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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	Jan	2025	To	31	Dec	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Family History Society of Buchan
Other names charity is known by	FHSB
Registered charity number	SC039533
Charity's principal address	77 Broad Street
	Peterhead
	Aberdeenshire
	Postcode AB42 1JL

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sheila Allan	Chairperson		
2	Anne Allan	Treasurer		
3	Sheila Sorrell	Membership Secretary		
4	Sandy Allan	Editor		
5	Hazel Buscu	Advertising		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Robert Smith	1 st January to 3 rd August 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Family History Society of Buchan's Constitution as amended at the AGM on 20th May 2023.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The Trustees are appointed by the membership for a period of either three years or annually depending on the office held, usually at the AGM.

The Committee has the power to co-opt additional members during the year without recourse to the membership.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The purpose of the Society is to advance education through promoting and encouraging the study of Genealogy, Family History and Local History in the Buchan area by meetings, lectures and the production of local publications/resources.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Currently, due to a shortage of volunteers, the Family History Centre is open for only one day per week. However, we are able to open on any other day where a prior arrangement has been made (i.e. to accommodate visitors to the area).

Our aims are:

To advise and assist people in starting or continuing genealogical studies.
To procure and make available reference materials including access to the internet and genealogy subscription sites..

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Owing to the shortage of volunteers to man the Centre we have not been able to open for more than one day per week. This has restricted our achievements and performance for the year. However, the number of visitors into the Centre has continued to increase during 2025.

We held a three-day Photographic Exhibition during Peterhead Scottish Week 2025, centred on old school photographs, which was well attended.

Unfortunately weather conditions meant we were forced to cancel our annual Graveyard Walk, which comprises a conducted tour of a local cemetery where we point out the memorial inscriptions on several graves of local historical interest with a brief account of the persons buried therein.

For the first time since Covid, we were able to restart our open meetings, which feature a talk on an aspect of genealogy or local heritage. At this first meeting we hosted a presentation about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and its educational charity, the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation.

The Society also took part in the Scottish Council on Archives project, Community Stories, Community Archives, attending a day long workshop in Perth, and working on our own archives with a community archivist.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No reserves at the moment

Details of any deficit

No deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The sole use of the premises which we are occupying has been donated to the Society by Mr & Mrs Stephen. They are permitting us to occupy the property free of charge. This offer does not include service charges which we need to cover ourselves.
We are still being granted 100% discounted Business Rates. We are also exempt from paying water rates to Business Stream.

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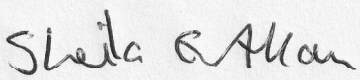
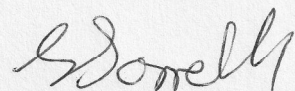
Other optional information

In 2025, the Society has been active in gathering further sources of information to add to our collection. This information further facilitates our members and patrons with their research. The skills gained through the Scottish Council on Archives project are helping to ensure our collection is indexed and archived properly.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sheila Elizabeth Allan	Sheila Mary Sorrell
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairperson	Membership Secretary
Date	9th July 2026	9th July 2026

THE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF BUCHAN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)
FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

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		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Grants		-	-	-	-
Membership		-	1,720	1,720	2,061
Donations		-	152	152	1,277
Fundraising		-	219	219	117
Receipts from Charitable Activities		-	733	733	534
Total Incoming Resources		-	2,825	2,825	3,989
<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
Donations		-	-	-	-
Resources Expended for Charitable Activities		-	2,860	2,860	3,290
Governance Costs - Independent Examination		-	72	72	72
Total Resources Expended		-	2,932	2,932	3,362
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for Year		-	(107)	(107)	627
Total Funds at 1 January 2025		-	2,195	2,195	1,568
Total Funds at 31 December 2025		-	2,088	2,088	2,195

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
The above receipts and payments are split between restricted and unrestricted funds.

THE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF BUCHAN
STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

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	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 January 2025	-	2,195	2,195	1,568
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	(107)	(107)	627
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 December 2025	-	2,088	2,088	2,195

£
Balance At Bank 2058.15
Cash in Hand 30.00
£2,088.15

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 May 2026
and were signed on its behalf by: Sandy Allan


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Trustee

THE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF BUCHAN
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Nature & Purpose of Funds

Funds are raised through membership and production and sales of publications. These funds are unrestricted.

Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

No remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee in this period.

Direct reimbursement of purchases on behalf of the organisation were paid to 2 trustees on submission of receipts. These payments amounted to £36.26.

<i>Receipts</i>	£
ANEFHS	79.95
Sales	318.00
Membership	1,719.70
Crowdfunder	219.38
Donations	152.49
Research	159.50
Other	175.66
	2,824.68

<i>Payments</i>	
Centre - Running Costs	1,800.33
Website	640.00
Stock Purchases	283.14
Meeting costs	50.00
Postage	11.30
Bank/Paypal Fees	49.80
Independent Examination of Accounts	72.00
Other	24.96
	2,931.53

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Family History Society of Buchan
Registered Charity Number: SC039533**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 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 Regulations
 - 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.

Signed: *Jacquie Milne*

Name: Jacquie Milne

Designation: Finance & Administration Manager, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action

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Date: 10 July 2026