

West Lothian Family History Society
Scottish Charity Number SC031501
Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 May 2026 and
Accounts for the year ended 28 February 2026.

Hon. President – Angela Constance MSP. **Hon. V. President** – Jim Gordon.

Trustees:-

Chair – Tom Smith. Secretary – Jim Dyet. Treasurer – David Hardie. Membership Secretary – Jim McGregor. Librarian / Resource Manager – Rhona Gordon. (Elected Office-Bearers).
Craig Godden, George Brawley, Carol Walford. (Elected Council Members).

Co-opted Members.

Helen Laing – Gift Aid Co-ordinator.
Allison Gilchrist – SAFHS representative.

OSCR Contact Address.

Lanthorn Community Centre, Dedridge. Livingston West Lothian EH54 6NY

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees.

All of the Society's Trustees were elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting 2025 or appointed by the Society's Council under delegated powers.

Governing Document

The Society is a charitable unincorporated association and our purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our Constitution.

Charitable Purposes

Our purpose, as recorded in our Constitution, is to advance education through promoting and encouraging the public study of Family History, Genealogy and Local History by meetings, lectures and publications.

Activities and Achievements

In the current year we have returned to our usual meeting place at Lanthorn Community Complex. We held meetings each month from September 2025 to June 2026. The average attendance at each meeting was 25 to 30 members.

Transcribing Projects.

- Transcriptions of historical records are ongoing by volunteers. On completion the completed transcripts are added to our resources.

In addition we enjoyed very informative talks. These were:

- "Breaking Down Brick Walls" - Claire Wilson
- "The Home Guard" - Geoff Bailey
- "Commonwealth War Graves Commission" - Hugo Kekewich
- "The Story of Sarah Greig" - Margaret Fox
- "Who is the Father?" - Ken Nisbet.

We produced three "Oak Tree" journals and held two members self help workshops and our usual christmas meeting which had an added celebration to commemorate the Society's 25th Anniversary.

The Society provided assistance to the West Lothian Communities, at the Local History Library within the Partnership Centre in Linlithgow, and at Lanthorn Community Centre in Livingston 3 days every week. Our WLFHS reference library within Lanthorn is available to members and visitors alike.

We participated at two Family History Fairs in Coatbridge in support of Lanarkshire FHS.

The Members' area on our website continues to provide a useful source of communication and information exchange, especially to members living outwith the West Lothian area.

Current membership is 89 with 6 new members joining in the year.

We have not added to our reference resources this year, and our extensive library, taking depreciation into account, is now valued at £1000

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

The Society held unrestricted funds of £12,479.92 at the financial year end. The Trustees consider these funds sufficient to continue to run the Society for the forthcoming year.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Chair Tom Smith.

Thomas Smith

9/9/2026