Charity registration number: SC028752

Fochabers Heritage

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 January 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Fochabers Heritage
Charity Registration Number	SC028752
Trustees	Jim Kilpatrick - Chair Vicki Holmes - Vice Chair Dorothy Leslie – Treasurer (Appointed 1 February 2026) Sylvia Reid – Secretary Janet Hallyburton – Minutes Secretary Kay Griffin Clair Tombe Margaret Murray Irene Allan Chris Overing Davie Jenkins Fiona Seivewright Anne Duncan – Treasurer (Resigned 31 January 2026) Sandra Milne (Resigned 31 March 2026) Anna Mary Overing (Resigned 31 March 2026)
Accountant	Goldwells Ltd - Elgin Wards House Wards Road ELGIN Moray IV30 5NL

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Trustees' Report

Our 2025 season started on schedule unlike the previous year when we did not open until May due to water ingress.

Visitor figures were good throughout the year. In total we had 1842 visitors. Broken down that was 1509 adults and 333 children. This was just short of 200 visitors more than the previous season. It was also great to see that some of the children who had visited with various groups persuaded their mum and dads to pay us a visit.

Sales from our wide range of merchandise were very good and donations from our visitors were excellent with one family donating £50.

We had many overseas visitors, including Australia, America and even Mosstodloch! Once again, we must thank Vicki for her brilliant work in helping families from near and far trace their forebearers, find relatives and where they stayed in Fochabers. Well done Vicki! Vicki also in partnership with Sylvia continue to visit different groups and give their "Land Girls" talks. They are both very much in demand and get several donations along the way. They do sometimes have difficulty in finding the various venues.

During the closed season, we had the decorators in to spruce up the Heritage room and last year our art display from local artists proved very popular with several sales and along with our Spey Fishing display, they fairly brightened up the room. We are still working on what will replace all the local art for this season.

This year's Gala, as you probably remember was a washout but a table was set up in the Institute and manned (or should I say "ladied") by our enthusiastic girls. We had a wool craft art creation donated to the Heritage by Diana Hendry to raise money for our own funds. However, it was raffled off at the event and the monies were donated to the Fochabers Village Association, £140.

We had several donations to the Museum throughout the year. I think my favourite was the flying scale model Beaufighter. It was a bit of a challenge to display due to its size, but we got there in the end and it makes a superb addition to our RAF Dallachy display. This was kindly donated on loan from Dougie Walker from Stornaway.

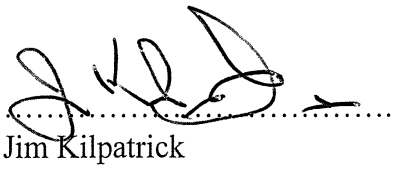
Our brilliant quarterly newspaper, The Fochaberian, has had another great year going from strength to strength. Subscriptions are very healthy and keeps on increasing. We get many compliments from our subscribers. Sometimes we struggle to get enough content but due to the skill of our various editors, we always manage to meet the deadline for printing. It is such an asset to the village and for the Fochaberians who have moved away from the area. I would also like to thank the "distribution department". Without their delivery skills we would be paying a fortune in postage. Thank you all.

To end our season, we had another fabulous afternoon tea at the Sidings Café in Dufftown. We can all highly recommend it with lovely sandwiches, sausage rolls, home baked cakes and copious amounts of tea and coffee. At Christmas, we had our now regular fish and chips which was once again kindly donated free of charge by the Fochabers Chip Bar. Thank you.

Before I close, I would like to thank three people. Sandra, our art expert, decided to hang up her volunteer badge after many years of service. Anna-Mary, our Tuesday afternoon volunteer. We would like to thank you both. We will miss you greatly. Also, our long serving and fastidious treasurer Anne. Anne has had a traumatic year and has decided to give up her position due to illness. During her tenure, not a penny was mislaid or unaccounted for. Her service to the Heritage will be greatly missed. Speedy recovery and hopefully we will see you back soon. Thank you all ladies.

Lastly, (thank goodness you say) I would like to thank all the volunteers for their sterling service throughout the year. Without you all, the Museum and Heritage Centre would cease to function, and, before I forget, a wee mention to our resident cake maker, Claire. Please come back from Australia – we miss you!!

Thank you all and here's to another successful year!



Jim Kilpatrick
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fochabers Heritage

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners
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. 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 report
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.

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Mel Candy, ACCA
Goldwells Ltd – Elgin

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15th October 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 January 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Activities for generating funds	1	2,055	-	2,055	2,202
Total incoming resources		2,055	-	2,055	2,202
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary Income	2	2,681	-	2,681	1,820
Depreciation of Equipment	6	259	-	259	355
Total resources expended		2,940	-	2,940	2,175
Net movements in funds		(885)	-	(885)	27
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		22,745	5,000	27,745	22,718
Total funds carried forward		21,860	5,000	28,630	22,745

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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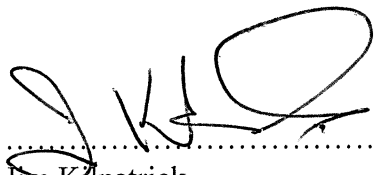
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets – Equipment	518	777
Total Fixed Assets	518	777
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	21,342	21,968
Net Assets	21,342	21,968
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted funds	5,000	5,000
Unrestricted funds		
Unrestricted income funds	16,860	17,745
Total charity funds	21,860	22,745

Approved by the Board on 15 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Jim Kilpatrick
Chair

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 January 2026

1 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations	1,714	-	1,714	1,557
Sale of purchased goods	341	-	341	645
	2,055	-	2,055	2,202

2 Total resources expended

	Costs of Fund Raising 2026 £	Costs of Fund Raising 2025 £
Depreciation of Equipment	259	355
Office Expenses	905	963
Sundry Expenses	1,438	677
Donations	140	-
Accountancy fees	198	180
	2,940	2,175

3 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

4 Related parties

Controlling entity.

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

5 Analysis of funds

	At 1 February 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 January 2026 £
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	17,745	2,055	2,940	16,860
Restricted Funds				
Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation	5,000	-	-	5,000
	22,745	2,055	2,940	21,860

6 Fixed Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Costs at 1st February 2025	777	-	777	862
Additions	-	-	-	270
Less: Depreciation @ 33.3%	(259)	-	(259)	(355)
Net assets	518	-	518	777

7 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	16,342	5,000	21,342	21,968
Net assets	16,342	5,000	21,342	21,968

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Statement of financial activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 January 2026

	Unrestricted Income fund 2026 £	Unrestricted Income fund 2025 £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	2,202	16,632
Total incoming resources	2,202	16,632
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds		
Costs of generating voluntary income	2,175	1,983
Total resources expended	2,175	1,983
Net movements in funds	27	14,649
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	22,718	8,069
Total funds carried forward	22,745	22,718

	Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation 2026 £	Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation 2025 £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	-	-
Total incoming resources	-	-
Net movements in funds	-	-
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	5,000	5,000
Total funds carried forward	5,000	5,000

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