# THE DARK ISLAND TRUST

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**Scottish Charity No: SC030385**

## Current Trustees

**Chair:** Caroline Clark
**Treasurer:** Angela Bolt
**Secretary:** Caroline Clark

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## Recruitment and appointment of Trustees.

All of the Charity's Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting.

## Governing Document

The group is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are as set out in our constitution.

The Charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 7th October 1999. The Dark Island Trust was granted charitable status on 1st January 2000.

## Charitable Purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to:

> '….advance the education of the public in traditional Scottish performing arts and to promote traditional Scottish performing arts by providing opportunities for new artists to perform in public.'

## Activities and Achievements

We played for 4 ceilidhs/events in 2025, 3 of which were for local community events, (2 of which were at a reduced rate), and 1 of which was a private party. We played for fewer ceilidhs than in 2024, partly due to cancellations on the part of organisers before the events due to low ticket sales.

## Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees do not receive any remuneration but may receive travel and other related expenses in relation to attending performances.

**Accounting Method**

To simplify the accounting method while keeping a transparent and auditable record of Dark Island finances, it was agreed at the AGM in Dec 2017 that accounting henceforth would be a Record of Transactions on the bank account which are recorded from 01 Jan – 31 Dec in line with bank statements received. This is considered to offer greater clarity and reliability in the situation where limited transitions take place, updates to finances are infrequent and provided an adequate operating float is protected. In continuance of Dark Island policy, every endeavour will be made not to allow funds to drop below £500.

**Financial Summary**

In line with this accounting method, the financial summary for year 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 is provided in the Appendices attached to this document. We noticed and corrected an error in our balance sheet for 2024, this was due to donation cheques not being cashed in the same financial year as they were written. We have since decided to not use cheques and do not expect a reoccurrence of this issue in future.

The band owns a sound system used for performances, but no equipment was purchased in 2025. Dark Island policy is to write off equipment cost in year of

purchase, therefore no value is now attributed to any of the equipment although this remains an asset of the band.

Excerpts from the financial spreadsheets are attached and the band accounts are available for scrutiny on request.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Angela Bolt

**Angela Bolt**
**Treasurer**
**Date 15th September 2026**