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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	JAN	2024		31	DEC	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	FRIENDS OF ST CONAN'S KIRK		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number	SC045006		
Charity's principal address	THE OLD MANSE INVERARAY ARGYLL & BUTE PA32 8XT		
			Postcode

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	TON	CHAIR	
2		VICE-CHAIR	
3		SECRETARY	
4		TREASURER	
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Reference and administration details

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
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	THE CHARITY IS GOVERNED BY A CONSTITUTION.
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Trustee recruitment and appointment	THIS IS GOVERNED BY THE CONSTITUTION SECTIONS: 22 Number of office bearers, 23 Eligibility 24 Election, retiral, re-election 25 Termination of office and section 27 Office-bearers
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Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	Friends of St Conan's Kirk is a non-profit making organisation with the charitable purpose of preserving the heritage of St Conan's Kirk by providing both education and a focal point for the local community and help raising funds to help maintain the fabric of the Kirk, its grounds and future existence through the pursuit of activities and fund raising.
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	During the period of the year: - The charity received Friends memberships - Ran many fundraising activities in the Kirk - Ran several educational activities - Engaged the community in a variety of events - Applied for grants to support our purposes
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Achievements and performance

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

This year, almost everything we have done has been around our National Lottery project. We are hoping to be awarded enough funds to make a lot of repairs, provide better facilities and to find new ways of sharing the heritage of St Conan's, while benefitting the community. We were awarded a Development Phase grant, to enable us to pilot a range of events. Starting with our annual Spring Clean in April, and despite some unpredictable weather, it was a great success. Fourteen volunteers, including both familiar faces and newcomers came together to care for the Kirk, demonstrating a strong sense of ownership and pride in this special place. Our role as a welcoming venue for arts and community events has continued to grow. In April, we hosted the "Great VIII Men" with their "Singing in Harmony" a cappella concert, delighting the audience. In May, we launched our first "Coffee & Cake and activity event", with [redacted] providing a fascinating tour of the Kirk's history and architecture to an enthusiastic group of 25 attendees. We also introduced our first "Drop in and Draw" day, inviting artists of all ages to explore their creativity in the Kirk's stunning surroundings. The power of music in promoting wellbeing and bringing people together was evident, with our two Community Singing Events in June and August. These were led by [redacted] and [redacted] on the piano and saw nearly 70 participants singing in the Kirk's Chancel. In July we had a brilliant organ recital by [redacted] filling the Kirk with a diverse musical programme and enjoyed by a full house. Our younger generation also played a significant role in our activities. The St Conan's Cup 2024 art competition, themed "Mysterious Boats," inspired imaginative entries from local primary schools. Taynuilt Primary School emerged as the winner, with Lochneil Primary School receiving recognition for their exceptional submissions. The children's artwork formed part of our summer exhibition, alongside a smaller exhibition about "Lochawe Boats and Boatmen from the Past", put together by our Heritage group. In August, the Kirk hosted a community event commemorating the Massacre of Glencoe. Through a variety of artistic presentations and informative talks, over 70 attendees reflected on this emotional piece of Scottish history. Autumn began with our Heritage Open Day, proving to be another success, drawing more than 200 visitors eager to learn about our ongoing restoration efforts and future plans. In October, Jana Baird from Corachie Clematis Garden Centre, gave a fascinating Winter Planter Demonstration for local gardening enthusiasts. We also took part in the Scottish International Storytelling Festival, with an enjoyable afternoon of tales of local folklore, mystery, suspense and revenge. The Halloween Pumpkin Festival, proved to be a tremendous success, with an ever-increasing gathering of witches and wizards! With over 300 attendees, many dressed in creative costumes, the event is fast becoming an annual affair. Thanks to The Ben Cruachan Inn, and their very generous donation of pumpkins, every schoolchild from Taynuilt and Dalmailly were able to carve their own pumpkins. November saw a Tree Decoration Workshop by the 2 Vals leading up to the annual Christmas Tree Festival, with a record-breaking 75 amazing entries from local organisations and individuals – the imagination and ideas were quite staggering. Local performances by Lochneil Primary School, Oban Brass Band, and the Singing Minnies created a magical atmosphere. We also featured a Victorian Christmas Tableau that offered visitors a glimpse into the Kirk's rich history. In conclusion, this past year has been a testament to the vibrant spirit of St Conan's Kirk and the unwavering dedication of our committee, volunteers and community members.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to hold only the minimum free reserves required to ensure it is continuing operations. At 31st December 2024 the charity held unrestricted funds of £95,881 and restricted funds of £3,750 in the bank. The Trustees consider this to be an appropriate amount to allow us to respond promptly to funding opportunities. We are required to offer a significant amount of match funding if our NLHF (National Lottery Heritage Fund) application is accepted.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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digital or typed
signatures*

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Date

Trustee

16 JUN 25

VICE CHAIR

16/6/25

Charity number SC045006

Friends of St Conan's Kirk SCIO

Trustees' Report & Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
Year Ending 31st December 2024

Administrative Information

Charity number SC045006

Business address The Old Manse
Inveraray
Argyll
PA32 8XT

Trustees



Chair	Appointed Nov 2022
Vice-Chair	Appointed Nov 2022
Treasurer	Appointed Nov 2022
Secretary	Appointed Nov 2022

Independent Examiner



Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland
33 Byres Road
Glasgow
G12 8QP

Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
Receipts & Payments
For year ending 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from				
Donations	31,097		63,195	1,429
Grants	24,348	7,750	32,098	0
Fundraising Activities	16,837		16,837	11,893
Charitable Activities	504		504	375
Guided Tours	6,345		6,345	4,400
Guide Books	165		165	445
HMRC	2,259		2,259	8,391
Overpayment (Greenpower)		(6,720)	(6,720)	
Petty Cash (tours/books/donations)	1,204		1,204	
Total Income	82,759	7,750 (14,470)	90,509 (97,229)	26,933
Expenditure on				
Toilet block	0		0	0
Professional fees	0		0	260
Garden & Paths	25		25	458
Repairs & Renewals	8,042	7,000	15,042	3,480
Printing & Stationary	0		0	1,536
Postage	0		0	2
Event Expenses	1,117		1,117	2,592
Miscellaneous	0		0	915
Advertising	0		0	766
Debit/Credit Card Costs	166		166	73
Refund of overpayment		(6,720)	(6,720)	145
Accountancy	0		0	0
Insurance	96		96	96
Internet & website	4,212		4,212	132
Third Sector Interface Support	0		0	4,568
National Lottery Expense	12,175		12,175	0
Petty Cash Payments	912		912	0
Total Expenditure	26,745	7000 (13,720)	33,745 (40,465)	15,048
Net income/expenditure	56,014	750	56,764	11,885
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expense) for the year	56,014	750	56,764	11,885
Total funds brought forward	39,867	3,000	42,867	24,662
Total funds carried forward	95,881	3,750	99,631	36,547

**Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
Receipts & Payments
For year ending 31st December 2024**

**Statement of assets & liabilities
As at 31st December 2024**

Bank Account	2024	2023
Opening bank balances	42,867	24,662
Receipts	90,509	26,933
Payments	33,745	15,048
Closing bank balances	99,631	36,547
Other Assets Held		
Debtors	-	-
Liabilities at year end		
Ordinary Creditors	-	-
Opening Balance	42,867.21	
Income (excluding petty cash)	89,306.15	
Expenses (excluding petty cash)	32,833.24	
Cheques cleared in 2024 for expenses in 2023	5,973.45	
Closing Balance as at 31/12/2024 (Balanced to bank statement)	93,366.67	
Income banked in 2025 for 2024 (from petty cash)	292.10	
Income still to be received from tour companies	260.00	
	93,918.77	
Uncleared cheques from 2024	2,387.87	
Accounting balance at 31st December 2024	91,530.90	

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For year ending 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Donations, Grants & Legacies			
Donations:			
Public donations	522		522
Norse Stone	275		275
Cycle Club	300		300
Lochawe Village Hall	30,000		30,000
Grants:			
The Barrack Charitable Trust		3,000*	3,000
National Lottery Heritage Fund	24,348		24,348
GreenPower		7,000**	7,000
DRAX Power Station		750***	750
	55,445	10,750	66,195
Fundraising Activities			
Christmas Tree Festival	13,293		13,292
Christmas Art Class	90		90
Halloween Festival	775		775
Storytelling Event	200		200
Coffee, Cake & Planter Demo	274		274
Heritage Day	843		843
Massacre of Glencoe Event	370		370
Community Singing	530		530
Coffee, Cake & Organ Recital	220		220
Community Singing	266		266
Coffee, Cake & Tour	230		230
Coffee, Cake & Concert	318		318
Drop In & Draw	43		43
	17,452		17,452
Charitable Activities			
Friends Membership Fees	345		345
EasyFundraising	55		55
Argyll Lottery	104		104
	504		504

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Other Activities			
Guided Tours	6570		6570
(Guided Tours late payments)	(260)		(260)
Donations from Tours	179		179
Guide Book Sales	350		350
	7,099		7,099
	(7,359)		(7,359)
HMRC			
Gift Aid & GASDS	2,259		2,259
	2,259		2,259

*Restricted to octagonal tower toilet development (carried forward from 2021)

**Restricted to Cloister Stone Path

***Restricted to Community Singing Support 2025

Employees

██████████ was paid £1008.00 for Project Officer Services from Aug to Dec 2024 (NLHF)

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 For year ending 31st December 2024

Expenditure to be deducted from grants still to be received	2024 Total £
Greenpower Grant (£10,000 to be received Feb 2025)	
For up-grading of heating	
Spend to date (Dec 2024)	
Surya Heating	195.48
CEF	546.00
CEF	6804.00
TOTAL	7,545.48

Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
Receipts & Payments
For year ending 31st December 2024

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Total £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 st December 2024 as represented by:			
Current assets	95,881	3,750	99,631
	95,881	3,750	99,631

**Analysis of net assets between funds
(prior year)**

Fund balances at 31 st December 2023 as represented by:			
Current assets	39,867	3,000	42,867
	39,867	3,000	42,867

Unrestricted Funds Summary

	Opening at 1st Jan 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Closing at 31 Dec 2024 £
	39,867	82,759	26,745	-	95,881
	39,867	82,759	26,745	-	95,881

Restricted Funds Summary

	Opening at 1st Jan 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Closing at 31st Dec 2024 £
The Barrack Charitable Trust*	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
GreenPower Grant**		7,000	3,480 (2023) 3,240 (2024) 280 (2024)	-	0
DRAX Power Station***		750	-	-	750
	3,000	7,750	7,000	-	3,750

Restricted funds: – * Octagonal tower toilet **Cloister Pathway ***Community Singing

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23rd March 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Chair

Trustee

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

Registered charity
number

SC

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

to

Period end date

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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's
statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

Signed**:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

THE TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN ADVISED
TO REDUCE/ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE
PAYMENTS (MADE BY NECESSITY) THROUGH
PRIVATE BANK ACCOUNT.
THIS WILL COVER ONLY THE AMALGAMATION
AND CONSEQUENT BUSINESS BANK ACCOUNT
COMES INTO BEING.