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OSCR

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Joseph Thomson Group	
Other names charity is known by	Joseph Thomson Local Heritage Centre	
Registered charity number	**SC029176**	
Charity's principal address	Sundial Cottage	
	Marrburn Road	
	Penpont	
	Dumfriesshire	**PostcodeDG3 4BL**

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sophia Harkness	Honorary President	Not active in group now	
2	Gladys Cuttle	Archivist . Treasurer	OSCR contact –Sept25	
3	Alison Foggie	Chairperson		
4	Margaret Dempster	Rep from Keir CC		
5	Linda McDonald	Website Manager		
6	JoAnne McKAY	Researcher.	ActingSec from May 2025	
7	Craig McKay	Volunteer – when Need -Meters & visits	Attend - Visitors in JT house –when people ill.	
8	John McKay	Tech - Adviser	Adviser when needed	
9	Sandy Hall	Military Archivist	Retired but helps as need	
10	Helen Jones	Friend of Group	Help as needed	
11	Muriel Durie	Friend of Group	Help as needed	
12	Alison Lane	Sec& Email Manager	Left 17/5/25 at the AGM	
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Due to changes with Trustee's in Sept 2025 we couldnt submit our list as no DOB's So for 2025/2026 today Able to add 2 more but not able to add 3rd as no DOB for No 4 on this Report. Gladys S. Cuttle 15/9/26

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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) It was registered in its current legal form in August 2014. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Trustees recruitment and appointments

The management committee which meets at least five times per year (as per the constitution) are the charity's trustees. Membership of the Management Committee is open to anyone living or working in the Communities of Penpont, Keir and Tynron who is willing to give service to the Group and who supports its aims.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The aim of the group is the advancement of the education of the Public in general and of the inhabitants of Penpont Keir and Tynron and environs in particular, and in furtherance of this: a) to preserve and maintain Sundial Cottage- the house in Penpont in which Joseph Thomson was born and now houses the Heritage Centre; b) to foster a wider awareness and understanding of the accomplished of Joseph Thomson and of the history of the local area; c) to work in partnership with other organisations to ensure success of the Centre and d) to provide access to the Centre to the residents of Penpont Keir and Tynron and the wider public

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The group maintains a store of information and artefacts relating to Joseph Thomson and also from the communities which is accessible to all. Exhibitions and other events and programmes are organised throughout the year. Groups, organisations and individuals are all welcome to become supporters and friends of the Centre.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

1.on 14/15/5/25 new water pipe installed Paid with restricted donation of £500 from oldest Thomson. 2.The new fence started in Dec 2025 & ongoing until March2026 when paid bill – half from restricted money from locals, problem with builder & work ongoing from April 2026.. 3. Not managed for the group to attend many meetings contact mainly by email or phone, the Sec& Treasurer meet to send in OSCR annual return in Sept 25 & asked for S.Harkness to be removed as contact (member since 1999) due to not active in group now; instead named G, Cuttle(member since 1999) Still waiting to learn what happening to all S. Harkness archive material, hope to learn before AGM.
4 .Aug & Sept 26 see Thomson descendants visit – Gt Grand Niece from Brother; William & Gt Grand Nephew from Brother Robert – to see own family history and tour around JT house.
5. Sept 26 see two members from Joseph Thomson Maasai Trust visit to view house - due to illness we had to call on local volunteer to help us out.
6. The Joseph Thomson Maasai Trust met in Oct 25 for meeting & there annual donation was not paid in March 26 there appears to have been a breakdown with this group, as change in there aims doesn't include the JT House any more – waiting to find out what is happening.
7. Problems all this year with waiting for work to be completed on the pigsty – Joiner still to complete the work then finish by slater – in restricted money have £600 from the 3 CC's and when the bill paid will received £1200 From JTP Trust with the JT Group paying the other half; total of estimated is £3224 which we must remember will come off total bank bal.
8. We hold the AGM later, due to hols and 80th birthday – on 26/6/2026 & we welcome change in a Treasurer – April 26 meeting with few younger members who Willing to do active roles in the group; during April & May meeting with Treasurer & someone willing to do role with view to Online banking –will bring full information to AGM.
9. Looking to future – new & younger people coming forward to do group roles; relook at group-;lease; funding; and best way forward for group.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

On the AGM 17/5/2025 it was agreed as S. Harkness ill and no longer going to be active in group her title would change from President to Honorary President,has been member since started in group in 1998/99. From Sep 2025 the main contact down (is another member who started with S.Harkness) namely Myself as Archivisit & Treasurer. At this time, just waiting to learn what happening about all the archive material S. Harkness has done over the past years in records of films/photos etc. - hope to know at AGM on 26/6/2026.

Our Sec left at the AGM on 17/5/2025 – without any notice & JoAnne McKay quickly said she would try to man the emails but due to daily work was not able to fulful all the Sec roles, hence lack of arranging meeting during the year; so mainly contact this last year by email and phone calls.

Feb 2026 – meeting to say Poster would go out in local area that help is needed for the Group; this resulted in getting a number of 'younger- people interested & JoAnne McKay met up with many, some interested in the group roles and others just to volunteer and fill in when necessary. We hope to see many at the AGM on 26/6/26 – when matters of the future can be discussed.

Problems in 2025 as Bank closed local banks, only way to get cash from account was by a Debit Card, Bank changed our account from Treasurer to Charity – Account no charge each month with bank charges but charging movement cost to use our account, which state are not Bank Charges but Banking Costs.

Since 2019 I have been Temp Treasurer then in 2021 move out of the village 12 miles down road to Sanquhar; now problems as getting older and do not drive now, difficult in getting to Penpont with public transport, get to Thornhill, then help to get from Thornhill to Penpont & back. Since April met up with Julie Spencer who is willing to do the role of Treasurer, we have met few times and shall work together to change over to online banking for the group, full details at AGM on 26/6/206.
Hopefully other people shall take over the other roles within the group and perhaps we can see the – older members and younger new members work together for while – with view to a new future for the group

Signed Gladys S. Cuttle
Gladys S. Cuttle – Treasurer
Dated 26.6.2026

26/6/26 - Due to lack of numbers due to an emerg- The AGM cancelled
Hope to hold on 17/7/2026

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)	JOANNE MCKAY JAnn McKay	Alison A. Foggie ANSON A FOGGIE
Position (e.g. Chair)	**Acting Secretary – from 18/5/2025**	**Chairperson**
Date	17/7/26	17/7/26.