

Donate to charity with confidence

Before making a donation, you might want to conduct some simple research to find out basic information, including whether the organisation is a registered charity.

To check if an organisation is a registered charity **in Scotland** go to the [Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#) website who regulate charities in Scotland and insert either the charity name or number in the search box. For Carr Gomm, insert SC033491.

To check if an organisation is a registered charity in **England and Wales** go to the [Charities Commission website](#) and insert either the charity name or number in the search box.

A charity may be a **company limited by guarantee**. To check go to the [Companies House](#) website and enter either the charity name or number (this number is different to that issued by OSCR). For Carr Gomm insert SC236436.

For £1 you can request a copy of an organisation's accounts from Companies House by clicking on the link '**Other Document Filings**' and following the instructions.

Note: accounts for charities registered with the Charities Commission can be downloaded free of charge from the Charities Commission website along with information regarding trustees.

Note: a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator can fundraise in England and Wales without being registered with the Charities Commission, and vice versa.

Note: local voluntary organisations may not be registered charities. There is no requirement for organisations to be registered charities to fundraise.

Making a Complaint

To make a complaint about a charity **registered by OSCR and operating only in Scotland**, go to the [Scottish Fundraising Complaints website](#).

To make a complaint about a charity **registered by the Charities Commission and operating throughout the UK (including Scotland)** go to the [Fundraising Regulator website](#).