

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC013795

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025
for
Friends of Summerlee Heritage Trust**

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for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

SC013795

Principal address

Heritage Way
Coatbridge
ML5 1QD

Trustees

Gordon Macmillan	Hon. President
John Convery	Chairman
May M Convery (resigned 8/3/25)	Secretary
Trevor Rees	Treasurer
Roderick D Ellis	
David Willey	

Independent examiner

Fiona Mortimer BA CA
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity was formed on 21 April 1988 and is governed by constitution (amended March 2014).

Legal Status and Governance

Friends of Summerlee is a charitable trust. It has a board of Trustees who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board has 6 members.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are to promote public interest in Summerlee Heritage Trust, to assist Summerlee in the maintenance, extension and display of its collection, to help develop the work of Summerlee Heritage Trust in the fields of education, leisure and to encourage its use as a cultural centre and to obtain financial support from central and local government, educational authorities, charitable trusts, the local business community and the general public.

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Report of the Trustees (cont'd) for the year ended 31 December 2025

Activities

The year started on a hopeful note in anticipation that NLC would be successful in recruiting and appointing someone to fill the workshop 'Heritage Technician' vacancy (the role formerly held by Alan Taggerty until his retirement); this was the third time the job was advertised and, aside from supervising and overseeing engineering activities carried out by volunteers in the workshop, specifically in relation to maintenance and operation of the steam fleet, a key duty of the post-holder is that of Responsible Officer for the tramway.

The tramway is a significant attraction and draws visitors from around the country and further afield; however, tram operations have been suspended since late 2022, initially due to an electrical issue which was resolved, but subsequently because of there being no Responsible Officer. Thus, it was disappointing that no suitable candidates applied to fill the post and, in consequence, the tramway is unable to resume operation.

In February, there was an open meeting convened to seek views, consider options and look at the 'way forward' for the Friends. The Monday workshop group only consists of a very small handful of regulars, in part this due to the Friends being promoted by Volunteer NL. The meeting was arranged in recognition that the advancing years of long serving members and waning interest in getting new people involved had to be addressed; this meeting was followed in March by the AGM.

The opening address at the AGM referenced the falling membership and decline in interest in Friends' activities (as evidenced by a very low turn-out); the remaining office bearers indicated they were standing down and not seeking re-election. To facilitate some continuity in the short term, two new Trustees were approved/appointed but the view of members present was that, in due course, it is likely the Friends will be formally dissolved.

Due to the ongoing vacancy for workshop 'Heritage Technician' and extended leave of another key member of the site team, no work (other than some limited cleaning and polishing) has been carried out on Summerlee's steam fleet, namely steam tractor 'Tigger', the Fowler road-roller or Foster portable engine. Similarly, work on the steam launch 'Firequeen' has been paused. As such, the regular Friends Workgroup have gainfully employed themselves and carried out various works to assist the site staff, notably clearing the vegetation on and around the railway in the vicinity of the tram depot and mine.

The STEAM FAIR went ahead over the second weekend of August with many of the regular exhibitors attending and having their engines in steam, albeit none of the 'Summerlee Fleet' were in steam. Our steam tractor, 'Tigger', was polished up for the occasion and shunted outside for static display in the sunshine where, as ever, it was of great interest to the young and not so young visitors over the two days.

As reported last year, it had been necessary to suspend ENGINE DRIVING TRAINING due to the unavailability of a suitable instructor; disappointingly, that position has not changed but is somewhat academic since both 'Tigger' and the Fowler road-roller are non-operational, with no immediate prospect of returning to service.

There has been no work carried out on the FOSTER PORTABLE STEAM ENGINE at the sawmill and cosmetically this is looking rather forlorn; as a static exhibit it does draw some interest from visitors but there is no indication as to what the future holds for this.

OTHER NEWS. NLC are developing plans and funding applications for a transformation project with an estimated cost of up to £8m that will take up to three years to deliver; the proposal is to develop some of the under-utilised parts of the twenty-three acre site, works that were envisaged when the museum was first set up in the 1980s. The tramway will play a key part in transporting visitors to the proposed new facilities so there is added impetus to get this up and running again.

REST IN PEACE.

Sadly, shortly before Christmas, our ex-chairman, John Convery, took ill and was hospitalised; he remained in hospital until his death in February 2026. John was a long serving FoS member, very much 'hands on' and could be found toggled up in his overalls in Summerlee's workshop most weeks right up until the week before he took ill.

Rik Ellis, Friends of Summerlee Trustee and Committee Member.

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Report of the Trustees (cont'd) for the year ended 31 December 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review & Reserves Policy

The bank balance for the Friends of Summerlee was in credit for £8,045.73 in January and ended the year with £7,838.99, a drop of £206.74. Subscriptions were at a very low level, bringing in £36.00 with no new members joining during the year. The downturn in membership numbers continues and is reflected in the lack of volunteers for activities which brought in funds in the past.

The Friends were involved in organising and running the Steam Weekend in August. Expenses totalling £530 were paid to exhibitors and this was reimbursed by Culture NL, as was the £100 paid for compliance (inspection of accounts).

The Friends continues membership of the Steamboat Association (annual subscription £36).

£85 was paid to John Convery for materials required for the restoration of the steamboat 'Firequeen'. The Friends was awarded a grant of £5,000 in 2023 to assist with this work. The Trustees decided to place what remained of this money (£3,582.93) in a separate account, ring-fenced for work on the boat (Friends of Summerlee Account B). If work on Firequeen ceases for any reason, the balance in this account would be returned to the local authority.

A reorganisation at the bank led to charges being levied on business accounts, (Account A - £50.38 and Account B - £70.86). Previously no charges were paid.

There has been some progress during the year of persuading members to take up posts of officers and trustees. It is very much a case of 'watch this space'.

Thanks are due to the small number of members who have worked hard to keep the Society running.

All funds are unrestricted and can be used at the discretion of the trustees.

The board consider that the reserves are sufficient for their immediate purposes.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11/9/26 and signed on its behalf by:

R D Ellis

Roderick D Ellis - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Friends of Summerlee Heritage Trust**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

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.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 (as amended). 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 (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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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Date: 21/9/26

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income		<u>666</u>	<u>734</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		773	836
Governance costs		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total resources expended		<u>873</u>	<u>936</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(207)	(202)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		8,046	8,248
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>7,839</u></u>	<u><u>8,046</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

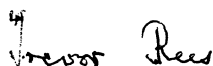
At 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		<u>7,839</u>	<u>8,046</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,839</u>	<u>8,046</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,839	8,046
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NET ASSETS		<u>7,839</u>	<u>8,046</u>
FUNDS	3		
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,839</u>	<u>8,046</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>7,839</u>	<u>8,046</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 11/9/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Roderick D Ellis -Trustee



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T Rees -Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,046	(207)	7,839
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,046</u>	<u>(207)</u>	<u>7,839</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	666	(873)	(207)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>666</u>	<u>(873)</u>	<u>(207)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	8,248	(202)	8,046
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,248</u>	<u>(202)</u>	<u>8,046</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	734	(936)	(202)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>734</u>	<u>(936)</u>	<u>(202)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>8,248</u>	<u>(409)</u>	<u>7,839</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,248</u>	<u>(409)</u>	<u>7,839</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>1,400</u>	<u>(1,809)</u>	<u>(409)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,400</u>	<u>(1,809)</u>	<u>(409)</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Subscriptions	36	34
Donations	-	-
Culture NL - reimbursed costs	630	700
	<u>666</u>	<u>734</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>666</u>	<u>734</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Membership of SBA	36	36
Projects	86	200
Postage and stationery	-	-
Steam Weekend expenses	530	600
Bank charges	121	-
	<u>773</u>	<u>836</u>
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's fee	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total resources expended	<u>873</u>	<u>936</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(207)</u>	<u>(202)</u>