Registered Charity Number: SC049857

Fife writes

The Trustees present their Report for the year to 31 March 2026.

Trustees (as at 31 March 2026)

George McDermid, Lesley Walker, vacancy. (New trustees and officeholders sought – and obtained - at AGM.)

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Founding Document

The charity was set up by means of a constitution that was accepted by the office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 15th January 2020.

Activities – Excerpts from Chairperson's Report presented at AGM, 27th April 2026

- **Monthly Open Mics**: We have been running our monthly Open Mics and tried new in-person venues which have been very successful.
- **Workshops**: although we were again unsuccessful in gaining support from Book Week funding, we did secure a grant from Heids and Herts to run a series of workshops as part of their Village Creative Project. A number of successful, well-attended workshops were delivered in Anstruther under the title, 'Words from the Coast'. We self-funded a follow-up workshop in March due to this success, using donations we had received during the delivery of the original project.
- **Support Groups**: Our Zoom-based Writing Support Groups have continued, but our in-person support group stopped at the end of March. Some facilitators have stood down but we continue to manage replacements from the membership.
- **StAnza**: We continue to be invited to StAnza, Scotland's International Poetry Festival, to provide writing workshops and to attend the Poetry Market on the final day. These were received warmly as usual and we were able to engage with a wide number of members and interested parties, launching our latest anthology and selling a number of copies.
- **Anthology**: We continued our practice of creating an anthology of members' work, free of charge to our members. This is our fourth anthology, 'You Are Not Alone' and it was printed in March 2026. All previous anthologies are now available on our website in audio format, free of charge.
- **Lillian Brzoska Memorial Competition**: we entered the second year of our members' competition in memory of our original Chair and co-founder Lillian Brzoska. This year's form was 'Poetry' and was judged by Andy Jackson. We had an excellent results night held over Zoom in which Andy, and some participants, read their submissions.
- **Dunfermline's Outwith Festival**: we were able to get involved in Dunfermline's annual arts festival this year by hosting an Open Mic within the Carnegie Hall. It was well attended and attracted a large number of new readers to Fife Writes.

- **Sonic Museum**: In collaboration with Heids and Herts, we continued to record members reading their work. This year we recorded a number of interviews, multiple readings and a short, one-act play which were all uploaded to the Sonic Museum website.
- **Rebecca Sharp:** Our previous collaboration as a project champion for Rebecca's latest project: 'Maiden, Mother, Mage', came to its conclusion. The performances held in Culross Abbey were discounted for Fife Writes members and extremely well attended.
- **Fife Forge:** The owner of Fife Forge in Kirkcaldy continues to provide space for Fife Writes members to sell their published work from a designated bookshelf within his shop. All profits go to individual writers, and Fife Forge takes no commission.

Changes to organising team

Both chair and secretary had stood down by 31 March 2026. Lesley Walker (previous secretary) was appointed in an acting role, and George McDermid took over as acting chair (as well as continuing as treasurer) up until the AGM on 27th April 2026. From this date, three new trustees were appointed, and all three roles of chair, secretary and treasurer were filled (Barbara Usher, Liz Berg and Fiona Tough respectively) with both George and Lesley being able to stand down.

Accounts

The accounts were presented to and approved by an independent examiner on 15th September 2026. These will be submitted separately to OSCR.

Approved by the Trustees on 16th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by



George McDermid, Acting Chair (at time of report)