The Dr William Baird Ross Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC002421

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

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Annual Report of the Trustees

Trustees

Russell Duncan (since 21st May 2022)
Gillian Mole (since 20th June 2022)
Caroline Cradock (since 1st January 2023)

Contact Address

Russell Duncan, Trustee, 20 Briarbank Terrace, Edinburgh, EH11 1SU

Charitable Purpose

The Trust was established in 1965 to finance a competition to encourage the composition of church music in Scotland. The Trust Deed specifies that a competition should be held every three years, or at such intervals as finances permitted.

Management of the Trust

The Trust Deed nominated as Trustees the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer of The Edinburgh Society of Organists, and the Honorary Secretary of The Stirling and District Society of Organists. The current office-holders are Gillian Mole, Russell Duncan and Caroline Cradock respectively.

Although the appointment of the Trustees is determined by affiliation to these societies, the Trustees are responsible for the management of the Trust.

Competition

No competition was held during the current financial year. The Trustees met remotely on 4th November 2025 and, rather than run a competition themselves, determined to give a grant of £800 to the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts Young Composers' Competition for each of the next 6 years, by which time the Funds will have been used up.

Financing

The Trust closed its bank account in the year to 31 March 2025 and transferred the money to the Edinburgh Society of Organists as a loan to hold on behalf of the Trust. During the year, the Trust instructed to pay a grant of £800 to the Sacred Arts Festival (see above), reducing the loan by that amount. It is proposed to convert the loan into a restricted donation, to be used for the purpose of making grants towards composition competitions, after which approval will be sought from OSCR to wind up the Trust.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

R. M. Duncan

Russell Duncan
Trustee
Date: 23. 7. 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Receipts		
Bank Interest	-	-
	-	-
Payments		
Loan made to Edinburgh Society of Organists	-	4,782
Excess of payments over receipts	-	(4,782)
Bank balance at 31 March 2025	-	4,782
Bank balance at 31 March 2026	-	-

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Bank Balances	-	-
Loan to Edinburgh Society of Organists	3,982	4,782
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Funds		
Capital Fund	400	400
Competition Fund	3,582	4,382
	3,982	4,782

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

C Cradock

Caroline Cradock
Trustee

Date: 31.7.26

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of the Dr William Baird Ross Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on page 3.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiners

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The 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 Trust 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 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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    a. to keep accounting record in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
    b. 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.

Ian A S Lawson
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Date:
31 July 2026