

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025**

**Contact address**

[REDACTED]

**Current Trustees**

The Trustees, members of the Executive Committee, during some or all of the financial year were:

[REDACTED]

**Governing Document**

The Society of Friends of Dunblane Cathedral was founded in 1930 as a charitable unincorporated association and the objects and provisions for governance are set out in the constitution, last revised in 2007. The management of the society rests with the Executive Committee those individuals elected by Council. Members of Council are elected by members of the society, with five appointed by the Kirk Session.

**Charitable Purposes**

Paragraph II of the constitution, the objects clause, sets out the charitable objects of the society, which might be described as the advancement of the understanding, promotion, safeguarding, and adornment of Dunblane Cathedral, the archaeology, craftsmanship and arts intrinsic, and environs. The objects clause is reproduced in full in the annual Journal. The Trustees are grateful for Legacies to help with these purposes.

**Activities and Achievements**

The society owns, insures and maintains a listed property to the south of Dunblane Cathedral; Dunblane Museum, a charity, is a tenant, the rest of the space being let, all to gain income. The substantial cost of limewashing the property will be required in 2026. The Trustees would like record with gratitude the legacy of £1,000 from the estate of [REDACTED] who became a life member in 1996, and to thank individual donors for their donations. And also the following trusts for their support towards this work: Stafford Trust £3,250, Garfield Weston Foundation £15,000 and Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust £5,000.

The society publishes an annual Journal which, among other items, contains articles about the history and decoration of the Cathedral and surroundings. Volunteers from the society, during the summer, provide tours of the Cathedral, and separately, the graveyard,

The society has worked with Historic Environment Scotland to create an information board highlighting the society's contributions to the Cathedral building. In cooperation with Dunblane Museum, it is collating material about the society held in the Museum and elsewhere with a view to creating an archive of the society and research commissioned by it.

After much research by volunteers, the society published a booklet on "The Saving of Kirk Street" and this led to an exhibition in the Museum on the subject. Also achieved was a booklet on the graveyard, a booklet on the stained glass windows of the Cathedral, and a more substantial book about them. All are available for purchase. The society has refurbished the millennium garden instituted 25 years ago, and is refurbishing the Cathedral noticeboard at the entrance.

**Trustees' remuneration and expenses, and Governance**

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

**Reserves**

The Executive, with input from Council, endeavours to maintain reserves to enable the society to maintain its listed properties and undertake other projects to fulfil its objectives.

**Reported**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts to the Trustees of the Society of Friends of Dunblane Cathedral, Registered Charity Number SC000283**

For the year ended 31 May 2025, set out on pages 3 to 4.

**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) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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 Regulations 2006. 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**

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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.

**Reported**

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30 September

2025



# Society of Friends of Dunblane Cathedral

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 May 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
<b>Restricted Fund</b>			
Subscriptions to Life Membership			
Surplus (deficit) and total restricted receipts for year	2	1,355	450
		<u>1,355</u>	<u>450</u>
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>			
Subscriptions to Annual Membership		1,061	1,382
Interest and Dividends		3,467	3,290
Rental from Museum		1,000	3,000
Rental from other properties		19,800	19,800
Donations		8,619	73
Grants		23,250	
Festival		52	
Books and sales		<u>1,885</u>	<u>1,286</u>
Total Unrestricted Receipts		<u>59,134</u>	<u>28,831</u>
<b>Payments from Unrestricted Funds</b>			
Charitable donations		-1	-1
Society projects		-210	-640
Book costs		-2,714	
General property		-2,062	-878
Property insurance		<u>-11,863</u>	<u>-11,273</u>
Total Payments for Charitable Activities		<u>-16,850</u>	<u>-12,792</u>
Governance Costs			
The Journal, printing and distribution		-1,900	-2,906
Admin. Expenses		<u>-172</u>	
Total Payments for Governance Costs		<u>-2,072</u>	<u>-2,906</u>
Total Payments from Unrestricted Funds		<u>-18,922</u>	<u>-15,698</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year on Unrestricted Funds		<u>40,212</u>	<u>13,133</u>
<b>Consolidated Receipts and Payments</b>			
Total Restricted Receipts		1,355	450
Total Unrestricted Receipts		<u>59,134</u>	<u>28,831</u>
Total Receipts		<u>60,489</u>	<u>29,281</u>
Restricted Payments		0	0
Unrestricted Payments		-18,922	-15,698
Total Payments		<u>-18,922</u>	<u>-15,698</u>
Consolidated Surplus (deficit) for Year		<u>41,567</u>	<u>13,583</u>



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**Funds Reconciliation at 31 May 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Opening Restricted Bank			
Opening Unrestricted Bank	2	1,050	600
Consolidated Surpluses for Year		70,299	57,166
Closing Funds at Bank		<u>41,567</u>	<u>13,583</u>
		<u>112,916</u>	<u>71,349</u>
Restricted Funds at Bank			
Unrestricted Funds at Bank		2,405	1,050
Closing Funds at Bank		<u>110,511</u>	<u>70,299</u>
		<u>112,916</u>	<u>71,349</u>

**Statement of Balances at 31 May 2025**

Restricted Opening Balances			
Unrestricted Opening Balances	2	1,050	600
		<u>111,048</u>	<u>97,915</u>
Opening Consolidated Balances		<u>112,098</u>	<u>98,515</u>
Restricted Account R & P Surplus		1,355	450
Unrestricted Account R & P Surplus		40,212	13,133
Consolidated R & P Surplus		<u>41,567</u>	<u>13,583</u>
Closing Consolidated Balance		<u>153,665</u>	<u>112,098</u>
Represented by			
The Cross			
Dean's House		3,000	3,000
Unrestricted Investments		15,000	15,000
Restricted Investments	3	22,749	22,749
Restricted Bank		0	0
Unrestricted Bank		2,405	1,050
Consolidated Closing Balance		<u>110,511</u>	<u>70,299</u>
		<u>153,665</u>	<u>112,098</u>

Date

30 Sept

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**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025**

- The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
- The Restricted Account (the Endowment Account designated in the Constitution) is a fund into which is paid such sums as are designated by donors and testators, and payments for life membership. The capital of this fund can only be spent if authorised at an Annual or Special Meeting, for a specific purpose, and specific maximum amount.
- The Market Value of the unrestricted investments, 3787 units of M & G Investments' The Equities Investment Fund for Charities was  
£ 58,987 ( £ 58,006 )