformational mentoring and education, giving hope to those once considered hopeless.

“By tailoring our support to each individual, we empower them to rebuild self-esteem, provide for their families and contribute positively to society. Together we can create safer communities, fewer victims of crime and a future where no one is defined solely by their past.”

Fiona Sample MBE, Founder and CEO at The Oswin Project.

Marine Biodiversity Fund

The ScottishPower Foundation’s Marine Biodiversity Fund helps to protect our marine and coastal environment, safeguard marine species and engage local communities.

The Big Rock Pool Challenge

In 2025, the Foundation continued its support for The Big Rock Pool Challenge for a second year. The project, delivered in partnership by Marine Biological Association and The Rock Pool Project, will receive up to £600,000 over a three-year period. The Big Rock Pool Challenge is based around monthly free local marine wildlife events called BioBlitz Battles, run at nine hub locations across the UK.

- Mount Batten, Plymouth
- Beadnell Haven, Northumberland
- Ovingdean, Brighton
- East Sands, St. Andrews
- Kilve Beach, Somerset
- Castle Beach, Falmouth
- Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea
- Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire
- Menai Bridge, Bangor



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Open to all levels of experience, these volunteer-led events create an inclusive environment where participants can learn and share knowledge with fellow rock pooling enthusiasts. Each event presents new challenges, ensuring that there is always something to discover and learn.

The project is empowering local communities to participate in data collection using a pioneering ‘gamified’ approach to boost monitoring of local marine ecosystems and recording of non-native species. This data will support ongoing scientific research, conservation work, and regional climate resilience planning.

To date, over 2,000 people have joined the project, resulting in over 23,000 marine species records from around the UK, including nearly a thousand non-native species records and many other incredible discoveries.



Young rock poolers discover rare Mediterranean Sea hare species on Plymouth shore

A particularly remarkable discovery was made at Plymouth’s Mount Batten Beach during this hub’s monthly BioBlitz Battle. Two keen young rock poolers found specimens of the depilatory sea hare (*Aplysia depilans*), a species usually only seen in the Mediterranean and East Atlantic. It is possible that warming waters and increased storms have allowed for this species to make themselves more at home on our shores.

One of the sea hares was discovered by five-year-old Charley Taviner, who joined the BioBlitz Battle for the first time.

“ For what I initially thought was seaweed, this has taken a surprising turn! If it wasn’t for my son Charley chasing after a large crab, we wouldn’t have found it”

Charley’s dad, Chris Taviner.

“ By bringing people together to gather scientific data and contribute to ongoing research and monitoring, we’re deepening understanding of these ecosystems while empowering communities to play an active role in their protection. Just as importantly, we want people to have fun! The joy of discovering something rare can spark a lasting sense of wonder and a stronger passion for caring for our marine environment”

Loretta Kwok, South West Lead of The Big Rock Pool Challenge.

The discovery attracted widespread media attention, generating over 100 mentions and an estimated 282 million impressions across around 90 countries. Coverage by major outlets and global platforms helped showcase how community-led marine discoveries can raise awareness of our changing marine environment.

ScottishPower Foundation Awards

From revolutionising Deaf healthcare to transforming dementia care with music, the ScottishPower Foundation Awards 2025 celebrated six inspiring charities making waves across the country.

The ScottishPower Foundation Awards have been held each year since 2014 and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the charities that have been awarded grant funding by the Foundation during the year.

The 2025 Awards ceremony was held on 3 November 2025. Fourteen shortlisted charities competed for a share of the **£60,000 prize fund** across four award categories, with winners of each award **receiving £10,000** for their charities to further their essential efforts, and **runners up awarded £5,000**.

The prestigious Charity Champion Award was presented to Robin Ash, a passionate advocate and educator at Deaf-led charity SignHealth, for his groundbreaking work improving healthcare access for the Deaf community.

Drawing on lived experience, Robin travels across England and Wales delivering British Sign Language (BSL) workshops that empower Deaf people to understand their rights under the Accessible Information Standard (AIS) and advocate for themselves in medical settings. His sessions also support healthcare professionals in meeting AIS requirements - a vital step, given that only 35% currently receive regular training.

SignHealth’s research reveals that 81% of Deaf patients have attended appointments where their communication needs weren’t met. Thanks to Robin’s workshops, many professionals now routinely ask about communication needs and ensure BSL interpreters are booked in advance.

Known for his warmth, patience and tireless commitment, Robin often works evenings and weekends to reach more communities. His workshops are fully booked for the next year - a testament to their impact. Judges praised Robin for building change from the groundup and helping create a more inclusive health service.



Award Winners 2025

Community Engagement Award

- Winner: Playlist for Life
- Runner Up: Team Domenica

Education Award

- Winner: The Oswin Project
- Runner Up: Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust

Innovation Award

- Winner: Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust
- Runner Up: Playlist for Life

Charity Champion Award

- Winner: SignHealth
- Runner Up: Small Woods Association/Coed Lleol

“I’m honoured to have my work recognised by the ScottishPower Foundation. Campaigning for fair and equal healthcare access for Deaf people has been my lifelong passion. This prize money will help our fantastic team here at SignHealth to reach even more people within the Deaf community, delivering life-saving workshops across the country.”

Robin, Community Engagement Officer at SignHealth.

Summary of Accounts 2025

Summary:

At the time of publication, ScottishPower has contributed £17,751,588 to the Foundation since its inception in 2013.

Financial output for the year:

The charity’s income for the period amounted to £1,708,999.

The charity paid out £1,298,826 in grants and governance costs and had net incoming resources of £410,173.

Total reserves at the period end were £518,581, with accruals of £8,001 held for creditors due within the coming year that have been approved in 2025.

Principal funding sources:

During the financial year of 2025, ScottishPower Limited has contributed to £1,706,919 to the Foundation. A further donation of £1,706,919 has been committed for the financial year 2026.

Investment policy:

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each period, most of the charity’s funds are to be spent in the short term, so there are few funds for long-term investment. The Foundation presently holds a Charity Current Account with Triodos Bank. The Foundation’s banking arrangements will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, thereby ensuring maximum returns for the Foundation as far as possible.

Reserves policy:

The Trustees regularly consider the level of reserves required, taking into account their current and future liabilities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level to cover any incidental costs that would be incurred in the event of the winding up of the Foundation.

The Trustees considered the reserve level at their meeting on the 4th of November 2025 and agreed that the current level of reserves was sufficient.

The balance held as unrestricted funds on 31st December 2025 was £118,581 and is regarded as free reserves. There is £400,000 of restricted reserves for the multi-year Marine Biodiversity Fund and the Art for Climate Fund.

The Foundation currently has a committed donation from ScottishPower Limited of £1,706,919 for 2026 to pay donations and grants that have been approved and agreed to be paid in 2026 and beyond.

This includes a further £200,000 earmarked for the multi-year Marine Biodiversity Fund and £200,000 for the next multi-year lab. The current level of reserves is therefore sufficient to meet the Foundation’s requirements for 2026.

Where the money comes from:

Donations from ScottishPower:	£1,706,919
Investment income:	£2,080
Total Incoming Resources =	£1,708,999

Where the money goes:

Charitable activities:	£1,264,708
Travel:	£3,640
Management charges:	£1,850
Publicity costs:	£6,998
Bank charges:	£32
IT support:	£13,598
Governance costs:	£8,000
Total Expenditure =	£1,298,826

Balance sheet as of 31 December 2025

Current Assets:	
Cash at bank and in hand:	£523,659
Debtors:	£2,923
Total Current Assets =	£526,582
Current Liabilities:	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(£8,001)
Net Current Assets =	£518,581

In the period to 31 December 2025, the Foundation made 20 grants of between £25,000 and £96,358 to charitable organisations.



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