



STRANRAER AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY TRUST

Scottish Charity Number SC028177

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2026

Trustees: -

Chairman:	Elaine Barton
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Secretary:	Julia MacDonald
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Committee members:	Peter Armitage
	Marion McGowan
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Objects

The object of the Stranraer and District Local History Trust (the Trust), as set out in the Constitution adopted on 23 June 1998 and amended on 20 October 1998, 27 May 2004 and 23 March 2021 is to promote the advancement of education by the study of local history in Stranraer and Wigtownshire.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees have been appointed by resolutions at General Meetings of the Trust.

Activities

A new book, *U-Boat, Shipping Losses on the Wigtownshire Coast in the First World War* by Julia MacDonald was launched early in the financial year. Another book, *Training RAF Webfoots RAF Corsewall*, by Ian Baldie is due to be launched next month.

The Trustees are pleased to advise that there continues to be a steady demand for the remaining publications but 22 books are now out of print leaving 16 publications presently available for sale. The number of books sold and gifted during the year to 31 March 2026 amounted to 778 bringing the total to date up to 44,917.

The Oral History Group has recorded a total of 45 tapes of reminiscences by local people. These have all been transcribed and lodged with the museum and the library where the public are encouraged to listen to them. All tapes have been lodged with Edinburgh University Ethnological Research Centre, Dumfries & Galloway Study and excerpts are used on their website.

Bursaries

For a number of years the Trust has awarded bursaries to local pupils who were committed to studying history at university after leaving school. During the past last year we awarded two bursaries of £750 each to Georgina Lane and Iona Ferries-Anderson both pupils at Stranraer Academy.