

APPENDIX 1



Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	08	2024	To	31	07	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	FOR BUTE
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC044153
Charity's principal address	39 Victoria Street
	Rothesay, Isle of Bute
	Postcode PA20 0AP

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	Pete Barnet	Trustee		
2	Johanna Schofield	Trustee		
3	Marlene Hill	Chair		
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Approval of chair

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of education,
 The advancement of citizenship or community development,
 The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science,
 The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

To advance citizenship and community development through encouragement of voluntary activity for the benefit of the community, both by offering opportunities directly, such as volunteering in the For Bute Community Thrift Shop and participating in environment improvement projects, and by financially supporting other organisations which encourage voluntary activity for the benefit of the community, and through targeted improvement of the local environment with a view to encouraging civic responsibility.

Achievements and performance

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

In the reporting period, the For Bute Community Thrift Store has continued to enjoy increased success due to the much larger new premises and the shop's prominent position facing the seafront promenade, not far from the town centre and the ferry terminal. For Bute has continued to increase the scale of the donations made to the organisations who apply for support. In particular, For Bute has over the past two years provided substantial grants to the hugely successful Bute Noir crime fiction festival (now a charitable initiative), and the Bute Arts Society, which runs a diverse range of concerts throughout the season. Sponsorship has continued for Bute Island Radio, Beachwatch Bute, the Bute Wheelers cycling club, the Lade Centre (for the elderly, ill and disabled), the island's various bowling clubs and competitions, Scottish and Irish dancing clubs, a wide variety of sporting clubs (shinty, football etc) as well as travel expenses for Bute students in dancing, piping and sporting competitions. Local schools, Bute Animal Rescue, the Bute Pipe Band and Bute Community Band, are among many other applicants. Applications are handed in at the shop, and are held til monthly decisions are made. Applications can be seen at the shop until that time. All donations are covered in the Isle of Bute News in order to publicise the outcomes of public support for For Bute and its activities.

For Bute remains the only charity on the island that has no paid employees; operations at the Community Thrift Store are supported by a network of volunteers who manage, stock and run the shop and help with pick up and delivery of donations, house clearances etc. None of the staff or trustees receive remuneration, and no money from the shop has gone toward the purchase of the vehicle used for collections and deliveries. For Bute volunteers are largely retired, and being part of the team in such a busy and large shop keeps them involved and active in community life.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

For Bute carries the financial responsibility for any repairs to its extensive shop premises, which is in a conservation area and affected by age, winter storms etc. Our reserves are held to cover any unforeseen emergencies and generally total at least two years' rent for premises, insurances, utility bills and water rates.

Details of any deficit

For Bute has no deficit, as we always keep a running reserve.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	MARLENE HILL	
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIR	
Date	16/05/2026	