

The Talking Newspaper Association for Dumfries & Galloway

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Reference & Administration information.

Charity Name- The Talking Newspaper for Dumfries & Galloway

Charity No – SC024971

Address c/o David Rowe, Glenlora, 6 Pleasance Avenue, Dumfries DG2 7JL

Current Trustees

Fiona Power Janet Ronnie Calum Fraser Iain Morton David Rowe

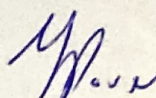
Structure Governance & Management

Constitution- The Charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted in 1983 and reviewed in 2013, 2016 and again in 2025. The Association was granted charitable status by OSCR on 3rd June 1996.

Appointment of Trustees – The Management Committee meets up to four times a year and consists of Chairperson, Chief Editor, Chief Distributor, Chief Technician, Secretary, Treasurer, and co-opted members. Some committee members combine two operational roles. The Trustees comprise members of the Management Committee. They are elected at the Annual General Meeting, which must take place no later than 15 months after the previous AGM.

Management- The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Association and supported by teams of Editors, Readers, Technicians, Distributors, Secretary and Treasurer- all unpaid volunteers, most operating on a rota basis. There charity has no paid staff.

Reserves – Bank deposits of £15,450 reflect the Associations Reserves at this time which is deemed satisfactory to meet the activities for the foreseeable future

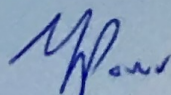

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Achievements and Performance 2026

Solway Sound has helped over 170 visually impaired people in Dumfries and Galloway to keep in touch with their immediate and wider communities this year by recording and distributing a weekly digest of local newspaper articles - features, notices and announcements - in audio format. We have also recorded several magazine editions, which are added to the weekly newspaper; these comprise longer articles of regional interest taken from the local newspapers and a local magazine. We liaise with local-authority and third-sector agencies of relevance to people with a visual impairment to highlight their services.

We record digitally and distribute on USB stick. We continue to provide USB players and training in their use and ongoing technical support to our recipients. The service is completely free of charge for users.

Solway Sound has around 60 volunteers, who each give between 4 and 30 hours of service a month. Our management committee of five volunteers, who are also the charity's trustees, meets three to four times a year.


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Accounts to 31st March 2026

Income

Baptist Church – Donation	£62.00	
Kilwinning Lodge – Donation	£100.00	
Troqueer and Caerlaverock Church- Donation	£200.00	
St Michaels Church Light up a life – Donation	£200.00	
Lockerbie & District Rotary Club - Donation	£100.00	
Solway Sound 200 Club – Donation	£1,200.00	
Bank Interest for year	<u>£2.82</u>	£1,864.82

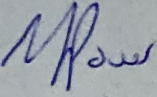
Expenditure

TNF Membership Subscriptions	£42.00	
Warwicks Newsagents Limited	£1,287.52	
Donation – Alive Radio	£500.00	
Verlingue Insurance	£345.96	
Alive Radio - Rent (5 months)	£640.00	
Iain Morton Travel Reimbursement	£488.00	
Calum Fraser - Equipment	£728.06	
- Sundry	£49.51	
	<u>£777.57</u>	<u>£4,081.05</u>

Deficit for Year **£2,216.23**

David Rowe

Treasurer 15.9.26


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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2026

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	£	£
Opening balances – Virgin Money	17,666	17,011
Surplus (Deficit) for Year	(2,216)	655
Closing Balances	<u>15,450</u>	<u>17,666</u>

Reserves

General funds/closing balances	<u>15,450</u>	<u>17,666</u>
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Assets

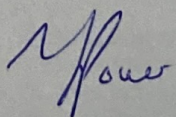
Recording Equipment, Printers, Duplicators, Memory Stick Players etc- disposable value will be small.

All funds are unrestricted

Approved by Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Fiona Power

Chair



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APPENDIX 3

OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

TALKING NEWSPAPER DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

Registered charity
number

SC

024971

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	04	2025

to

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
31	03	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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 that disclosed on the attached page"]

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:

Date:

Name:

GARY LOCKHART
CEMAP.

16/07/26.

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

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