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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1st	Jan	2025	To	31st	Dec	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Achmore Community Hall Association

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number

SC024849

Charity's principal address

Stromeferry and Achmore Community Hall

Achmore, Stromeferry

Postcode: IV53 8UU

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	David Kemp	Chairman	From 3.12.25	ACHA Committee
2	I. Mhairi Macrae	Treasurer		
3	Melanie Prytz	Secretary		
4	Angela Stuart-Gibson	Booking Clerk		
5	Helen Fraser			
6	Patricia Heaviside			
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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
Jacqueline Parsons (former Chairperson)	For Year 2025, 1.1.25 – 3.12.25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Achmore Community Hall Association is an charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All of the Achmore Community Hall Association Trustees are appointed in terms of our governing documentation

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to provide a village hall facility for the communities of Achmore, Stromeferry and surrounding areas, and for the use of all local organisations.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Hall is regularly used by a variety of local groups (e.g. Cubs, Tai Chi, Crafters Group) & organisations for monthly meetings (Community Council, Hall Committee, Fernalg Trust). It is the polling station for elections, used by external groups for public engagement (e.g. Scottish Water, Trees for Life, Loch Long Salmon Company annual Science Skills Training fortnight for school pupils etc.)

The Hall is the natural gathering venue for the local area and local celebrations. Local people can, and do hire the hall for family gatherings, birthday parties, weddings, celebration of lives following funerals etc. It is the intention of the Hall committee to continue to maintain & upgrade the Hall as a community resource in this relatively remote and fragile area of the NW Highlands.

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Achievements and performance

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

It's been a busy year for the charity as the Net Zero funded upgrade of the Hall's heating system (air source heat pumps with solar panels and battery) was completed early in 2025. This provides better control of the Hall's heating system and will hopefully reduce heating bills in the future, especially when we are able to sell excess solar powered energy back to the energy suppliers. Other benefits of the new system have already been identified. Storms earlier in the year caused lengthy regional power cuts but we were able to use the Hall as a Community Resilience Hub where people could find a warm space to gather, charge their devices and connect to Broadband, thanks to the energy provided by the Solar Panel battery. Despite no mains electricity in the village, the Crafters Group were able to hold their monthly gathering as normal. The Hall hosted the annual community Christmas Party, and fundraising events which have included, an annual week long recycling event, quizzes, table top sale and Repair Cafes. These have been well attended by the local community and delivered funds to maintain the Hall as a valued and appreciated community resource.

We endeavour to maintain and upgrade the building and facilities available to users of the Hall through regular maintenance and grant applications. In 2025, various repairs to the roof and external walls were completed and we were awarded funds to purchase a new shed for storage of Hall equipment and garden tools. We also worked with the local Community Council to successfully apply for funds for a new PA system and digital projector for Hall events. This has already improved Hall events and will enable a wider programme of activities to be offered in the future (e.g. film club, quizzes, ceilidhs, etc) .

Another major project to ensure the longevity of the Hall as the local community hub is the transfer of status and assets from Unincorporated Charity to SCIO status. Our application to OSCR has been successful and the new SCIO is registered (Achmore and Stromeferry Community Trust SC055097) with 6 Trustees from ACHA. We are currently in the Wind Up stage and hope to complete transfer of Assets to the SCIO by the Autumn. The whole process represents a very significant amount of work for the Trustees responsible but benefits for the future are clear.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As a result of a surplus of £5,580, the Association held unrestricted funds of £7,584 at year end.
The committee consider the funds held will enable the group to run the Hall for the forthcoming year and support any development plans.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None. The Hall is run by local volunteers

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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) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		Iseabail Mhairi Macrae
Position (e.g. Chair)		Treasurer
Date		25.05.26