

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 30 September 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiners report for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Lochbroom Heritage / Dualchas Loch Bhraoin

Charity No

SCO53647

Address

Duncan Mackenzie, Caberfeidh, Corry, Ullapool, IV26 2TB

Current Trustees

Duncan MacKenzie	Chair
Mairi S Osborne	Secretary
Mary Stanton	Treasurer
Hugh M MacPhee	
Seonaidh Charity	
Donald J MacLean	
Catherine Dagg	
Richard J Else	
Mary Rose MacNeil	

Andrew Grant McKenzie

Lucy I Beattie

Elected 29/09/2025

Other trustees who served during the year

Nigel Carr

Retired 09/07/2025

Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 21 April 2024. The Charity was granted charitable status by OSCR. It has a single Tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The management committee are the Charity's trustees. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the latest meeting being held on 14 April 2025. The maximum number of trustees is 11 and the minimum number of trustees is 3.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose

To benefit the community of Lochbroom and surrounding area through the advancement of heritage, culture and science.

Activities

Research and fieldwork in natural science, history and archaeology and to promote the study of this in the

community. This involves a project based around the estate of Inverlael in Lochbroom parish and is seen as the next step after completion of the highly successful Lost Inverlael, Finding Balblair project run by Ullapool Museum in 2022-23.

Achievements and Performance

Efforts in this first year have been concentrated on both archaeology and funding.

Investigation of the higher lands above Inverlael has identified many potential structures of interest which we hope to be able to study in more detail in the following year.

We have been building links with many people who are interested in the potential of the area and who can bring a wide range of knowledge and skills, including archaeology, LIDAR, specialist drone photography, 3D and CAD modelling amongst others.

Funding will be crucial to the success of the charity, and we have been searching for sources and means to raise the funds to allow us to carry out the proposed archaeology. We applied to the Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) fund in May 2025. There was huge interest in this fund and we were not successful. However it was a useful exercise and we will continue to investigate further sources of funding.

Financial Review

As a new Charity our funding so far has been from donations. Our current focus is to obtain funding to carry out

Archaeology training which will cost approximately £1750, and Liability Insurance which will cost approximately £500.

Plans for Future Period

Our plans are to have funding in place to enable our trustees to be trained and knowledgeable in fieldwork, passing an assessment in Archaeology skills. Field work will involve digging in sites occupied over 200 years ago, to expand knowledge on local heritage. The skills learnt will ensure independent research and field surveys and measured recording and excavation under minimum supervision. Once trainees are skilled, this opportunity will be open to the wider public as volunteers.