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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1st	March	2025	To	28th	February	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Hamilton Model Flying Club
Other names charity is known by	Hamilton Radio Modelling Club
Registered charity number	**SCO46658**
Charity's principal address	7 Old Mill Lane
	Uddingston
	South Lanarkshire
	Postcode G71 7PD

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	Douglas Sheppard	Chairman	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
2	William Cairns	Trustee	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
3	Alan Bunker	Covid Officer	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
4	Robert McCallum	Trustee	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
5	Gordon Price	Safety Officer	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
6	Andrew Anderson	Treasurer	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
7	John Gdula	Secretary	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting
8	Matthew Smith	Vice Chairman	Acted for whole year	Annual General Meeting

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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
No Other Trustees during the period	

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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The governing document of the Hamilton Model Flying Club is the club constitution. This is available on the club's website. The club's activities and contacts with external agencies are managed by the trustees. In accordance with the club's constitution a monthly business meeting is held to discuss ongoing issues and pass resolutions that impact on the running of the club. The Annual General Meeting is held in March each year.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The club currently has eight positions for trustees drawn from the club's membership . Six of the trustees have designated roles i.e., Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety Officer, Covid Officer. There are two additional trustees who do not have assigned roles. Each trustee is proposed, seconded and elected to their respective position by the club membership each year at the club's Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	To provide recreational facilities and organise recreational activities in the field of model aircraft flying with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the persons for who the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Hamilton Model Flying Club has a permanent flying field located near Netherburn in Lanarkshire for members to meet and fly model aircraft. The site is operated and maintained by the club's own members. It has a clubhouse, under cover shelter and a toilet block that is wheelchair accessible as well as facilities to make hot drinks and food. The club has several disabled members. The club provides training for those who wish to learn to fly model aircraft and holds a dedicated weekly evening training session every week during the flying season. The club has several Scottish Aeromodellers Association (SAA) qualified examiners and two Large Model Association (LMA) qualified examiner who can teach all aspects of model flying and aid until a newcomer is certified as a competent model aircraft pilot to national recognised standards verified by the SAA, LMA and the British Model Flying Association. This certification is required by the club before a pilot can fly a model aircraft solo. The club hosts competitions and open events to non-club members throughout the year. The club supports other youth organisations, such as the Air Training Corp by allowing the use of its facilities and giving training and instruction in model aircraft flying.

Achievements and performance

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

At the time of the Annual General Meeting in March the club had 69 members.42 of these are adult members (a decrease of 6 from the previous year). There were 30 junior members. Of these junior members, 26 are associated with the 2166 Hamilton Squadron, Air Training Corps who the club continues to work closely with. The club offers training sessions to the air cadets, and this year saw an overall increase of 3 in in the number of air cadets in the club.

Improvements continued to be made to the club's flying site. A new hard centre circle has been constructed outside the gate in the helicopter flying area to allow control line flying in the winter months without damaging the main control line area inside the compound. This area is also for helicopter and drone use and any helicopter, and drone pilots will be given priority. Last year three new drainage runs were installed in the pilot stance area. This new drainage appears to have largely resolved the drainage problem in this area. Overall, all areas of the field where drainage has been installed have shown great improvement, with the field now being usable throughout the year. The members themselves have continued to undertake all the maintenance work at the flying site. This has involved repairing some storm damage after several named storms and repairing the roof of the cabin at the field as well as servicing the tractor, push mowers and grass cutting equipment.

There were no reportable safety incidents during the year. To improve safety a safety pole has been introduced to mark the edge of the fixed wing flying area at the west end of the runway. This will ensure that fixed wing pilots keep their aircraft clear of members flying control line models. The club's safety rules have been reviewed and amended and a revision issued in a format that is acceptable to the Civil Aviation Authority. This led to a renewed application for authorisation, to fly models less than 25kg up to a height of 1200 ft which was subsequently granted. As a result The Hamilton Model Flying Club site is recognised by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) to that effect has also been issued by the CAA.

The club hosted a Training & Testing weekend on behalf of the Scottish Aeromodellers Association and the British Model Flying Association in October. This was very successful with four safety awards being granted, (two SAA Bronze, one silver and one BMFA club instructor certificate). The club currently has several examiners in its membership which places it in a good position to train and certify the competences of new model pilots. The club was awarded a grant from the SAA to assist in the purchase of a drone to be used for training club members. The drone was acquired in August and has so far resulted in several club's members gaining a bronze multi rotor safety award. It is hoped that more members will take advantage of the drone to gain the award.

The Club's website has been performing well and has become a solid hub for information and updates while the club Facebook page has started to attract interest from a few new people, helping to raise the club's profile and bring in fresh faces who share our passion for the hobby.

Plans are being made for club to complete the third and final phase of the disabled access project during 2026. This will involve installing bio- matting to allow wheelchairs all weather access to the runway and pilots stance

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The club's main running costs are the rental costs for the lease of the flying site and the costs of maintenance and the upkeep of the access road. These costs are met from the club's membership fees. The membership fees usually generate more than sufficient funds to cover these activities provided that the members donate their own time and labour to undertake routine maintenance activities. Surplus funds from the membership fees are held in reserve and are used to provide materials and equipment for site improvements or to undertake emergency repairs at the site.
Details of any deficit	This year the club did not have a deficit and showed a surplus of £454 for the year.
Donated facilities and services (if any)	During the year the club received a grant of £450 from the Scottish Aeromodelling Association to acquire a drone for training. A additional £150 was also received from the SAA and BMFA for running a national training and testing event at the club's flying site.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Edward Gdula	Andrew Anderson
Position (e.g. Chair)	Trustee and Club Secretary	Trustee and Club Treasurer
Date	25/8/2026	25/8/2026