

Orkney Family History Society

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February 2026

Scottish Charity Number SC026205

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Appointment of Trustees

All of the Society's Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which is held in May each year.

Governing document

The Society is a charitable Unincorporated Association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable purposes

Our purpose, as recorded in our constitution, is to promote the study of Family History and Genealogy of individuals and families in Orkney or with Orkney connections, by the maintenance of a local organisation for the study, collection, analysis and sharing of relevant information.

Activities and achievements

We continue to have our office in the Orkney Library & Archive open from 2.00pm – 4.30pm on Mondays to Fridays. Over the summer we had quite a few visitors from various parts of the world.

We publish our magazine, Sib Folk News, each quarter and it is very much appreciated by our members as it enables all members to contribute to the Society's activities and the building up of the Society. Lots of our members have opted out of receiving our magazine by post and they instead read it on online. This saves us quite a bit as we don't need to print so many magazines and it will also save us quite a bit on postage

Members can now pay their annual subscriptions through Worldpay and this has made things a lot easier for our members living abroad.

We are continuing to put more of our records on the Orkney Family History Society website and this is appreciated very much by our members who can now do a lot of their own research using the website

At our AGM it was agreed to continue with the subscription rates at the same rate.

We have not held monthly meetings this year.

Our membership continues to grow and our membership number is now up to 5670 with 1537 paid up members.

The Society is looking forward to another busy summer.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

AGM

We held our AGM in May which was well attended

All trustees agreed to remain in place for the next year.

Reserves

The Trustees have agreed that although we have a deficit of **£1853** for the year, the Society should continue to invest accumulated funds of **£28497.97** in the Royal Bank of Scotland Treasury Account.

As the Society's accumulated funds are up to **£37479.12** it is hoped that the Trustees will agree not to increase the subscription rates for the forthcoming year. This will be considered at our next committee meeting and if agreed it will be forwarded to the AGM for approval.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Name: E ANNE RENDALL
Signature E Anne Rendall Chairman
Date: 20/3/2026

Name: GEORGE R. GRAY
Signature George R. Gray Treasurer
Date: 20/3/2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 28th February 2026

Receipts

Receipts	2026	2025	
Membership Subscriptions	15454	16818	
Donations Received	563	795	
Sales (Census Booklets etc.)	206	158	
Bank Interest	127	426	
Meeting Collections	0	0	
Gift Aid Tax	735	1682	
Photocopying	34.	38	
Misc Income	48	80	
Grants Received	0	0	
Total Receipts	17167	19997	
Payments			
Office Running costs – Cleaning, Insurance etc	4759	4589	
Stationery/Office Supplies	953	968	
Office Equipment -	343	0	
Cost of Quarterly Magazine	2783	3119	
Postages	8271	8136	
Research Fees	930	1400	
Advertising	68	110	
Annual Subscriptions	493	1015	
Meetings - Hire of hall	56	113	
Misc Expenditure	364	123	
Total Payments	19020	19573	
Surplus for Year		424	
Deficit Surplus for Year	1853		

All funds are unrestricted.

Statement of Balances as at 28th February 2026

Bank and Cash in hand	2026	2025	
Opening Balances	39332	38908	
Deficit for Year	1853		
Surplus for Year		424	
	37479	39332	
Reserves			
Treasury Account	28498	26720	
General Account	8981	12612	
	37479	39332	
Assets			
Office Printers/Computers (25% depreciation)	1500	1149	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Orkney family History Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2026 which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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) (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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 [other than disclosed below*]

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. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: STEVEN SINCLAIR



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: BA CA

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Date: 22/4/26

* Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply set out those matters which have come to your attention.