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Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st January 2026

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Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st January 2026
President's Report on behalf of the Trustees

The Scottish Archaeological Forum (SAF hereafter) was registered as a charity from 24th July 1981. The principal function of SAF is "to further the study of archaeology in Scotland by holding annual meetings and by publication and any other way the committee may approve."

The committee/trustees listed in the 2024-2025 charity report remained in post as of 31st January 2026.

The predominant activity undertaken by SAF during this period involved a concerted effort to bring the 2021 SAF conference publication together. All peer reviewed articles were received and returned to the authors for edits. The final manuscript should be ready to send to the publishers by winter 2026-2027.

Additionally, we continued our efforts to increase SAF's online presence through a sustained and effective social media presence on a number of platforms, which aimed to engage as wide an audience as possible whilst promoting SAF and its endeavours.

Finally, the committee began the process of recruiting for the senior committee roles and to boost the numbers of ordinary members to aid with the day to day running of SAF and conference organisation. The new members will be in position post-January 2026.

SAF's mission statement and objectives are as follows:

Our Mission Statement:

Scottish Archaeological Forum act as a platform for all spheres of Scottish archaeology, facilitating conversation on the key issues and opportunities in the field today, and exploring advancements in theory and practice. Through the promotion of archaeology in Scotland, we aim to inspire collaboration and knowledge exchange in order to create a vibrant future for Scottish archaeology. We are committed to engaging with wider archaeological

audiences and strive to create a Scottish archaeological community which is open and welcoming to all.

Our objectives:

- Organising conferences every two years on themes relevant to Scottish archaeology today, with accessibility as a core consideration.
- Organising workshops in our non-conference years, to facilitate conversations about Scottish archaeology using less traditional formats.
- Fundraising to support our events, striving to keep them as affordable as possible.
- Maintaining a friendly and open online presence.

Current Trustees

The trustees of SAF on the year ended 31st January 2026 were:

Honorary Chairman of Trustees: Professor Stephen Driscoll.
President: Scott T. McCreadie.
Honorary Treasurer: Orla Craig.
Honorary Secretary: Arianna Magyaricsová.

General Trustees: Lizzie Robertson, Eddie Stewart, Heather Ford, Ally Parker-Banks, Gala Morris.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Ms Ashleigh Airey MA (Hons) MLitt has expressed her willingness to act as Independent Examiner



Orla Craig MA MLitt FSA Scot
Treasurer 13th October 2024

	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name Scottish Archaeological Forum						
Registered charity number	SC001628						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025	to	31	01	2026
Set out on pages	9-11						

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	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 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 Accounts Regulations, and • 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.		
Signed:	A.Airey	Date:	29/10/2026
Name:	Ashleigh Airey		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	[redacted]		

Scottish Archaeological Forum: Balance Sheet as of 31st January 2026

	Notes	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank		1289.64
Net Current Assets		1289.64
Represented by:		
Working Capital		
Opening Reserves		1300.44
Deficit for Year		10.80
Closing Reserves		1289.64



Orla Craig MA MLitt FSA Scot
Treasurer

Scottish Archaeological Forum: Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31st January 2025

	£
Income	
2023 Conference:	
Grants	2049
2025 Conference:	
Grants	2500
Bursaries	200
Sponsors	300
Tickets	1505.49
Catering	30
Drinks Reception	800
Total Income	**7384.49**
Expenditure	
2025 Conference:	
Venue	3772.56
Catering	1972.95
Bursaries	150
Marketing and Printing	36.49
Travel Expenses	104.50
Drinks Reception	800
Total Expenditure	**6836.50**
Surplus for the Year	**547.99**

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st January 2026:

1. Whose Past is it Anyway? Conference
Historic Environment Scotland paid the grant for SAF's 2023 conference on 1st August 2025.

2. Building Bridges Conference
On 25th-26th October 2025 Scottish Archaeological Forum held a hybrid conference. This was highly successful and garnered a great deal of interest in the organisation.

A grant from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) of £1703.00 was paid after the 31st January, so is not included in this year's accounts. While HES originally pledged £2400, the conference came in under budget, and HES applied a new calculation to their grant, resulting in the conference coming in at a slight loss of £72.33. SAF will endeavour to close this gap through additional fundraising.