

### **Grants and Prizes**

We were pleased to award the top history student from each year at Stranraer Academy a prize of £100 as well as a selection of our publications.

### **Sponsorship**

We were again sponsors of the Spring Festival at Wigtown this year when Elaine Barton and Julia MacDonald gave a talk entitled "The Great War at Sea".

### **MV Princess Victoria Memorial Group**

Before the group was formally constituted income and expenditure was passed through the History Trust bank account. In August last year the balance held was transferred to the bank account of the new group.

### **Membership**

Total membership, including authors who have been awarded honorary membership, stood at 107 for 2025/2026; the total for 2024/2025 was 113. Newsletters giving an update on the activities of the Trust were sent to members in April and November 2025.

### **Website**

The website ([www.stranraerhistory.org.uk](http://www.stranraerhistory.org.uk)) continues to be updated. Books can be purchased through the website using a credit or debit card and new and existing members can pay subscriptions through the website. During the past year the Trust responded to various enquiries received via the website for information about local history. Our website has a link directly to our Facebook page.

### **Financial Review**

The financial accounts for the year to 31 March 2026 comprising of the "Receipts and Payments Account" and the "Statement of Balances" are shown on pages 4 and 5 of this report. There was a surplus of £1253 in the General Account.

As a result of the surplus on the General Account the Trust held unrestricted funds of £24,558 at the year-end. In addition funds amounting to £8100 were held for Donnie Nelson's Legacy. History prizes and bursaries for local students from Stranraer Academy and/or the Douglas-Ewart High School who are committed to studying history after leaving school are met from Donnie Nelson's Legacy with the sum of £2000 being designated for this purpose.

The reserves of £24,558 are more than adequate to enable the Trustees to further the aims of the Trust should income from book sales decline in future years. With substantial unrestricted funds in hand the Trustees regard the financial position as being very satisfactory. Accordingly consideration will continue to be given to providing funds to assist with other worthy projects which meet with the aims of the Trust.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees following the Annual General Meeting which was held on 28 May 2026



**Elaine Barton**

**Chairman.**