Fife Family History Society (SCIO)

Scottish Charity No. SC051133

Annual Report & Accounts

For the Year Ended

30 April 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 30 April 2026

The charity trustees present their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Reference & Administrative Information

The registered name of the charity is Fife Family History Society (SCIO)

Scottish Charity Number SC051133

The charity's address is: c/o Cupar Library, Cupar, Fife, KY15 5AS

The charity trustees are:

Roddy Greig	Chairman
Linda Wilson	Treasurer
Margery Sinclair	Secretary
Alex Inglis	Trustee
Elizabeth McMann	Trustee
John Fenton	Trustee

Structure, Governance and Management

Fife Family History Society is a Scottish Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its constitution. The SCIO was entered into the Scottish Charity Register in July 2021 and took over from the previous unincorporated association that was established in 1996. Membership is open to people with an interest in the objects of the Society.

The Society is run on behalf of the membership, by a committee whose members are the charity trustees and who are elected by the membership at the AGM. Committee members are elected for a term of three years after which they are eligible for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The Society was established to promote and encourage the public study of family history, genealogy and local history primarily, but not exclusively, in Fife.

In pursuit of the above charity purpose the Society arranges meetings and public talks, issues journals and other publications, supports research and publishing of research, and takes part in conferences and seminars appropriate to the objects of the Society. The Society may affiliate to other organisations with similar aims. The Society sells or re-sells books and other items which assist its members or the wider public to develop their interests in family history. Any surpluses arising from these activities are used to further the objects of the Society.

Achievements & Performance

Trustees

There has been no change of trustees during this financial year, and all have continued to provide a service to visitors and our worldwide membership.

Membership

Our membership continues to remain around 600 worldwide.

Many only take out annual membership and don't renew once they have used our records to assist with their research. However, during the year we attracted over 100 new members which helped offset the loss of previous members.

We are now able to know in which country or area our new members live and attached are the percentages for this financial year:

20% - Scotland (excluding Fife)

17% - Fife

18% - England

2% - Wales

13% - Australia

9% - Canada

1% - New Zealand

20% - USA

Enquiries

We continue to attract enquiries from our membership and during this year 120 were received from 8 separate countries. Most approach us about local information which we might hold about their ancestors.

Many contact us seeking help before they visit Fife, and our volunteers do spend considerable time researching and preparing for their visits. We know from the comments in our Visitors' Book that this is much appreciated and confirms the dedication of our volunteers.

Projects

We have been approached by the Green Action Trust to help with their Levenmouth Project and wish us to assist with the research of the Methilhill Cemetery – Gravestone Project. Discussions are continuing about exactly how we can help with this very interesting and possibly long-term project.

Volunteers

It has been another successful year and all our volunteers have worked tirelessly to provide an excellent service for our members. As it is true of many organisations or charities, the Fife Family History Society would cease to exist if it wasn't for the hard work and time provided by volunteers which we are sure is appreciated by our membership.

Financial Review

The Society received income totalling £7,692 for the year, principally from membership subscriptions, sale of publications, royalties and donations. The decrease in income from the previous year of £706 is largely due to reduced income from the sale of publications. With expenditure of £10,388 the Society recorded a deficit for the year of £2,696.

The deficit arose largely from the purchase of computer equipment, office furniture and shelving amounting to £5,294. Following a health and safety review, the Society made a substantial investment in office fixtures and fittings to provide an improved working environment for our volunteers and to ensure that our archive of books is housed in appropriate library shelving. These assets replace furniture provided by Fife Cultural Trust.

The deficit was deducted from the reserves brought forward so that at 30 April 2026, the Society held a general reserve of £53,062. This reserve is held to allow the potential rental of premises for use as a Family History Centre.

Without the one-off purchases of office furniture, the Society would've recorded a surplus therefore we are confident that the Society is operating at a level to maintain the membership fee at £10 per annum. We are grateful to all our volunteers for the time and support they willingly give for the benefit of the Society and its members.

Donated Goods or Services

Occasionally we receive books donated to our library.

This report was approved by the trustees on 01/10/26 and signed on their behalf by:

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Roderick W Greig – Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report

Year ended 30 April 2026

I report on the financial statements of the Fife Family History Society (SCIO) for the year ended 30 April 2026 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the 2006 Regulations").

I have satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations and is eligible for independent examination. I have therefore examined the charity's accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. In carrying out my examination I have followed the guidance issued to independent examiners by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of any of the areas listed above and I have found no other matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Date: 3/10/26

Fife Family History Society (SCIO) **Scottish Charity No: SCO51133**

Statement of Receipts & Payments

Year ended 30 April 2026

	2026 Total	2025 Total
	£	£
Receipts		
Memberships	6,069	6,259
Publications	582	1,127
Donations	302	290
Royalties	571	615
Bank interest	108	107
Other Income	60	-
Total receipts	7,692	8,398
Payments		
Postage	141	169
Stationery	24	382
PayPal & bank charges	294	356
Books/publications	207	888
Website	1,622	1,878
Governance	263	363
Room hire	600	1,174
Subscriptions	966	851
Miscellaneous	570	410
Family History Resources	407	578
Purchase of assets	5,294	88
Total Payments	10,388	7,137
(Deficit) / Surplus	(2,696)	1,261

All funds are unrestricted

Statement of Balances
Year ended 30 April 2026

		2026 Total	2025 Total
		£	£
Opening bank & cash balances		55,758	54,497
(Deficit) / Surplus		(2,696)	1,261
Closing bank & cash balances		53,062	55,758
Assets			
Stock	Unrestricted fund	4,654	4,596
Equipment & furniture (at cost)	"	7,399	2,105
Liabilities		-	-
No liabilities at the year end			

All funds are unrestricted

Approved by the trustees on 01/10/26 and signed on their behalf by:

Roderick W Greig - Chairman

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 30 April 2026

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1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with:

- The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and
- Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended.

2. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

No trustees or connected persons received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

3. Restricted Funds

During the year, the charity had no restricted funds therefore all funds are unrestricted.