

HELENSBURGH HERITAGE TRUST

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation – number SC024603

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name

Helensburgh Heritage Trust

Charity number

SC024603

Address

28 East Abercromby Street
Helensburgh G84 7SQ

Trustees

Robert Ryan	Chairman
Fiona Howard	Minute Secretary (resigned 23 October 2024)
Stewart Noble	Treasurer
Alison Gildea	
Deborah Hamilton	(co-opted 26 August 2024)
Alistair McIntyre	(died 26 July 2025)
Chris Packard	
Chris Sanders	

Honorary Members

Prof Malcolm Baird (President)
Michael Davis

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 18 May 2016, having previously been a company limited by guarantee (no SC16377). It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The board, which normally meets several times each year, are the charity's trustees.

Membership of the board is open to all members.

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting, and the board has the power to co-opt other trustees. There must be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purposes and Activities

The Trustees of the Helensburgh Heritage Trust continue to promote the objects of the Trust in a variety of ways and to build on the successes of previous years.

The Aims and Objects of the Trust are :

- Education of the public
- Preservation, restoration and enhancement of objects of local interest
- Promoting a wider appreciation of the heritage and history of the area.

To enable the Trust to fulfil its Objectives the Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to consider matters ranging from the stewardship of the Trust's finances and assets, the provision of a winter programme of speakers on a range of subjects, to the provision of visual displays highlighting aspects of local culture and heritage.

The Trust holds and maintains a wide collection of documents and artefacts, which are catalogued and stored in suitable lock-fast premises in Helensburgh Parish Church. Because of structural problems, the Trust has been asked to vacate this store, but finding new premises is proving extremely difficult.

For the most part documents and articles in the Trust's care have been donated or loaned to the Trust (appropriately recorded) while from time to time purchases are made of items which become available. Potential purchases are always discussed and agreed by Trustees in advance and funds are designated for such opportunities.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

As autumn approaches, it is once again time to reflect on the work of the Trust over the past year. I do so with both sadness and optimism.

First, with deep sadness, we mark the passing of our long-standing Trustee, **Alistair McIntyre**, who died suddenly in July. Alistair's contribution to the Trust, and to so many organisations in the town, was immense. His knowledge, enthusiasm, and good humour will be sorely missed, not only within the Trust but across the wider community. One of his final duties was helping us assess premises at Garelochhead Station as potential storage for our collection of artefacts and documents. True to form, he enlivened the visit with stories of the station and local rail travel — a reminder of how much of our local heritage he carried with him. For several reasons, Alistair's funeral has not yet taken place. Once that has been done, there is a hope shared with many of Alistair's friends, that a suitable memorial service or event can be arranged.

Turning to our activities, the **Winter Talks Series** once again proved popular, attracting healthy audiences and generous donations. We are a charity and these donations help us greatly with the hire of the hall and our other work. We are delighted to launch this year's programme on Wednesday 24 September with Stewart Noble speaking on the life of John

Logie Baird, with an eye on the forthcoming centenary of his invention of television in October 1925.

Our plans for an **interactive display of the Baird Televisor and receiver** had to be put on hold after Storm Éowyn landed on 24th January. It left the new Leisure Centre with a badly damaged roof, forcing the library into service as a temporary gym. As Robert Burns, whose birthday we celebrated the following day, reminds us, *"the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley."* We remain hopeful that these historically significant items will find a home in the Civic Centre in time for the Baird Centenary celebrations in 2025-26.

We are pleased that the majority of our members are now on the 'GoCardless' scheme to pay their subscriptions. This allows the Trust to collect via a system similar to a direct debit rather than a standing order. There were some teething problems but once these are resolved it is a greatly simplified and time-saving process. We still cater for those who wish to pay by cheque or standing order.

Online, **Helensburgh Memories**, our Facebook group, continues to thrive and is edging towards 10,000 members. We were especially pleased that one of our regular photographic contributors, **Charlie McGinn**, created a 2025 calendar which raised an impressive £1,215 for the Helensburgh and Lomond Food Bank.

There remain some challenges. Negotiations continue with ScotRail over the potential use of Garelochhead Station for storage, and improvements to our website are still needed.

Our search for new Trustees is ongoing, and I am delighted to welcome **Deborah Hamilton**. She was co-opted as a trustee in August 2024, and this was ratified at our AGM 2 months later. She brings fresh energy to our team. **If you feel able to contribute as a Trustee, please do get in touch with me at robertryan@gmx.com or on 07853 142475.**

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your continued membership, encouragement, and interest in the heritage of our area. Your support ensures that the work of the Trust not only continues but grows in strength.

Robert Ryan
August 2025

Independent Examiner's report to the members of Helensburgh Heritage Trust on its accounts

Registered Charity number SC024603

Period of accounts: 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, andto prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:		Date: 8 May 2025	
Name:	Michael Stewart Paterson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	Retired chartered accountant		
Address:	28 Suffolk Street		
	Helensburgh G84 9PA		

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

Disclosure section

No material problems found by the examiner.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2023-24	Revenue Account	2024-25
Ordinary Income		
1,155.00	Subscriptions – Annual	1,185.00
0.00	Subscriptions – Life	375.00
539.69	Gift Aid	512.99
900.00	Donations: Baird Receiver	0.00
0.00	Donations – Other	79.50
72.74	Book sales & royalties	28.47
13.41	Amazon Smile (Note 1)	0.00
528.47	Meeting collections	543.82
3,209.31	Total Ordinary Income	2,724.78
Ordinary Expenses		
747.11	Insurance	586.30
13.98	Postage etc	14.64
0.00	Storage	321.95
575.04	Website	665.93
35.00	Data Protection	47.00
243.00	Meeting Room Hire	202.50
0.00	Miscellaneous	13.49
1,614.13	Total Ordinary Expenses	1,851.81
1595.18	TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	872.97

NOTES 1. Scheme discontinued by Amazon

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS as at 31st March 2025

Fixed Assets		
45,595.19	Fixed Assets as at 31 March 2024	55,615.19
	plus: Additions during year	
10,000.00	1. Baird Type A Receiver	0.00
20.00	2. Minor purchases	0.00
55,615.19	Fixed Assets as at 31 March 2025	55,615.19
Current Assets – Bank Accounts		
9,716.34	Unrestricted Funds as at 31 March 2024	1,291.52
1595.18	plus / (less): Surplus / (Deficit) for year	872.97
(10020.00)	(less): Purchase of Fixed Assets	0.00
1,291.52	Unrestricted Funds as at 31 March 2025	2,164.49
300.00	plus: Restricted Funds (Note 2)	300.00
1,591.52	Total Cash in Bank Accounts as at 31 March 2025	2,464.49
Represented by:		
1,591.52	Cash in Bank account as at 31 March 2025	2,464.49

NOTES 2. £300 received in 2015-16 for production of book by the late Patricia Drayton

I have prepared the above Revenue Account, Statement of Assets and Notes

Stewart Noble – Treasurer (signed)