Company number: SC194021
Charity number: SC028778

Clan Sinclair Trust
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Trustees' report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Report of the trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

The charity was established for the purpose of:

- the preservation and promotion of Sinclair and Girnigoe Castles, now known as Castle Sinclair Girnigoe;
- the promotion of the history of the castle and the Sinclair Clan; and
- the establishment of a visitor centre.

Achievements and performance

The trust held another international clan gathering at the end of July to coincide with the Halkirk Games onto which the Clan was piped. There were over one hundred attendees from the UK, Australia, Canada, Unites States of America, Italy and Romania. The castle was visited and it continues to attract thousands of visitors from around the world, especially in the summer months. The trust decided to commission a Project Development Officer on self-employed basis and he started in December.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

St James's Place continue to manage the investment in the stock market with the aim of producing capital growth and annual income to meet ongoing charity commitments. The charity will continue to apply for grants and donations from foundations, companies, trusts and individuals as and when appropriate. Any donations received are used to finance charity expenditure.

Reserves policy

Expenditure is only committed to when sufficient funds are available to cover the agreed and costed phase of the project.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document
Clan Sinclair Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 4 March 1999 under the name of Sinclair and Girnigoe Castle Trust. It was recognised by the Inland Revenue as a Scottish charity on 19 October 1999. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers and is governed by its Articles of Association. On 19 October 1999 the charity changed its name to Clan Sinclair Trust to reflect its wider objects.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The rules governing the appointment of new trustees are laid out in the Articles of Association.

Risk management
The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks.

Reference and administrative details

Company number:	SC194021	
Charity number:	SC028778	
Registered office:	Saffery LLP Torridon House Beechwood Park Inverness IV2 3BW	
Patron:	His Majesty King Charles III	
Trustees:	The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness The Rt Hon The Viscount Thurso Ms Isla St Clair	 (resigned 13 February 2026)
Secretary:	The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness	

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

Signed by:
The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness
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The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness
Trustee

Date: 09 September 2026

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Clan Sinclair Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 the independent examiner's statement
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts 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:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts 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.

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Eunice McAdam
Chartered Accountant

Saffery LLP
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Date: 09 September 2026

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Statement of financial activities (including the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 total £	2024 total £
Income and endowments from:					
Investments	3	3,198	-	3,198	3,773
Total income		3,198	-	3,198	3,773
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	10,548	42,679	53,227	14,923
Total expenditure		10,548	42,679	53,227	14,923
Net gains/(losses) on investments		13,412	-	13,412	14,185
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		6,062	(42,679)	(36,617)	3,035
Transfers between funds		14,357	(14,357)	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,419	(57,036)	(36,617)	3,035
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		173,602	57,036	230,638	227,603
Total funds carried forward		194,021	-	194,021	230,638

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		1		58,607
Investments	**10**		146,921		134,254
			146,922		192,861
Current assets					
Debtors	**11**	1,712		1,742	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,147		37,415	
		51,859		39,157	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**12**	4,760		1,380	
Net current assets			47,099		37,777
Net assets	**13**		194,021		230,638
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds	**14**		194,021		173,602
Restricted funds	**15**		-		57,036
Total funds			194,021		230,638

For the financial year ended 31 December 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Balance sheet (continued)
As at 31 December 2025

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the board for issue on 09 September 2026

Signed by:
The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness
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The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness
Trustee

Company registration number: SC194021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Clan Sinclair Trust is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Saffery LLP, Torridon House, Beechwood Park, Inverness, IV2 3BW.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Clan Sinclair Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historic cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Incoming resources

Items of income are recognised and included in the financial statements when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- it is probable that the income will be received; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work.

1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance and governance costs which support the charities activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

1.7 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Land and buildings	2% per annum straight line basis
Library books	4% per annum straight line basis

1.8 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Gains and losses on the disposal and revaluation of investments are charged or credited to the statement of financial activities. Where there is a permanent diminution in the value of an investment, the loss arising is charged to the general reserve. No such charge is recorded in respect of temporary fluctuations in market values, which may result in a negative balance on the revaluation reserve.

1.9 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Income from listed investments	3,198	3,198	3,773
	3,198	3,198	3,773

All of the income from investments in the current and prior year was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	800		800	-
Insurance	3,306	-	3,306	3,235
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	5,467
Computer costs	30	-	30	174
Subscriptions	101	-	101	-
Independent examiner's fees	5,134	-	5,134	1,860
Depreciation	-	-	-	4,187
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	1,177	42,679	43,856	-
	10,548	42,679	53,227	14,923

Expenditure on charitable activities was £53,227 (2024 - £14,923) of which £10,548 was unrestricted (2024 - £10,849) and £42,679 was restricted (2024 - £4,074).

5 Net incoming resources for the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	-	4,187
Independent examiner's fees:		
- for independent examination services	3,334	1,860
- for tax compliance services	1,800	-
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	43,856	-

6 Employees

The average number of employees for the year ended 31 December 2025 was nil (2024 - nil).

7 Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from the charity during the year (2024 - nil).

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Library books £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	1	104,663	104,664
Disposals	-	(104,663)	(104,663)
At 31 December 2025	1	-	1
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	-	46,057	46,057
Depreciation eliminated on disposals	-	(46,057)	(46,057)
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	1	-	1
At 31 December 2024	1	58,606	58,607

The ruins of Sinclair and Girnigoe Castles, which were gifted to the trust, are included in the accounts at a nominal value of £1. The trustees do not consider the cost of valuing the sites to be justified in terms of assessing their performance.

In 2003 books, maps and manuscripts were donated to the trust by Niven Sinclair. For the purposes of these accounts the books were included at a valuation of £100,000 and the acquisition of additional books is shown at cost. During the year ended 31 December 2025 the entire library was sold.

10 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Listed investments		
Market value at 1 January	134,254	159,435
Additions	1,821	1,940
Valuation changes	13,412	14,185
Disposals	(2,566)	(41,306)
Market value at 31 December	146,921	134,254
Cost at 31 December	112,101	110,280

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	1,712	1,742
	1,712	1,742

12 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	4,760	1,380
	4,760	1,380

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed assets	146,922	-	146,922
Current assets	51,859	-	51,859
Current liabilities	(4,760)	-	(4,760)
Net assets at 31 December 2025	194,021	-	194,021
Fixed assets	135,825	57,036	192,861
Current assets	39,157	-	39,157
Current liabilities	(1,380)	-	(1,380)
Net assets at 31 December 2024	173,602	57,036	230,638

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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14 Unrestricted funds

	General fund £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
At 1 January 2024	147,058	19,435	166,493
Incoming resources	3,773	-	3,773
Outgoing resources	(10,849)	-	(10,849)
Gains/(losses) on investments	9,645	4,540	14,185
At 31 December 2024	149,627	23,975	173,602
Incoming resources	3,198	-	3,198
Outgoing resources	(10,548)	-	(10,548)
Transfers	14,357	-	14,357
Gains/(losses) on investments	2,566	10,846	13,412
At 31 December 2025	159,200	34,821	194,021

15 Restricted funds

	Clan Sinclair Library £	Total £
At 1 January 2024	61,110	61,110
Outgoing resources	(4,074)	(4,074)
At 31 December 2024	57,036	57,036
Outgoing resources	(42,679)	(42,679)
Transfers	(14,357)	(14,357)
At 31 December 2025	-	-

Purposes of restricted funds

Clan Sinclair Library - includes the value of books gifted by Niven Sinclair in 2003 (£100,000) and other donations towards the cost of the library (£1,850). During the year the library books were sold and, as there were no restrictions on the sale proceeds, the remaining funds were transferred to unrestricted.

16 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

17 Events after the reporting date

Following the year end the trustees made the decision to transfer Castle Sinclair Girnigoe to a new charity, Castle Sinclair Girnigoe Trust. As well as the castle, which is currently included in these accounts at a nominal value of £1, the trustees plan to donate £70,000 to Castle Sinclair Girnigoe Trust using proceeds from the sale of part of the investment portfolio. The transfer process is expected to conclude before the end of September 2026.