Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers

Scottish Charity No. SC015868

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers

TRUSTEES

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THE NAN STEVENSON CHARITABLE TRUST FOR RETIRED MINISTERS
TRUSTEES REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 which they consider comply with The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. In particular, as the Income of the Trust does not exceed £250,000 the form prescribed by Section 9, a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Funds with relevant Report and Notes, has been adopted.

It is the Trustees' responsibility to prepare this Report and Accounts and to maintain adequate records sufficient to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position and to safeguard the assets of the Trust and hence take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Receipts during the year totalled £12,585 (2024: £13,264) which comprised Loan interest receipts of £2,661, Deposit Fund interest of £6,000, Bank interest of £82 and investment income from our Growth Fund of £3,842. No loans were redeemed during the year. Payments during the year were £42 (2024: £32) which was payment for newspaper notice of AGM. In addition, a grant of £3,995 was made for the purchase of a Braille reader and a loan of £120,000 made to support the purchase of a house. Overall, there was a deficit of £111,452 for the year (2024: surplus of £13,232). Total Funds at the end of the year amounted to £535,324 (2024: £526,775). The value of the Growth Fund at 31 December 2025 was £195,825 (2024: £181,594).

PURPOSES OF THE TRUST

The Trust was created by the late John Stevenson under Trust Deed dated 18th July 1988 in memory of his late wife, Nan, to assist principally with the provision of housing in retirement for Church of Scotland Ministers but also Deacons and Missionaries, who have ministered or been resident in North Ayrshire and, with discretion, other Ministers, Missionaries or Deacons. The original Trust Deed was amended in 2021 to include persons in a recognised ministry within the Church being eligible to apply at, slightly before or after retirement and to allow the Trustees to award grants as well as loans. These changes maintain the original purposes of the Trust but reflect changes in society.

TRUSTEES

The Trust Deed provides that administration of the Trust be by Trustees who are members of the Presbytery of the South West, including two who represent Largs. . The Trustees who acted during the year are listed on Page 2 of these statements. The Moderator of Presbytery and Presbytery Clerk are ex-officio Trustees and the Moderator acts as Chairman of the Trust during his or her period of office. In the event of a vacancy for Trustees, this is discussed within the Presbytery who appoint appropriate members as required. Nomination and appointment is therefore independent of the existing Trustees.

ACTIVITIES
The Trustees are always ready to assist those eligible as and when required. The Trust is empowered to assist certain applicants who are otherwise ineligible for assistance or who require additional assistance from The Retired Ministers' Housing and Loan Fund of the Church of Scotland and has co-operated with such cases in the past. The Trustees hope that being part of an expanded Presbytery will result in an increase in approaches to the Trust for funding.

During 2025 an application was made for a grant towards the purchase of a Braille reader and this was granted in the amount of £3,995. An application was also received for a loan towards the purchase of a house for a retiring Minister and a loan of £120,000 on a Shared Appreciation basis was approved.

RESERVES
The Trustees maintain a small amount of funds for running requirements in a Royal Bank of Scotland current account. The Trustees retain a reasonable amount of funds should it be required for lending purposes in a Church of Scotland Investors Trust Deposit Fund.

INVESTMENT POLICY
Surplus funds are invested in a Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth Fund. At the end of December 2025 the market value was £195,825 (2024: £181,594) at a cost of £150,000.

DONATED SERVICES
The Trust is relieved of virtually the whole cost of administration through the voluntary services of all the Trustees, including the Secretary & Treasurer. The preparation and examination of accounts is carried out free of charge.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Magnus Ross

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Magnus Ross, Trustee

Date 28th February, 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
RECEIPTS			
Investment income	2	12,585	13,264
Loan redemption		0	0
Shared appreciation gain		0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		12,585	13,264
PAYMENTS			
Administration expenses		42	32
Legal expenses		0	0
Investments		0	0
Grants		3,995	0
Loans advanced		120,000	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**124,037**	**32**
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		**(111,452)**	**13,232**
BANK BALANCES brought forward		144,575	131,343
Excess Receipts/(Payments)		(111,451)	13,232
BANK BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	5	**33,124**	**144,575**
INVESTMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	4	**150,000**	**150,000**
LOANS ADVANCED	6	**352,200**	**232,200**
TRUST FUND AT 31 DECEMBER 2025		**535,324**	**526,775**

The Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees.

Magnus Ross ......Magnus Ross...... Trustee

J Fulton Murdoch ......J Fulton Murdoch...... Treasurer

Date ......28th February, 2026......

THE NAN STEVENSON CHARITABLE TRUST FOR RETIRED MINISTERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and in accordance with Section 9 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Investments are included in the Trust's assets at the lower of cost or market value.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit interest received	6,000	6,681
Bank interest received	82	79
Dividends received	3,842	3,843
Loan interest received	2,661	2,661
	12,585	**13,264**

3. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No Trustee received remuneration or expenses during the year.

4. INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost	150,000	150,000
Market Value	195,825	181,594

5. BANK BALANCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church of Scotland Investors Trust Deposit Accounts	27,644	134,801
Bank Account	5,480	9,774
	33,124	**144,575**

6. LOANS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loans advanced brought forward	**232,200**	**232,200**
Loans advanced in the year	120,000	0
Loans redeemed in the year	0	0
Loans advanced at 31 December 2025	**352,200**	**232,200**

Loans are presently provided to 6 (2024: 5) recipients.

THE NAN STEVENSON CHARITABLE TRUST FOR RETIRED MINISTERS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on Pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner
The 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.

The 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 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Signed Date

Ian Ferguson 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Ian Ferguson
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