

**ERSKINE OF TORRIE INSTITUTION
(MRS M SHARPE ERSKINE TRUST)**

ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 1 February 2026

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 1 February 2026

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Erskine of Torrie Institution (also known as Mrs M Sharpe Erskine Trust)

Trustees

M J Wemyss Esq. DL
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Charity Number

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 1 February 2026

The Trustees submit their report and the accounts for the year ended 1 February 2026.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Trust are to hold the Trust Fund for the encouragement of the fine arts; and also for the encouragement of botany. It is formally known as the Erskine of Torrie Institution; however, it is commonly known as the Mrs M Sharpe Erskine Trust, which reflects the history of the Trust.

The Trustees continue to support the loan of the Dunimarle collection at Duff House, with a view to securing a long-term public benefit for the display of the collection. For the year ended 1 February 2022 the Trustees agreed a further 5-year loan regarding the David Allan works, which form part of the Dunimarle Collection to National Galleries of Scotland. The Trustees are keen to ensure that these items continue to be accessible to the public for education and enjoyment, while preserving the integrity of the collection.

Financial Review

The unrestricted surplus for the year amounted to £13,627 (2025: £3,166 deficit). Incoming resources from investment income decreased from £80,574 in 2025 to £40,683 in 2026. Resources expended for the year totalled £27,056 (2025: £83,740), and this included purchase of assets of £6,893 (2024: £34,412), costs of charitable activities of £3,623 (2025: £25,264) and governance costs of £16,452 (2025: £24,064). The decrease in cost of purchase of asset funds relates to no major repair works undertaken on Blairburn Cottage during the period.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust was formed by Deed of Settlement dated 9 August 1853 as amended by (1) Codicil dated 14 April 1869 and (2) Codicil dated 12 April 1870. All of the above were recorded in the Books of Council and Session on 9 February 1872. The Constitution has been further amended by (1) Supplemental Deed of Trust as a part of the Reorganisation Scheme consented to by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. The Supplemental Deed of Trust is dated 18 August, 28 August and 14 September and Registered with the Books of Council and Session on 28 September, all 2009 and (2) Supplemental Deed of Trust dated 25 April 2024 and 8 May 2024.

During the year two new Trustees were appointed, and one Trustee resigned. Gillespie MacAndrew LLP provides ongoing advice to the Trustees.

Day to day management of the Trust is delegated to Gillespie MacAndrew LLP.

Risk Management

The collection owned by the Trustees is on display at Duff House and therefore covered under the National Indemnity Scheme. The National Indemnity Scheme is also in place for the David Allan items on loan to National Museums of Scotland. The Trustees are content that the cover in place provides sufficient coverage.

The Trustees are satisfied that the current reserves, together with projected investment income, are sufficient to support future donations.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS *(continued)*

For the year ended 1 February 2026

Investment Policy

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the Trustees have the power to invest in such stocks, shares, investments and property in the UK as they see fit. The Trustees have engaged Brown Shipley and Rossie House Investment Management as investment managers. The risks facing the Trustees in relation to investment performance are mitigated through the retention of investment managers, and through having a portfolio which is balanced between income and capital growth.

The Trustees are also actively considering the best use of the investment property that they have in Culross given there is no longer a secure tenancy in place and have instructed land agents to assist with the process.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are aware that although there is a significant surplus in the unrestricted funds, this relates to the revaluation of the property and heritage assets together with the investments that are being held to generate future income and does not represent free cash.

The Trustees are satisfied that the maintenance and preservation of the art collection has been satisfactorily dealt with by the loan of the collection to the National Galleries of Scotland, and to Historic Environment Scotland, and there are sufficient reserves to maintain the collection in the future.

Future Plans

In the coming year 2025/26, the Trustees will continue to safeguard the Dunimarle collection and make it accessible for public benefit. They are delighted that 'The Highland Wedding' is now back on display to the public at the National Gallery in Edinburgh. They have also secured the return of the Canon Harper Manuscript to the collection which has been added to the loan to Historic Environment Scotland and it is hoped to be moved to Duff House in the coming months.

The Trustees will continue to investigate the options in relation to the property in Culross with regards to how this can contribute to the income and capital of the Trust. Applications have been submitted to Fife Council in relation to the property, so the Trustees hope for greater progress in the coming year.

The Trustees will continue to support the Amisfield Trust, in terms of the further annual payments which are due in terms of the grant decision made during the financial year.

The Trustees will continue to review the best use of the investment property in Culross, and will engage a reputable land agent to assist in exploring options for obtaining planning permission at the site in advance of a decision by the Trustees to either redevelop or sell the site, as it is no longer a good fit for the charity's purposes in its present state.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial 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 of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS *(continued)*

For the year ended 1 February 2026

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Charity's constitution.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ²⁸ May 2026 signed on their behalf by:


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Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ERSKINE OF TORRIE INSTITUTION
(MRS M SHARPE ERSKINE TRUST)****Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Erskine of Torrie Institution
(Mrs M Sharpe Erskine Trust)**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 1 February 2026 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, the Statement of Balances and the Notes to the Financial Statements.

This report is made to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to prepare the financial statements on behalf of the Trustees and to report my opinion as set out below and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the Regulations). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements 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 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) 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 Act and Regulation 4 of the Regulations, and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the Regulations
 have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Steven Smillie

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29 May 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 1 February 2026

		Un- restricted Year ended 1 February 2026 £	Un- restricted Year ended 1 February 2025 £
	Note		
<u>Receipts</u>			
Investment income	3	40,683	80,574
Total receipts		<u>40,683</u>	<u>80,574</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Cost of charitable activities	4	3,623	25,264
Governance costs	5	16,452	24,064
Purchase of assets		6,893	34,412
Total payments		<u>26,968</u>	<u>83,740</u>
Net (payments)/receipts		<u>13,715</u>	<u>(3,166)</u>
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u><u>13,715</u></u>	<u><u>(3,166)</u></u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements

**ERSKINE OF TORRIE INSTITUTION
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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

At 1 February 2026

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances	33,815	36,981
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period	13,715	(3,166)
Closing balances	<u>47,530</u>	<u>33,815</u>
Invested funds		
Investment properties	82,338	82,338
Investments	2,455,954	2,215,316
Total invested funds	<u>2,538,292</u>	<u>2,297,654</u>
Cost of investments at 1 February 2026	1,696,749	1,693,768
Heritage assets		
Market value at 2 February 2025	2,294,852	2,294,852
Purchases	-	-
Market value at 1 February 2026	<u>2,294,852</u>	<u>2,294,852</u>
Debtors		
Accrued income	<u>471</u>	<u>484</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one period		
Accruals	<u>8,520</u>	<u>6,815</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 28 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by the following: -

M Wemyss

Trustee M J Wemyss Esq. DL

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 1 February 2026

1. General Information

The Charity is a registered Charity in Scotland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 5 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 8EJ.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have assessed the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern and have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Funds structure

The unrestricted funds represent the funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently at their market value using the closing quoted market price.

Heritage assets

The heritage assets of the Trust include a collection of paintings and antiquities currently on loan to Historic Environment Scotland and on display at Duff House, a David Allan painting and sketch book on loan to National Galleries of Scotland as well as, the Savonnerie carpet and Chinese Wallpaper. Historic Scotland and National Galleries of Scotland preserve and manage the items on loan to them.

Investment properties

The investment property was previously accounted for as a heritage asset with no reliable valuation. The Trustees took the view that the property was an investment property and instructed a valuation. The property is now measured at fair value at each reporting date.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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3. Investment Income	2026	2025
	£	£
Rental income	41	41
Dividends received	40,000	80,000
Interest received	642	533
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	40,683	80,574
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4. Cost of Charitable Activities	2026	2025
	£	£
Other professional fees	-	540
Rates and insurance	3,623	3,023
Grants and Donations – Royal Botanic Gardens	-	5,000
Grants and Donations – Amisfield Trust	-	16,701
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	3,623	25,264
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No Trustees, who are considered to be the key management personnel, were reimbursed of any expenses during the financial year (2025: £Nil). No Trustees received any remuneration during the financial year (2025: £Nil).

5. Governance Costs	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examination	2,550	2,400
Trust's agent fees	13,902	21,664
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	16,452	24,064
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