DICKSON HALL TRUST

ACCOUNTS FOR

YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC038643

DICKSON HALL TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees took over the running of the Dickson Hall on 1 October 2009. It was previously operated as part of the Laurencekirk Parish Church.

Charity Name: Dickson Hall Trust

Charity Reg No. SC038643

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LAURENCEKIRK
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Trustees

Albert Donald, Magdalene Smith, Lesley Adamson, Alison Duncan, Matilda Herald, Alison Argo, Francis Clark, Helen Ritchie, Helen Thomson, Isobel Trigger, James Turner, David Middleton, Jane McBain, Helen Macdonald, Angels Rushbridge, Sheila Valentine, Audrey White.

Management Committee

Albert Donald (Chairman), Allan Smith, Lesley Adamson, Matilda herald, Lyndia Donald, thomas Fleming, Morag Mitchell (since 4 June, 2025).

Independent Examiner
Jean S. Stevenson Chartered Accountant
Seaview, Hillside
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DD10 9JS

Bankers:
Royal Bank of Scotland
Brothock Bridge
ARBROATH
DD11 1NF

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trustees are the Elders of Laurencekirk Parish Church. The Trust is registered as a separate charity. The Trust is a charitable unincorporated association. The operational responsibility is devolved to a Management Committee, all of whom are volunteers

OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Trustees and Management Committee is to provide a high quality, modern facility for use by the Church, and, importantly, the wider community.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Hall has continued to play a prominent part in the community. The Trustees and Management Committee have continued in their efforts to make the Hall an affordable, good quality facility for use by the local community and beyond. It is well used by groups, by families and individuals and by organisations which host public exhibilitions and consultation events. It continues to be run by volunteers although there are also two paid members of staff and two individuals who provide a service on a contract basis. As is to be expected in an old building, repairs and maintenance is an issue and this continues to be an ongoing challenge. Fund raising by the Management Committee, and volunteers, is essential to ensure the Hall remains financially viable and a range of activities have been undertaken to achieve this.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient details to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Trust during the financial year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Trust at that time. Thie must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also resposible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ARROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF

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DATE: 27 **September 2026**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DICKSON HALL TRUST

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025
which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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 (as amended).

The charity's 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 section44(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 (as amended). 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 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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Mrs Jean S. Stevenson
Chartered Accountant
Seaview,Rosemount, Hillside
MONTROSE
DD10 9JS

Date: September 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
INCOME			
Lets		14,400	16,831
Catering Income		6,954	9,787
Fundraising Events		4,597	4,412
Donations		458	400
Interest		2,315	2,654
Grant - Mearns Area Partnership		4,000	6,392
Income for Photo-copying		508	-
		33,232	40,476
EXPENDITURE			
Fundraising Expenses		2,244	1,150
Catering Expenses		2,521	3,408
Cleaner's Salary		1,570	1,452
Caretaker's Salary		4,504	5,081
Heat & Light		5,265	7,765
Insurance		2,159	1,933
General Repairs		3,904	3,159
Cleaning Materials		532	176
Telephone		1,536	1,333
PRS Music Fees		416	416
General Expenses		200	547
Stationery & Postages		6	300
Equipment		607	1,043
Independent Examiner		-	120
Book-keeping/Payroll		1,045	1,247
Administration		1,869	1,443
Roof etc Repairs		11,334	-
		39,712	30,573
(Deficit) /Surplus for Year		(6,280)	9,903

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AT 31 December 2025

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Deposit Balances			
Bank & Deposit Balances brought forward		75,918	66,015
Movements in year		(6,280)	9,903
		-	
Bank & Deposit Balances carried forward	*1*	69,638	75,918

Note 1 Of the monies held, £61,708 has been designated by the Trustees as Fabric Fund, to be retained for major repairs or Improvements to the hall

Note 2 The titles to the Hall are held by the Church of Scotland and are in the names of members of the Kirk Session as Trustees for the congregation of Laurencekirk Parish Church in terms of a Trust Disposition by Patrick Dickson recorded on 7 August 1906. On 1st January 2026, Laurencekikr became part of the Howe o' the Mearns Parish Church, and the Trustees of that congregation have thereby become Trustees of the Dickson Hall Trust.

Note 3 The Accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis; i.e. no account is taken of accruals or amounts outstanding.

Laurencekirk **Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by**

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Date: 27 September 2026