

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

Gifts and Hospitality Register 2023

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1. Introduction

The Gifts and Hospitality Register 2023 is a record of all gifts, hospitality invitations and rewards offered to SCTS employees regardless of value or whether they have been accepted by the individual.

The Gifts, Hospitality and Rewards policy seeks to protect the SCTS and its employees. The SCTS does not consider that it is appropriate for employees to accept anything other than token gifts or hospitality from court users, suppliers or any other person from an organisation with which the SCTS has business connections.

2. Publication and analysis of information on the register

The register, published for the previous calendar year (see Appendix 1), includes the date the gift/ hospitality was recorded, who the gift/ hospitality was provided by, the type of gift/hospitality, a brief description of the item, whether it was accepted or refused and the name of the court/ business unit. No personal data is included in the published data - any staff or third party names have been redacted.

Of the 90 items recorded on the 2023 register, 86 were gifts and 4 were hospitality invitations. 83 were accepted with 7 refused in line with the SCTS Gifts, Hospitality and Rewards policy.

Breakdown by value

Value	Number of Entries
Under £15	74
Between £15 and £30	11
Over £30	5

Breakdown by Business area

Area	Number of Entries
Education and Learning Unit	1
Grampians, Highlands and Islands	12
Lothian & Borders	12
North Strathclyde	5
Office of the Public Guardian	1
Tribunals Operations	9
South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway	27
Tayside, Central & Fife	23

3. Next steps

HRU will review and publish information recorded during 2024 by 28 February 2025.



Appendix 1 – Gifts and Hospitality Register 2023

Date Recorded	Provided By	Gift/ Hospitality	Nature of Gift / Hospitality	Accepted/ Refused	Court/Unit	Amount
01/06/2023	Whitecube consulting	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Education and Learning Unit	£39.95
04/06/2023	Contractor	Gift	Gift Voucher	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£20.00
04/06/2023	Contractor	Gift	Gift Voucher	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£20.00
04/06/2023	Contractor	Gift	Gift Voucher	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£20.00
04/06/2023	Contractor	Gift	Gift Voucher	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£20.00
04/06/2023	Contractor	Gift	Gift Voucher	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£20.00
04/06/2023	Contractor	Gift	Gift Voucher	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£20.00
12/07/2023	Barnardos	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Tribunals Operations	£15.00
24/10/2023	Carnock Rotary Club	Gift	Glass coaster	Accepted	Perth Sheriff Court	£2.00
24/10/2023	Carnock Rotary Club	Hospitality	Event	Accepted	Perth Sheriff Court	£10.00
27/10/2023	Caesar & Howie Solicitors	Hospitality	Event	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£60.00
27/10/2023	West Lothian Faculty	Hospitality	Event	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£60.00
05/12/2023	MacKenzie & Cormack Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Tain Sheriff Court	£5.00
11/12/2023	Hann & Co	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dumfries Sheriff Court	£5.00
11/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dundee Sheriff Court	£5.00
12/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£8.00
12/12/2023	Bruce Short Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dundee Sheriff Court	£10.00
13/12/2023	South Ayrshire Council	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£5.00
14/12/2023	Bruce Short Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dundee Sheriff Court	£7.00
14/12/2023	Austin Kelly and Co	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court	£15.00
14/12/2023	Virgil Crawford Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stirling Sheriff Court	£14.95
14/12/2023	Virgil Crawford Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stirling Sheriff Court	£12.95
14/12/2023	Waddell & Macintosh	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£15.00

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14/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£8.00
14/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£8.00
14/12/2023	Criminal Justice Services	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£10.00
15/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Perth Sheriff Court	£5.00
17/12/2023	Gowans Dickson Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court	£10.00
17/12/2023	Inverness Legal Services	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court	£5.00
17/12/2023	Alex Brown & Co	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court	£4.00
17/12/2023	MCS Catering	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court	£4.00
18/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dundee Sheriff Court	£4.00
18/12/2023	Police Scotland	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Kirkwall Sheriff Court	£5.00
18/12/2023	Cameron Clyde Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court	£4.00
18/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stirling Sheriff Court	£3.00
18/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Tribunals Operations	£10.00
18/12/2023	Sneddon Morrison Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£5.00
18/12/2023	Brazenall & Orr	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dumfries Sheriff Court	£15.00
18/12/2023	Walker & Sharpe	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dumfries Sheriff Court	£5.00
18/12/2023	Member of the press	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dumfries Sheriff Court	£5.00
18/12/2023	College & Shields	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dumfries Sheriff Court	£5.00
18/12/2023	Stewart & Watson Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Peterhead Sheriff Court	£10.00
19/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	OPG	£8.00
19/12/2023	Member of the press	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stranraer Sheriff Court	£5.00
19/12/2023	Dalling Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stirling Sheriff Court	£10.00
19/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£8.00
19/12/2023	Spang Terras Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£5.00

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19/12/2023	Drummond Miller Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	MacDonald Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Kirkwall Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Perth Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Taylor and Henderson Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Hamper	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court	£40.00
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court	£2.50
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court	£9.00
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Thompson Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court	£2.50
20/12/2023	Helen Hughes Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Paisley Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Helen Hughes Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Paisley Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	COPFS	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stranraer Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	COPFS	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Stranraer Sheriff Court	£4.00
20/12/2023	MML Legal	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dundee Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	D and H Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Kirkwall Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court	£3.50
20/12/2023	COPFS	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Blackadder & McMonagle Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Member of the press	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Virgil Crawford Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£15.00

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20/12/2023	Police Scotland	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£5.00
20/12/2023	COPFS	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Dumfries Sheriff Court	£10.00
20/12/2023	Iain Jane & Co Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Peterhead Sheriff Court	£10.00
21/12/2023	Geo Amey	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court	£5.00
21/12/2023	Member of the public	Gift	Calendar and diary	Refused	Tribunals Operations	£10.00
21/12/2023	Elizabeth Welsh Family Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Ayr Sheriff Court	£10.00
21/12/2023	McGovern Reid	Hospitality	Event	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court	£80.00
21/12/2023	Bell and Co	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court	£10.00
21/12/2023	Brophy Carey Law	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court	£5.00
21/12/2023	Aitkens Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£10.00
21/12/2023	Drummond Miller Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£5.00
21/12/2023	Adams Whyte solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£10.00
21/12/2023	Dalling Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court	£10.00
21/12/2023	Gray & Gray Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Peterhead Sheriff Court	£10.00
22/12/2023	Bel Brodie Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court	£5.00
22/12/2023	Keegan Smith Solicitors	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£5.00
22/12/2023	Member of the press	Gift	Confectionary	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court	£10.00