

Friends of St Conan's Kirk SCIO
Trustees' Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
For year ending 31st December 2025

Administrative Information

Charity number SC045006

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Trustees	Rosie Campbell-Preston	Chair
	Peter Hennessy	Vice-Chair
	Helen Hennessy	Treasurer
	Takki Sulaiman	Secretary
	Elizabeth Mackay	
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	Graham Swanson	
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Independent Examiner Angus MacGillivray
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Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December

Structure, governance and management

Overall structure of the charity

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered on 21 July 2014.

Trustee recruitment and appointment is governed by the constitution sections:

- Number - 22 Number of OFFICE BEARERS,
 23 Eligibility,
 24 Election, retirement, re-election,
 25 Termination of office and section
 27 Office-bearers

Objectives and activities

Objects & Purposes of the Charity

Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk is a non-profit making organisation with the charitable purpose of preserving the heritage of Saint Conan's Kirk by providing both educational and a focal point for the local community and help raise funds to maintain the fabric of the Kirk its grounds and future existence through the pursuit of activities and fund raising.

Main activities in relation to these objectives:

During the period of the year:

- The charity received Friends memberships
- Ran many fundraising activities in the Kirk
- Ran several educational activities
- Engaged the community in a variety of events
- Applied for grants to support purposes

Achievements and performance

Building on the work and documentation gathered over the past several years, the charity supported the Delivery Phase Submission to National Lottery Heritage Fund for a transformative project. In June we learned that this application which will enhance the visitor experience, support the local community and increase opportunities to advance education, arts and culture while inclusively sharing the heritage of St Conan's, had been successful.

Throughout the year the charity continued to organise or support a range of cultural/educational/ inclusive events involving and/or attended by the community and/or visitors:

- -Guided tours: We organised over 60 tours for some 1300 visitors. These cover architecture, history, links to the local community
- -Our annual art competition for primary schools which this year involved 5 schools and received 240 entries which were displayed throughout the summer.
- -Informative school visits (2)
- -Concerts, talks, storytelling and community singing afternoons (9)

We also supported or organised several events lasting one or more days:

- a deep dive History and Heritage Day
- Spring-clean, gardening and maintenance volunteer day
- Pumpkin Festival for primary Schools ... attracting a new audience in a fun and engaging way
- The Christmas Tree Festival, now in its 10th year, and attracting some 4000 visitors, many of whom have never previously visited, to see, this year, 78 trees, designed and decorated by a wide range of organisations and groups from an ever-increasing geographical area.

The charity also supports the administration of the St Conan's website and the various marketing strategies for the activities and events programme.

Throughout the year, the Friends continued to function as an active charity with a hard-working team of Trustees dedicated to fulfilling our charitable purposes.

Financial Review

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have examined the charity's exposure to strategic, financial, business and operational risks. The Trustees are satisfied that adequate systems and procedures are in place, including the annual review of a risk register. Risk mitigation and any changes to the identified risks are recorded in the minutes of the Board meetings.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to hold only the minimum free reserves required to ensure it is continuing operations. At 31st December 2025 the charity held unrestricted funds of £110,708 and restricted funds of £33,000. The Trustees consider this to be an appropriate amount to allow us to respond promptly to funding opportunities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on: **23 September 2026** and signed on their behalf by:

ROSIE CAMPBELL-PRESTON

ELIZABETH M MACKAY

ROSIE CAMPBELL-PRESTON
Chair

ELIZABETH M MACKAY
Trustee

Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Reregulation 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 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, 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. 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Angus D MacGillivray

23 September 2026

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Friends of Saint Conan's Kirk
Receipts & Payments
For year ending 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income					
Donations	1	23,048	-	23,048	47,934
Grants	1		40,649	40,649	32,098
Charitable Activities	2	503	-	503	504
Guided Tours	3	9,370	-	9,370	6,345
HMRC (Gift Aid)	4	2,310	-	2,310	2,259
Listed Places of Worship	4	2,436	-	2,436	-
Petty Cash (guide books & tips)	3	771	-	771	1,369
St Conan's Trust	4	14,198	-	14,198	-
Refund	4	194	-	194	-
Total Income		52,830	40,649	93,479	90,509
Expenditure					
Garden & Paths		90	-	90	25
Repairs & Renewals		2,396	10,649	13,045	15,042
Printing & Stationary		2,151	-	2,151	-
Event Expenses		4,884	750	5,634	1,117
Miscellaneous		671	-	671	-
Debit/Credit Card Costs		239	-	239	166
Insurance		76	-	76	96
Internet & website		2,999	-	2,999	4,212
National Lottery Expense		18,179	-	18,179	12,175
Petty Cash Payments		346	-	346	912
Expenditure adjustment from 2024		5,972	-	5,972	-
Total Expenditure		38,003	11,399	49,402	33,745
Net income/expenditure		14,827	29,250	44,077	56,764
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expense) for the year		14,827	29,250	44,077	56,764
Total funds brought forward		95,881	3,750	99,631	42,867
Total funds carried forward		110,708	33,000	143,708	99,631

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Statement of Balances
As at 31st December 2025

Bank Account	2025	2024
Opening bank balances	99,631	42,867
Receipts	93,479	90,509
Payments	(49,402)	(33,745)
Closing bank balances	143,708	99,631
 Other Assets Held		
Debtors	800	-
 Liabilities at year end		
Ordinary Creditors	2,946	-

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Notes to the accounts
For year ending 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £
1. Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Donations:				
Public donations (including fundraising activities*)		22,708	-	22,708
Cycle Club		300	-	300
Bridge Club		40	-	40
Grants:				
GreenPower		-	10,000 ³	10,000
GreenPower		-	649 ⁴	649
DRAX Power Station		-	30,000 ⁵	30,000
		23,048	40,649	63,697
2. Charitable Activities				
Friends Membership Fees		345	-	345
Easy Fundraising		44	-	44
Argyll Lottery		114	-	114
		503	-	503
3. Other Activities				
Guided Tours		9,370	-	9,370
Donations from Tours		346	-	346
Guide Book Sales		425	-	425
		10,141	-	10,141
4. Miscellaneous				
HMRC- Gift Aid & GASDS		2,310	-	2,310
Listed Places of Worships (VAT reclaim)		2,436	-	2,436
St Conan's Trust		14,198	-	14,198
Refunds		194	-	194
		19,138	-	19,138

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*Fundraising activities: -

Christmas Tree Festival	16,389.52
Halloween Festival	716.42
Storytelling Event	121.10
Coffee & Cake Events (x4)	608.30
Heritage Day	453.44
Community Singing (x5)	1,543.78
Spring Cleaning Day	83.45
Chancel Choir	120.38
	20,036.39
Other donations	2,672.00
	22,708.39

³Restricted to new heating around pews

⁴Restricted to lighting

⁵Restricted to Cloister heating

Employees

No salaries paid

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Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Total £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 st December 2025 as represented by:			
Current assets	110,708	33,000	143,708
	110,708	33,000	143,708

**Analysis of net assets between funds
(prior year)**

Fund balances at 31 st December 2024 as represented by:			
Current assets	95,881	3,750	99,631
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Unrestricted Funds Summary

	Opening at 1st Jan 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Closing at 31 Dec 2025 £
	95,881	52,830	38,003	-	110,708
	95,881	52,830	38,003	-	110,708

Restricted Funds Summary

	Opening at 1st Jan 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Closing at 31st Dec 2025 £
The Barrack Charitable Trust ¹	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
DRAX Power Station ²	750	-	750	-	-
GreenPower Grant ³	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
GreenPower Grant ⁴	-	649	649	-	-
DRAX ⁵	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
	3,750	40,649	11,399	-	33,000

Restricted funds: — ¹Octagonal tower toilet ²Community Singing ³Heating ⁴Lighting ⁵Crypt Heating

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on **23 September 2026** and signed on their behalf by

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