

ALVA GLEN HERITAGE TRUST SCIO

Scottish Charity SC036610



Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period

1 January – 31 December 2025

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name Alva Glen Heritage Trust SCIO

Charity Number SC036610

Principal Address

84 Beauclerc Street
Alva
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Current Trustees:

John Knight, Chair
Alison Ogden-Quin, Treasurer
Claire Martin, Secretary
Glyn Edwards
Russ Fenton
Atelano III Leduna
Juliet Molteno
Hugh Skivington
Catriona Walker

Previous Trustees

Brian Denny

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland
Stirling Branch

Independent Examiner

Ian Brooke

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Alva Glen Heritage Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered on 15th April 2021 and with charity number SC036610. It was previously a charitable company limited by guarantee with company number SC282315 and successfully converted to a SCIO on 15th April 2021.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees retire at each annual general meeting but are eligible for re-election. The trustees may appoint additional trustees at any time. The charity's constitution provides for a minimum of three and a maximum of fifteen trustees. There are currently nine trustees.

Organisational Structure

The trustees meet regularly to receive the various projects undertaken together with planning of future strategies. Meetings are no less than bi-monthly. The day to day administration of the charity is performed by nominated trustees reporting to the chair of the trustees.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have considered the major risks faced by Alva Glen Heritage Trust and have reviewed the procedures in place designed to manage these risks. In their opinion, the procedures and systems are sufficient to manage the risks.

Charitable Aims

Purposes

Alva Glen Heritage Trust's charitable purposes as per its constitution are;

1. The advancement of citizenship or community development;
 2. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science;
 3. The provision of recreational facilities; and
 4. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.
- managing and regenerating community land and associated assets for the benefit of the community in Clackmannanshire, and the public in general as an important part of the protection and sustainable development of Scotland's natural environment
 - fostering, planning and encouraging measures that will be of educational, environmental, cultural, social and/or recreational benefit to the community, its inhabitants and the public generally.

Our activities for these purposes are;

- maintain Alva Glen as a pleasant area that can be used by all of the local community & visitors
- research the history of the glen, including its' mill buildings and lades and provide interpretation panels to increase visitor's knowledge and enjoyment of this special place
- manage and regenerate community land as part of the protection & sustainable development of Scotland's natural environment
- plan and encourage measures that will be of educational, environmental, cultural, social and/or recreational benefit to the community

Activities and achievements in 2025

Recruitment of Trustees

As part of our efforts to improve the resilience of the organisation a depleted Trustee body was refreshed and enlarged during the year. The new Trustees bring a variety of experience and skills and have really enhanced the way the Charity operates. One of our long-standing Trustees had to retire on health grounds otherwise the current committee has been stable.

General Activities

- Volunteers worked diligently on eleven workdays during the year. These are held on the first Sunday of every month for two hours. Activities include, planting, weeding, pruning and general tidying.
- We added white-painted nosings to the steps in the Glen to aid people with poor sight, as the Glen can be quite dark.
- The pond wall was repaired but a better solution is needed in the longer term
- Sections of fencing were re-painted following damage caused by fallen trees
- Fallen trees were removed and disposed of
- Clackmannanshire Council repaired and re-opened the path to the Upper Glen, which we had been strenuously advocating for
- Scrub clearing and general environmental management works in the Upper Glen helped to maintain habitat for Northern Brown Argus and Sticky Catchfly

Events



Moth traps are set on the evening before the workdays during late Spring, Summer and early Autumn. This event is publicised through our social media. It has not been well-attended by members of the public but it has added to our knowledge of the Glen's biodiversity.

This is a Poplar Hawk Moth

Nearly 500 moths of 71 Species were trapped . Records were sent to the County Moth Recorder. Moths are important pollinators, this work aids Clackmannanshire Council's biodiversity strategy.



Kick sampling in the burn, by one of our Trustees, revealed something of the invertebrate life sustaining the life of the Glen's other fauna.



Susan Mills, a local historian, conducted a **History Walk**, focussing on the Mills of Alva Glen. This was a very well attended event, attracting around 25 people.

Challenges

Unfortunately we had some quite significant **vandalism** during the summer. Here one of our talented volunteers is repairing damage to one of the sculptures in the Glen:



Reserves Policy

The reserves at the year end are £7,765 (2023: £9,194). The trustees regularly consider the level of reserves that they require to be able to ensure the future of the organisation and to ensure that they are able to undertake their work in maintaining one of Alva's natural beauty sites. The trustees agree that they require to hold at least £3,000 in reserves. The trustees have presently met their target and the surplus monies will continue to be used to invest in maintaining the Glen.

Summary

All in all an active and busy year. The new trustees on the board are working well together, and at the close of the year started planning for the bi-annual Illuminations, scheduled for 2026.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and the other voluntary and statutory organisations which have helped us this year.

Approved by the Charity Trustees on 24th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

John Knight, Chair of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alva Glen Heritage Trust SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter came to my attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



17 August 2026

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total funds
		£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations		5	5	6,728
Clacks Community Lottery		186	186	203
TOTAL RECEIPTS		191	191	6,931
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PAYMENTS				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1	1,608	1,608	5,165
Governance costs - AGM		12	12	150
TOTAL PAYMENTS		1,620	1,620	5,315
SURPLUS/(Deficit) for the year		- 1,429	- 1,429	1,616

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Cash and bank balances at start of year	9,194	9,194	10,078
Surplus/(Deficit) shown on receipts and payments statement	- 1,429	- 1,429	884
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Cash and bank balances at end of year	7,765	7,765	9,194

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

John Knight, Chair of Trustees

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1

	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Payments relateing directly to charitable activites			
Activities	£ 52.99	£ 52.99	£ 173.00
Illuminations	£ -	£ -	£ 1,856.00
Insurance	£ 267.81	£ 267.81	£ 253.00
Rent	£ 110.00	£ 110.00	£ 100.00
Maintenance	£ 96.16	£ 96.16	£ 21.00
Equipment	£ 851.94	£ 851.94	£ 193.00
Heat and light	£ 228.73	£ 228.73	£ 230.00
Community Council Project	£ -	£ -	£ 250.00
EDF Projects	£ -	£ -	£ 2,089.00
TOTAL	£ 1,607.63	£ 1,607.63	£ 5,165.00