

The Laidlaw-Hall Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC020424

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

Current trustees

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Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed as needed. The Chair is reappointed every five years by a meeting of the trustees as directed in the Trust deeds. Professor Fitton has served as Chair and Professor Tudhope as Trustee since the Trust was established in 1992.

Governing document

The Association is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in Trust deeds registered on 9 July 1992.

Charitable purposes

Our principal purpose, as recorded in our Trust deeds, is to provide funds to enable students of Earth Science in the School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, to carry out extracurricular field studies and other extracurricular activities. The Trustees also have the right to use the funds for other charitable purposes at their discretion.

Activities and achievements

Our funding activity was slightly reduced, with three awards made during the year. Income for the year ending 31 March 2026 (£10854) was higher than for the previous year (£8869) and the value of our investment portfolio has increased.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves at 31 March 2025

Valuation of investment portfolio	£ 392897
Cash in bank and investment income accounts	£ 15276
Total value	£ 408173

Godfrey Fitton, Chair
22 July 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2026

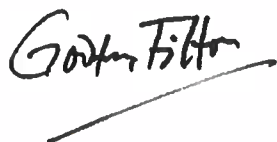
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Receipts	
Dividends and interest from investment portfolio	
Total receipts	10854
Payments	
Travel grant to Eva Mae Lawrence-Scholefield to participate in a project monitoring deformation on Mount Etna	1023
Travel grant to Jack A. Smith to participate in a project at AWE Blacknest on nuclear explosion monitoring	2000
Travel grant to Lennart Hoheisel to carry out remote-sensing studies on forests in Mexico	2000
Total payments	5023
Surplus for year	5831

Statement of Balances as at 1 April 2026

Bank and cash in hand	
Rathbones Dividends Account	12628
Bank of Scotland Treasurers' Account	2648
Total cash	15276
Opening balance (1 April 2025)	9445
Surplus for year	5831
Closing balance (31 March 2026)	15276

All funds are unrestricted.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Godfrey Fitton, Chair
22 July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Laidlaw-Hall Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come 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 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.

Mairghread JH Ellis

Date: 27.7.26.

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