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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1st	July	2025	To	30 th	June	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Killean & Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association
Other names charity is known by	KKCPA
Registered charity number	SC040708
Charity's principal address	C/o McDonald
	Beachmenach Farm
	Tayinloan, TARBERT
	Argyll
	Postcode PA29 6XF

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	MARION McDONALD	CHAIR/ Secretary	11:09:14	AGM
2	JOHN FRYER	Honorary Trustee	2007	AGM
3	GORDON CASKIE		2007	AGM
4	DONALD McDONALD		2020	AGM
5	MURDO McDONALD		12:09:17	AGM
6	RORY COLVILLE		29:07:22	AGM
7	GILLIAN LAWSON	TREASURER	14:11:23	AGM
8	SARAH BOYLAN		05:03:26	AGM
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

SCIO since July 2016, operating under the terms of its original constitution dated 03.08.2009 and amended on 11.09.2014, and further amended on 15th June 2016 to allow for the change from a charitable association to a SCIO.

Section 45.1 of the constitution states that a minimum of ten members are required for a quorum. A motion was put forward that the requirement be reduced to five members for a quorum.

This amendment was agreed by all present at the AGM held on Friday 28th July 2023, in Tayinloan Hall, Argyll PA29 6XD

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Mrs Sarah Boylan was made a trustee at a meeting of the Trustees on 5th March 2026. Ratified at the AGM held on 14th August 2026.

Mrs Gillian Lawson was voted in as Treasurer of KKCPA, at the AGM 2024

Mrs Gillian Lawson was voted in as the Sub Group Treasurer, Mrs Marion McDonald was voted in as the Sub Group Chair at a public meeting of KKCOA/LOAF on the 14th Nov 2023

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

As set out in the constitution, briefly, to preserve the 12th century ruins of 2 local churches, making them safe, improving access, and by means of public meetings and other activities, to advance knowledge and educate interested parties as to their historical significance (notably medieval stone carvings and grave slabs). To fundraise to support these activities.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Building on previous years activities. Developing funding applications, with assistance from Argyll & Bute Council and improving relationships with like minded local bodies to enable partnership working.

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Achievements and performance

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

The joint group uses the project title of 'Medieval Kintyre Project'. All applications are in the name of KKCPA as the main group holding responsibility for the larger project.

We welcomed our new Patron, Dr Peter Burman who is delighted to bring the project to the notice of interested academics and those interested in medieval history.

We have joined with CHARTS to assist with an Artist in Residence programme this autumn, to look at historic structures in new and exciting ways.

Argyll & Bute Council have received our new amended 'Minute of Agreement' to include Kilkivan Church in the articles. We await HES's response to one of the clauses pertaining to the disbanding of the group at a future date should occur and its repercussions on any funding received.

This financial year we have undertaken several micro-projects to enable reports, inspections and detailed assessments to take place prior to the larger project receiving funding from HES & NLHF.

A planned symposium will take place in less than a month to highlight the national importance of these structures to a wider audience.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

An additional bank account has been opened by KKCPA to hold any fund received for the joint project. Any monies entered are ring-fenced for the purpose the award was received.
Only unallocated amounts are used for general expenditure purposes such as insurance, website fees etc.

Details of any deficit

No deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Argyll & Bute Council continue to provide maintenance to the sites. Any Office bearing Trustee who provides services, talks, or attends meetings for the project is asked to keep a log of hours and details of the time given to the project.

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Other optional information

Information on all three churches (Killean, Kilchenzie & Kilkivan) is available in the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland, Argyll Volume 1, 1995.

The Medieval Kintyre Project sub-group consists of **Chair:** Marion McDonald (KKCPA), **Treasurer:** Gillian Lawson (KKCPA), & **Secretary:** Valerie Nimmo (LOAF). Additional members are; Rory Colville (KKCPA), Jan Nimmo (LOAF), & Elizabeth McTaggart (LOAF).

For the purposes of any funding received, KKCPA will be the main bank account used, and the main applicant for any grant. Highly detailed 'scope of works' documents will ensure that each project will only receive grant funded monies for each phase of the detailed works, as they are completed.

The '**Medieval Kintyre Project**' continues to work towards the 2nd phase of works. Last year one of the micro-projects highlighted the removal of the stones at Kilchenzie Church prior to their restoration and we are pleased to announce that the West Kintyre Windfarm Trust had awarded KKCPA sufficient funds to cover the cost of the transportation and safe removal of the stones to our conservators' storage facility. This will take place once the main project is fully funded.

Additionally, the report from the micro project on Killean has produced additional significant information. Krystyna Pytasz suggests that Killean may be far more important a building than previously thought, possibly a 'lost Cathedral'. Further study of ancient texts and more detailed analysis of the structure is required to confirm these findings – but 1st impressions are very favourable.

We are currently in ongoing discussions with Argyll & Bute Council on producing a legally binding 'Minute of Agreement' or 'Head of Terms' which included Kilkivan Church in the documents. Previously KKCPA had signed a document in 2015 (which is still extant). There has been an almost 3year delay in getting these essential documents agreed with the Council. Just last week we were able to send the Council Lawyers our version of the agreement for their comments – so, hopefully things can at last get moving. We cannot receive any of the anticipated funding from HES or NLHF without these documents.

On a less positive note, the gates at Kilchenzie remain padlocked, despite all the unstable stones now lying on the ground! We await an H&S assessment from A&B Council to rectify the matter. Nic Boyes, our specialist stone conservator, had quoted £33,000 for the re-erection and repair of all 27 fallen stones in Kilchenzie. This cannot be funded from the large grant project, but we are hopeful that we will find additional money through other means. Nic will be able to do this work alongside the work to the walls, as he explained; there is a lot of time waiting on walls drying out, he has the materials on site and the expertise to repair sandstone monuments – so it makes sense.

Killean church still has Heras fencing insitu, but it has been renewed, and on the advice of Krystyna, some additional fencing is to be put in place within the next week to the rear of the Largie Vault, as the roof slabs are lifting from the amount of root growth underneath them. Whilst we do not like the sight of the Heras fencing, it serves a dual purpose. It keeps the fragile buildings safe from overzealous visitors, but it also lets our funders know that there is still a sense of urgency required for repairs, consolidation, and conservation to these areas.

HES have been very positive about funding this project all along and are still extremely keen for it to go ahead. Once they provide the funding; the National Lottery Heritage Fund can be approached and almost without fail match fund what HES offer. So, we'd have about 90-95% of the £1.2 million project funded. The additional money will hopefully come from groups such as the Pilgrim Trust (who have kept in touch with us since we first approached them 2 years ago - so they are also very keen to assist), and other similar funders.

We must not forget our local groups who continue to fund us year after year for these bite-sized pieces of the project. The West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust, West Kintyre Community Fund, FERN Cour Community Fund, amongst others. We are indebted to them for their continued support and generosity.

It all adds up, and don't forget that Laggan Opportunity & Amenity Fund (LOAF), who have the interests of Kilkivan Church, are also applying to their local groups to bridge the shortfall too.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>M McDonald</i>	<i>G Lawson</i>
Full name(s)	MARION McDONALD	GILLIAN LAWSON
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	14 th August 2026	14 th August 2026