Auchencairn History Society
Annual Report for Year ended March 31 2026

The past year has been another busy one for the Society. In June the Time Capsule was re-sealed, with the school children taking the newly filled containers from the Hall to the Millennium Garden. Lee had prepared material which, when the capsule is re-opened in 2050, will give a picture of life in Auchencairn in 2025. Included were some 400 photographs of us all going about our everyday life, items from the shop, and a copy of the Auchencairn News website for June 2025 showing the range of activities in the village.

The 25th Anniversary Exhibition in November was very successful, attracting a good number of visitors. The Murray Hall gave us space to display a large amount of archive material and it was satisfying to be able to show more than is possible in the regular archive openings. In laying out the displays we found it helpful to group items under themes, such as *Sea, People, Work*, and this system is now being applied to the archive material.

A special display in the Anteroom commemorated the 80th anniversary of the ending of WW11, and we are grateful for the new material which has been donated from past and present members.

We are delighted to have welcomed three new members this year: George Currie, Mary Brydson, and Val Douglas, who have all become regular workers in the archive. Each of these has considerable knowledge of the history of our region, so together with long-time members Lee Paton and Jack Fortune there is a valuable fund of local expertise on tap at the archive openings.

If there is anyone else who would like to become involved in the organisation and use of the archive we would be very happy to hear from them. If you tried this you would probably find, as our regulars have all found, that there is an aspect of Auchencairn which you would enjoy researching.

Our thanks are due to everyone who has come to visit the archive on its regular fortnightly openings, often bringing new information. Many thanks too for the donations made which are of great help in maintaining the archive openings, as they cover costs of hiring the anteroom.

As always, our thanks go to Keith Kerrison who maintains our website and keeps it so attractive and up to date. The latest new feature provides access to a whole range of interviews which may be read or listened to. We are fortunate to have Keith's expertise and kindness in maintaining the site even though he no longer lives in Auchencairn.

Thanks also to Chris Sankey who took on the Treasurer's post last year and has done a fine job of keeping us up to date financially with her meticulous records and clearly presented accounts.

Finally our most grateful thanks go to you, the members, who support us so faithfully.

Marian Makins
31/3/26