Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection

Scottish Charity Number SC037653

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2026

Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection
Scottish Charity Number SC037653

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection.

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and independent 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 2006 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:

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.

Marie McMillan

Marie McMillan Cert Acct (Open)
Date: - 24th September 2026
Finance Manager
Voluntary Action Lochaber
An Drochaid, Claggan Road
Fort William
PH33 6PH

VOLUNTARY ACTION LOCHABER
Buidheann Saor-Thoileach Locahabair

Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026
Scottish Charity Number SC037653

Receipts	Note	Year to 2026 Unrestricted £	Year to 2026 Restricted £	Year to 2026 Total £	Year to 2025 Total £
Grants and Donations					
Grants	4	-	-	**-**	-
Donations	5	1,125	-	**1,125**	-
Bank interest received		19	-	**19**	31
Other Charitable Activities					
Hire Fees		-	-	**-**	500
Sales		45	-	**45**	615
Total Receipts		1,189	-	**1,189**	1,146
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Web Hosting		-	-	**-**	432
Website		-	98	**98**	730
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	**-**	400
Purchase of Books		-	-	**-**	64
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination	7	165	-	**165**	115
Total Payments		165	98	263	1,741
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers		1,024	(98)	927	(595)
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	**-**	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,024	(98)	**927**	(595)

Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026
Scottish Charity Number SC037653

		Year to 2026 Unrestricted	Year to 2026 Restricted	Year to 2026 Total	Year to 2025 Total
Statement of Balances - as at 31st March 2026					
Opening cash at bank and in hand		658	770	**1,428**	2,023
Add Income		1,189	-	**1,189**	1,146
		1,847	770	**2,617**	3,169
Less Expenditure		165	98	**263**	1,741
Transfers	6	-	-	**-**	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand		1,682	673	**2,355**	1,428
Bank and Cash Balances					
Business Current Account		1,682	673	**2,355**	1,428
Outstanding lodgements		-	-	**-**	-
Outstanding cheques		-	-	**-**	-
Petty cash		-	-	**-**	-
	9 & 10	1,682	673	**2,355**	1,428
		-	-	**-**	-

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

Mick Tighe Chairman

Name: Mick Tighe (Chairman)
Date: 16th September 2026

The notes on page 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements

Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection
Scottish Charity Number SC037653
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026

1 **Basis of Accounting**

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

2 **Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 **Related party transactions**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2025: £NIL).

4 **Grants**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Grants	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

5 **Donations**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Donations	1,125	-	1,125	-
	1,125	-	1,125	-

6 **Transfers between funds**

No funds were transferred during the year (2025: £NIL).

7 **Governance Costs**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Independent Examination	165	-	165	215
	165	-	165	215

8 **Volunteers**

The trustees would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate a significant amount of time for no remuneration to the charity.

9 **Restricted Funds**

	At 1st April 2025	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st March 2026
Restricted Funds	770	-	(98)	-	673
	770	-	(98)	-	673

10 **Unrestricted Funds**

	At 1st April 2025	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st March 2026
Unrestricted Funds	658	1,189	(165)	-	1,682
	658	1,189	(165)	-	1,682

SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN HERITAGE COLLECTION (SMHC) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025/26

The 25/26 year was another busy one in the donations department, 46 items were entered in the accession register, with a similar amount donated and waiting to be archived, bringing the year's total to around 80. Mick (Chairman) continues to write the provenance and photograph each item, with Kath (Secretary) having taken over most of the archiving from Hermione (Archivist), though Hermione is available to fill the breach and offer advice as required. Storage is a continuous problem, with barn, ski hut and part of the house almost at capacity. Thoughts turn to another form of storage within the grounds of the house here at Bohuntin. The bonus for all the hard work is that our website has become a major resource for mountain folk from around the world. As I write this report in August 2026, Siteground, who monitor our website, tell us we are receiving around 9,000 hits per week, an astonishing amount. It might be worth noting here that we do not have a permanent mountain museum in the UK. The Mountain Heritage Trust in the Lake District have an on-line presence like ourselves, they recently (June 2026) received £198,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to improve their organisation, though not by providing a permanent museum. Neither is there a national ski museum in the UK. We have, probably, the best collection of skis in the country. The Ski Club of Great Britain has lodged their own, extensive, archive at the De Monfort University in Leicester. It can be searched on-line, though there is no specific website.

The SMHC does have a very small display in the West Highland Museum (WHM), Fort William. They approached us in 2025 and asked if they could include our collection in a Heritage Lottery bid to extend and refurbish the existing museum. We agreed on the basis that we would have a 'large' presence in the 'new' museum. In June 2026 the WHM received a grant of £2.7 million towards the £6.2 million they are looking for!

SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

The idea of changing our charitable status to a SCIO was suggested by Kev Mitchell (Trustee) at our last meeting, we will discuss and make a decision at the next meeting (October 2026). The various pros and cons are being examined meanwhile.

Displays

As previously mentioned, we have a small display of our items in the West Highland Museum and hope for a, larger, display in the future. We have booked a double stand at the Fort William Mountain Festival in February 2027, the plan being to share with the WHM, on a Ben Nevis theme. Both of us have a large amount of Nevis memorabilia to display.

Shaun Roberts, Principal of the National Outdoor Centre at Glenmore Lodge, has had our display there revamped, so we now have a fine, illuminated, cabinet show-casing our wares to the many students who pass through the central hallway (affectionately known as 'Ben the Hoose').

Visits

Although we are not open to the public, we have a steady stream of visitors wishing to look at the collection. These are often folk who have donated items previously and we try to accommodate them as best we can. It does give some indication that a museum open to the public would be very popular.

SMHC Accession Register April 2025 to March 2026 (2 pages, attached)

SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN HERITAGE COLLECTION ACCESSION REGISTER APRIL 2025 TO MARCH 2026 (Page 1)

Accession Register

1797.2025.1(a-f)	A Bunch of Time (mint condition 1960s rock gear)
1798.2025.1	Jumars (early version) Pair
1799.2025.1	Bezard (Liquid Dampened) Sighting Compass
1800.2025.1	Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) Pants
1801.2025.1	Nevisport Emergency Shelter/Tent
1802.2025.1	Slioch Fisherfield Double Ventile Jacket
1803.2025.1	Lizars Pocket Barometer
1804.2025.1	Olympus 35RC RangeFinder Camera
1805.2025.1	Miner's Boots (vintage)
1806.2025.1	Daimon 2361 Torch/Headlamp
1807.2025.1	Rohan Breeches (Striders?)
1808.2025.1	Junior Ski & Pole set
1809.2025.1	Wonky Piton
1810.2025.1	AGFA Karat 3.5 Camera
1811.2025.1	Eugen Bauer (8mm) Filmkamera
1812.2025.1	Yashica 8-E111 Movie Camera
1813.2025.1	Vintage Balaclavas (Cathedral & hand-knit)
1814.2025.1	Felix Ralling - Kuno Rainer - Ice Axe
1815.2025.1(a-b)	Streamlines (of Norway) Skis & Apollo Ski Poles
1816.2025.1	GH Bass Vintage Ski Boots
1817.2025.1	Wild Country Friends (early versions)
1818.2025.1	University Skis & ESS Bindings
1819.2025.1	Eric Shipton's Skis

Accession Register

1820.2025.1	Felix Ralling (Fulpmes) Crampons
1821.2025.1	Bredesens Polar Ruck/Backpack
1822.2025.1(a-f)	Clog (2200) Karabiners x 6
1823.2025.1(a-b)`	Troll Brass Hexagonals x 2
1824.2025.1	Salewa Biwaksack
1825.2025.1	Troll Elevator (for rock climbing)
1826.2025.1	Petzl Micro Headtorch
1827.2025.1	Fjallraven Expedition Tent
1828.2025.1	Morkovka Russian Ice Piton/Screw
1829.2025.1	Harris-Meyer Ski Master Ski Pants
1830.2025.1(a-c)	Vintage Claudius Simond Ice Screws
1831.2025.1	Paramo Trousers (Pants)
1832.2025.1	Makalu 8515 Mittens
1833.2025.1	Grand Tetras Egg Carrier
1834.2025.1(a-b)	Cassin Extreme Hammer & Axe
1835.2025.1(a-h)	Nuclear Camping/Kitchen Cookset
1836.2025.1	Simond Ovoide Karabiner
1837.2025.1	Robert Lawrie Crampons
1838.2025.1	Stubai (large D screwgate) Steel Karabiners
1839.2025.1	Handmade relief map of Solden area - Otztal Alps Austria
1840.2025.1	Arthur Ellis Fairydown (North Col) Sleeping Bag
1841.2025.1	George Fisher Tartan Shirt
1842.2025.1	North Cape (Polartec Winblock) Salopettes