

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	31	05	2025	To	31	05	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Albertus Institute
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC045760
Charity's principal address	24 George Square, Edinburgh
	Postcode EH3 9LD

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	Agnes Robson	Trustee	28/01/26-31/05/2026	Members
2	Patricia Jones	Trustee	28/01/26-31/05/26	Members
3	Andrew Dolan	Trustee	28/01/26-31/05/26	Members
4	Samuel Burke OP	Trustee	31/05/25-31/05/26	Members
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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
Sara Parvis	31/05/25-28/01/26
Trevor Webster	31/05/25-28/01/26
Martin Robson	31/05/25-28/01/26

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Previously The Albertus Institute was constituted as a Company Limited Guarantee with charitable status. On 5th February 2024, the organisation converted its legal status to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered with OSCR. The charity is now governed by its constitution. It is a two-tier SCIO, with both trustees and members.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	There may be up to 7 trustees, of whom no more than 5 may be elected or appointed and no more than 3 co-opted. In order to be elected by the members of the organisation at an AGM, the individual must be a member of the organisation. A member may be appointed to be a trustee by the existing trustees at any point during the year. The board may co-opt a non-member to be a trustee on the basis that they have specialist experience or skills which could be of assistance and support the Board. One trustee shall be nominated by the Prior Provincial of the English Province of the Order of Preachers.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The charity's purpose is the advancement of education by:

- Engaging in and encouraging open dialogue between science, religion and other forms of intellectual discipline.
- Providing opportunities, including opportunities for persons of religion, to enter public debate on the matters above.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Albertus Institute puts on lectures, conferences and hold other events such as reading groups to further its purposes as stated above.

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Achievements and performance

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

The following events took place over the period:

1. The Annual Lecture

Are Friends Electric?

The benefits and risks of human robot relationships

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 from 6-8pm

Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Theatre,

New College, University of Edinburgh.

There is provision for disabled access

The lecture was given by Professor Tony Prescott

(MA, MSc, PhD, CPsychol, FBPsS) Professor of Cognitive Robotics, University of Sheffield

A donation of £500 was received from the Ian Fleming Charitable Trust to support the Albertus Annual lecture.

2. Conference: Love, Human and Divine: Christian Traditions of Love and Friendship

Saturday, November 1st, 2025

Martin Hall, New College, University of Edinburgh

Professor Jeremy Carrette

Mystical Love/Romantic love Keynote

Dr Harriet Harris

Love and the University Keynote

Dr Sara Parvis

Revisiting Fergus Kerr OP on Charity as Friendship

Dr Elizabeth Drummond Young

CS Lewis, Friendship and Faith

3. AI and Theological Anthropology

'What's the place of Humans in creation?'

Monday, November 24th, 2025

Martin Hall, New College,

University of Edinburgh

An interactive Seminar led by Dr. Shoaib Malik

4. Public Lecture by Gilbert Markus, 11 January 2026, at New College, Edinburgh.

(followed by series of Reading Groups on this subject at the Edinburgh Quaker meeting house)

‘God as nothing’ is the title of the latest book by the former Dominican, Gilbert Markus who is now an ecclesiastical historian.

Groups of 50 -100 people attended the lectures and conferences; a smaller group formed the Reading Group.

In addition to the events, the Working Group planned for a relaunch of the website, social media and ‘Friends and Associates’ subscriptions as well as the event programme through to July 2027. Donations were received for this. See Appendix 1.

Renewal of website, marketing and communications and preparation of

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Albertus Institute will hold six months of its current anticipated monthly costs in reserve. This is considered sufficient for the current programme.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

New College, University of Edinburgh provided the venue for each event. Dr Shoaib Malik and other academics at New College and in other parts of the University gave their time to present for the Albertus Institute.

The Priory at St Albert the Great, Edinburgh acts as the Institute's registered office and offered meeting spaces for trustee and other meetings.

The Working Group of founder members, John Sibbald, Elizabeth Drummond Young and Gordon Wyllie also contributed their time to management and development of the Albertus Institute, including fundraising efforts and construction of a future programme.

Volunteers helped with **bookkeeping and event management**.

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Other optional information

During the year, The Albertus Institute received donations of £8000 from the Stafford Trust and £500 from the JTH Charitable Trust.

A grant of £1000 was received from the JTH Charitable Trust

Regarding the services supplied by Dr Stephen Dolan, he is the son of Andrew Dolan, a trustee. Andrew Dolan had no involvement in the decision to use Dr Dolan's services and Dr Dolan was paid the market rate for them. Full details of these transactions were disclosed to the independent examiner.

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)	Agnes Robson	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Trustee	
Date	29 August 2026	