Limekilns Heritage Trust SCIO

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator No SC047075

Annual Report for the Year to 31st January 2026



Photographs:

Front cover: Limekilns Pier, 1st April 2021, after investigation work in March 2021.
(Ian Cruickshank)

Page 8: Progress on our ‘Limekilns Beacon Way’ path, late September, 2026.
(Russell Kelly)

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the Year to 31st January 2026.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name
Limekilns Heritage Trust SCIO

Charity No
SC047075

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Current Trustees

Russell Kelly (Chairman)	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
Gavin Carter (Secretary)	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
Robert Peebles (Treasurer)	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
Alex Hill	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
George Scrivener	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
Phil Whetton	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
Craig Lindsay	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)
Peter Cummins	(re-elected 23rd December 2025)

All trustees served throughout the year and to date of signing.

Structural Governance & Management

Status
The Trust is an incorporated organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted by the steering committee on 22nd December 2016 and confirmed by OSCR on 6th January 2017 when status as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation was granted.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
The management committee are the charity's trustees. They aim to meet every few weeks with others who can offer special help or advice. The trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held each year at a date decided by the trustees under the Trust's constitution. Membership of the Trust is open on payment of a joining fee to all adult residents of the communities of Limekilns, Charlestown and Pattiesmuir in Fife and other interested parties at the discretion of the trustees. Under the constitution, the minimum number of trustees is five and the maximum ten, of whom no more than three may be co-opted by the elected trustees.

Management
The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and day-to day running of the Trust, assisted by volunteer members. There are no paid employees.

The trustees are aware that future activities may involve contact with children and disadvantaged groups. Health & Safety would also be a concern. The trustees plan to ensure that suitable policies are in place for such eventualities and that other statutory obligations such as data protection are met in full.

The trustees receive no remuneration in that role and are reimbursed expenses only to the extent that they are incurred solely for the benefit of the Trust and that neither the trustee concerned nor any associated party obtains benefit therefrom except as a member of the community in general.

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Objectives &Activities

Charitable purposes

(a) The advancement of heritage by promoting, facilitating and/or undertaking preservation, restoration and development of historic sites within the communities of Limekilns, Charlestown and Pattiesmuir in the county of Fife such that the benefit derives to those communities and the wider public by bringing back into use and/or extending public access to those assets.

(b) The advancement of education by teaching and informing schoolchildren, community groups, clubs and individuals of the history and structure of the community area in general and of the restored/developed assets in particular and the various skills and techniques used in their original construction and their restoration.

Activities and achievements

The main activity of the Trust continues to be 'Saving Limekilns Pier for the Community': restoration of this very popular, historic and much utilised but severely eroded structure.

The owners of the pier, Broomhall Estate, have agreed to grant the Trust a long-term lease of the structure and attaching access ground at a nominal rent, insurance to be covered at their cost by the Estate's own policy. Undertaking such a lease requires the resources to restore the damaged section.

Investigation work in March 2021 established that the pier foundations are in sound condition and, as a bonus, enabled a temporary covering for the exposed eroded infill to buy us a little time in implementing a more permanent solution. At that time it was estimated that rebuilding of the eroded corner area might be achieved at a cost of around £100,000, subject to a more detailed costing. Our 'Limekilns Beacon Way' project, acknowledging donations, was launched in May 2022 with the aim of raising that sum and providing continuing income to cover ongoing costs.

An immense amount of time and effort by the trustees and others has been rewarded by impressive success. From the launch date of 1st May 2022 to 31st January 2026, gross donations totalled £74,053, against which expenses amounted to £26,780. In the year under review, donations of £14,045 against by engraving costs of £2,285, this figure alleviated by utilising blank stones already held in stock.

Since the end of the year under review, Beacon Way donations are holding up reasonably well, and further publicity drives are planned to increase our target audience.

The Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland again mounted a chamber concert for our benefit, to great acclaim, and we are proud that we have established a close relationship with them.

Including sundry donations of £1,962, we received £17,987 of donations in the year compared to £12,714 previous year, for all of which we are exceedingly grateful and express our heartfelt thanks.

The trustees have been hard at work discussing alternative restoration methods and materials with our conservation engineers, contractors, the estate and potential suppliers and coordinating discussions between them. Alternatives have included the use of concrete blocks, available reclaimed sandstone and various other methods suggested by experts in this field. In the current year, we commissioned contractors to spend a week reclaiming stone from the seabed and further exposing the pier foundations to our engineers to evaluate the original construction methods and firm up a revised specification for the rebuild. This and a proper analysis of the original stone now available will enable potential contractors to give a more realistic quote for the restoration. Once these are received we can plan more positively how to raise the balance required, hopefully being able to start rebuilding soon.

Our funds have shown a satisfying increase for the year, due to a significant overall increase in donations and drawing on existing stocks of blank stones for our Beacon Way project and we remain optimistic as to realising our current project of 'Saving Limekilns Pier for the Community'.

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Financial review

The year under review has seen a continuing improvement in our finances, donations under the 'Beacon Way' project having increased significantly. Due to purchase of a large stock of blank paving stones in the previous year, benefit has arisen due to not having to pay for new stones for each batch ordered for engraving. Donations since January this year are on a comparable level to last year, and we are looking to spread our campaign to a wider field of potential donors. The cumulative total to date now exceeds £84,000. Corresponding payments to date are £26,780, and we are confident that a net surplus from this project of £60,000 will be achieved shortly.

Unlike the previous year, we weren't able to hold a 'New Year's Day Dip' for various reasons. These very popular Dips, initiated, planned and superbly compered by our own Alex Hill, have provided a very welcome fillip to both our funds and to publicity for our cause over the years.
A further boost to our 'Pier' funds came by way of a further chamber concert in Limekilns Parish Church, mounted by The Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland on our behalf. Donations of £1,981 were received, against which our expenses amounted to only £133. Further smaller donations and receipts are outlined in the Accounts and in Note 4 thereto.

Altogether, receipts of £19,152.22 (2025: £14,779.93) related solely to funding our pier project and are credited to the Pier Restoration Reserve. Of the total payments, £6,131.57 (2025: £11,014.76) was charged to Pier Restoration. The net addition to this reserve is £13,020.65 (2025: £3,765.17), bringing the year-end balance to £63,158.14 (2025: £50,137.49).

The only unrestricted income arises from members' £5.00 joining fees. £5.00 (2025: Nil) was received in the year, our General Reserve increasing to £245.00 (2024: £240.00).

As mentioned above, the level of receipts in the year exceeded our payments made, producing a surplus for the year of £13,025.65 (2025: £3,765.17). This brought the total reserves at the year end to £63,403.14 (2025: £50,377.49), allocated as above.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the total reserves now held are at a level sufficient to fund their immediate anticipated activities, all currently targeted toward the general aim of pier restoration and related education, now funded solely from the Pier Restoration Reserve.

Plans for Future Periods

The trustees intend to continue with their main aim of 'Saving Limekilns Pier for the Community'. This will be focussed principally on raising funds to enable vital rebuilding of the eroded south-west corner of the pier to commence, based on professional advice and reports, and to support ongoing maintenance. Fundraising efforts will concentrate mainly on the 'Beacon Way' project mentioned above, which has continued to prove popular. They will apply for grant funding as opportunity permits to aid progress toward their goal. Once funding is secured, they intend to take on a long-term lease of the pier and to develop it to maximise the benefit to the community and the public at large. Education will also be a major objective, and will continue as opportunities allow. Beyond that, the trustees may be able to look at other relevant projects and their financial feasibility.

Approved by the trustees on 14 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Russell Kelly, Trustee **Robert Peebles CA, Trustee**

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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Limekilns Heritage Trust SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2026 as set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 charity's 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 as required 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 report

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 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:
a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
b) 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.

Ian Purvis

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15 October 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Note		Year to 31/01/2026 £		Year to 31/01/2025 £
Joining fees: £5 per individual			**5.00**		-.
Beacon Way Donations	4		**14,045.00**		10,198.00
Sundry Donations	4		**1,961.57**		833.26
Fundraising: New Year's Day Dip		**£.**		£.	
Registrations		**-.**		825.00	
Raffle		**-.**		308.00	
Donations	4	**-.**		-.	
Catering Concessions		**-.**	**-.**	45.00	1,178.00
Royal Marines Band Concert					
Donations	4	**1,980.92**		1,683.00	
Raffle		**-.**	**1,980.92**	200.00	1,883.00
Gift aid on donations	5		**1,164.73**		687.67
Total receipts			**19,157.22**		14,779.93

Payments		£		£	
Fundraising:	Beacon Way project				
	Engraved Paving Stones		**2,284.81**		9,806.51
	Dips - First Aid Presence		**100.00**		**-.**
	RM Concert Expenses		**133.40**		150.00
Conservation Engineer's Fees & Expenses			**2,128.32**		**-.**
Insurance	6		**505.97**		547.87
Web site expenses	3		**805.16**		354.88
Administration	7		**173.91**		155.50
Total payments			**6,131.57**		11,014.76
Surplus for the year			**13,025.65**		3,765.17

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Statement of Balances

	Note	As at 31/01/2026 £.	As at 31/01/2025 £.
Bank and cash			
Opening balance		**50,377.49**	46,612.32
Surplus as above		**13,025.65**	3.765.17
Closing balance		**63,403.14**	50,377.49
Represented by:			
Balance at Clydesdale Bank		**63,403.14**	50,377.49
Cash		**-** -	-
Total bank and cash		**63,403.14**	50,377.49
Reserves	2		
General Reserve (unrestricted)		**245.00**	240.00
Pier Restoration Reserve (restricted)		**63,158.14**	50,137.49
Total reserves		**63,403.14**	50,377.49
Assets and Liabilities			
Stocks	8	**4,000.00**	6,000.00
Debtors & Prepayments	8	**506.86**	-.
Creditors	8	**-.**	2,228.32

In the opinion of the trustees, the Trust has no other material assets or liabilities at the year end.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 14 October 2026 by

Russell Kelly, Trustee **Robert Peebles CA, Trustee**

Notes to the Accounts

1 **Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 **Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects. The only such funds received are the £5.00 joining fees of members. One member joined during the year: General Reserve increases to £245.00 (2025: £240.00).

Restricted funds may only be used for purposes specified by the donor or if the funds are raised expressly for particular purposes. Donations, gift aid thereon and fundraising receipts totalling £19,152.22 (2025 £14,779.93) have been received on the basis of saving Limekilns Pier and associated publicity and education and have been credited to the Pier Restoration Reserve. Total Payments of £6,131.57 (2025 £11,014.76) were charged to this reserve. The net credit to this reserve was £13,020.65 (2025 £3,765.17), bringing the year-end balance to £63,158.14 (2025: £50,137.49).

3 **Related Party Transactions**

The Trust's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected persons during the period. Expenses incurred by the Trust which were met by trustees personally for logistical reasons were reimbursed without gain to the individual and with the approval of the trustees. The amount involved was £805.16 (2025: £354.88) for web site expenses.

4 **Donations**

May 2022 saw the launch of our major fundraising 'Beacon Way' project, offering donors acknowledgement of their gift by way of an engraved paving stone on a pathway on Limekilns Pier. The aim is to raise £100,000 toward restoration of a corner of the pier. The scheme has proved highly successful and donations of £14,045.00 (2025: £10,198.00) were received in the year. Donations from May 2022 to 31st January 2026 totalled £74,053.00 (2025: £60,008.00).

March 2023 saw The Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland put on a free chamber concert in aid of our funds. This generous gesture proved so successful from both the Band's and the community's points of view that it continues on an annual basis. Concert attendees donated a generous £1,980.92 (2025: £1,683.00).

Other donations totalling £1,961.57 (2025: £833.26) included a very generous £1,000.00 from Forth Cruising Club, who use Limekilns Pier, a similarly generous £733.70 from Mr John Wilson, who had been sponsored to participate in the Dip on 1st January 2025 in spite of advanced years and discharge from hospital only two days previously. Various smaller amounts were given either directly, online or in collecting cans in the local public bars and at the local Gala Day.

Notes to the Accounts (cont'd)

5 **Gift Aid on donations**

The Trust has an arrangement with JustGiving UK to collect on our behalf certain gift-aided donations made to us via their website. Their charges amount to 1.9% of each donation plus 20p. They make the appropriate Gift Aid claim to HMRC on our behalf and remit the amount of this direct to our bank account less an administration charge of 5%. Gift Aid of £87.50 (2025 £21.25) was claimed in this way. £1.077.23 (2025: £666.42) was claimed and received directly from HMRC.

Gift Aid on other qualifying donations received were not claimed direct from HMRC until after the year end and are not included in debtors at that date.

6 **Insurance**

A comprehensive insurance policy including public liability and trustee liability cover is in place. The premium for the year to 31st January 2026 was £430.97 (2025: £472.87 for 13 months), payable in ten monthly instalments commencing March 2025.

Broker's fees of £75.00 (2025: £75.00) are additionally included in this category. Total charge for the reported year is thus £505.97 (2025: £547.87). The 2025 premium was for thirteen months to bring our insurance year into line with our financial year.

7 **Administration**

Payments of card processing fees relate to Square (Beacon Way donations) £154.04 (2025: £138.15), JustGiving (other online) £11.33 (2025: £3.87) and SumUp (card reader) £8.54 (2025: £13.48), Total £173.91 (2025 £155.50).

8 **Period end assets and liabilities**

The trustees are aware of no other material assets or liabilities of the Trust at the year end, except as stated below.

We own a supply of blank paving stones at Fundraising Engraving (UK) Ltd, mainly bought in July 2024 at a cost of £7,487.60, the current value of which is estimated to be £4,000.00.

Web Expenses of £431.86 and Insurance Broker's Fees of £75.00, both relating to the following financial year, were incurred before our year end, totalling £506.86.

As stated at Note 5. above, Gift Aid on donations made direct to us after 5th April 2023 was unclaimed by us until after the year-end date and has not been included as a debtor.

