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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	12	2024	To	30	11	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Argyll Talking Newspapers

SC002255

7 Glengilp

Ardishaig

Argyll

Postcode PA30 8HT

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	Robin Finlay	Chairman		
2	Carl Olivarius	Vice Chairman		
3	Sheila MacKenzie	Treasurer	From 14 March 2025	
4	Sheila Groat	Secretary		
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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
Arthur Barclay	Resigned 14 March 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Argyll Talking Newspapers is an unincorporated association which is governed by its constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The object of the Association is to provide audio recordings for the blind or partially sighted or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Weekly recordings of readings of various local and regional newspapers with the distribution of recordings by digital means.

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Achievements and performance

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

Production and distribution of 70 recordings per week to clients.

Submission of archive recordings to the National Library of Scotland.

Maintaining the number of users of our services at constant levels in the past couple of years, having lost a number in the years of Covid and immediately after.

Working together with Low Vision Groups and Social Services.

Engaging with the Community, such as the Ardrishaig Gala Committee and being actively involved in their community event and other group funding.

Involving guest speakers including the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and the Provost of Argyll.

Accessing the media to promote our aims and objectives, this includes newspaper coverage and a radio interview.

Exploring new ways and ideas to reach more people.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves are held to provide equipment and other facilities in the building used as a recording studio and administration centre.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Sheila P MacKenzie	
Full name(s)	Sheila MacKenzie	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	29 Jan 2026	