sealladh
hiort
st kilda viewpoint

9th ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

Summary

The primary purposes of the charity as laid out in its constitution are related to the advancement of education, the arts, heritage, culture and science, and its stated charitable objects are:

‘The organisation’s purposes are to collect, preserve and share the history, culture and natural history of St Kilda and other Hebridean islands.’

The charity’s trustees plan to fulfil these purposes by:

1. The development of a visitor centre on North Uist.

2. When it is completed and opened to the public, activities will include the collection, archiving, interpretation and display of materials on St Kildan and Hebridean heritage.

Since the charity’s establishment in 2017, trustees have initiated and overseen the design and completion of all pre-contact documentation and statutory consents for a $300m^2$ St Kilda visitor centre located on the north-west coast of North Uist. Work since 2022 has been focussed on raising capital funding to implement the works and open the centre to visitors, but this has proved challenging to achieve in the current community-based project development environment.

As outlined in the charity’s annual report for 2024-25, as it was apparent there was no way forward for Sealladh Hiort to fulfil its charitable objectives of building a St Kilda Visitor Centre on North Uist, the charity’s trustees tabled a resolution at the charity’s AGM in March 2026 that the charity should be dissolved and this was passed unanimously.

Trustees

During 2025-26 the trustees at the charity’s dissolution were:

- Alasdair MacEachen (Chair) (founder member and trustee – re-elected 18/03/2025)
- David Newman (Treasurer and secretary) (founder member and trustee – re-elected 18/03/2025)
- Kathryn Johnson (re-elected 18/03/2025)
- Rhod Evans (re-elected 18/03/2025)
- Shona MacLellan (re-elected 18/03/2025)

The AGM in March 2026 agreed that Alasdair MacEachen and David Newman should oversee the dissolution process.

SCIO no SC047571 Registered Office Address: Suil na Mara, Hilton, TAIN, IV20 1XR

Report on the charity's activities for the year 2025-26

After consulting its sponsors and advisors in December 2025, the Sealladh Hiort Trustees met in February 2026 to discuss the prospects for the Viewpoint visitor centre development. After much discussion, the disappointing conclusion was reached that the funding and operating environment for community led projects like the Viewpoint had become so challenging, that there was no longer any viable way forward for the visitor centre's development and in turn, the charity being able to fulfil its charitable objectives.

Trustees agreed that in view of this fact, a resolution should be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the charity to be held in March 2026 that the charity should be dissolved. A members' briefing paper explaining the background to this proposal was prepared and sent to all members one month in advance of that AGM, along with a resolution to dissolve the charity included on the AGM agenda. Also included was a proxy voting form for any members wishing to vote but unable to attend the meeting.

After discussion at the AGM, the resolution was passed unanimously, and the meeting agreed that the charity's Secretary should contact OSCR to establish and undertake the dissolution process.

This has been undertaken by the charity's Chair and Secretary and was completed at the end of July 2026 at which point the necessary Appendix 1 form, confirming that the conditions for removal of Sealladh Hiort from the Scottish Charity Register were met, was completed and submitted to OSCR.

With the approval of OSCR, remaining funds were transferred to The Kilda Club whose charitable objectives are very similar to those of Sealladh Hiort. In addition a folder of project drawings and other documentation files was passed to North Uist Development Company should an opportunity to resurrect the project arise in the future.

Funding and Banking Summary 2025-26

The annual accounts for August 2025 to July 2026 were issued in August 2026 and prepared by the charity's auditor Angus MacIntyre. These show that Sealladh Hiort's activity was minimal during the year, and, after a small donation of £15 from a member, and payment of the charity's audit fee for the year 2024-25, the charity's remaining cash of £294 was transferred, as agreed by both members and OSCR, to The Kilda Club. These accounts are appended to this final annual report.

Acknowledgments and thanks

Trustees would like to thank all former members and trustees for their contributions to the charity since its formation in 2016.

Signed……David Newman……

David Newman

Secretary, Sealladh Hiort August 2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name: **Sealladh Hiort**
Registered charity number	**SC047571**

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1	August	2025	to	31	July	2026

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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) 2005 Act 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 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.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 5 August 2026

Name: Angus MacIntyre

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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

SEALLADH HIORT
INCOME AND EXPENTITURE REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 JULY 2026

INCOME			
	Donations	15	
	Subscriptions	0	
	Grants	0	
	Sundry Income	0	
			15
EXPENDITURE			
	Consultancy Fees	0	
	Venue Hire		
	Audit Fee	50	
	Sundry Expenditure	294	
			344
	PROFIT FOR YEAR		-329

Represented by:

Bank Account Opening Balance		329
Add Profit for Year		-329
Bank Account Closing Balance		0

Income and Expenditure Report prepared from records and information provided.

Angus MacIntyre
Independent Examiner
05 August 2026