

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024  
for  
The National Burns Memorial Homes

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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## The National Burns Memorial Homes

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The members of the Committee present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The receipts and payments accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Society's Rules and Constitution and comply with the Charities and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The charity's objects are to provide accommodation and communal facilities for deserving elderly persons upon terms appropriate to their means at the National Burns Memorial Homes in Mauchline as a living memorial to our national poet, Robert Burns.

The policies adopted in furtherance to these objects have not changed during the year.

The Charity's accommodation and facilities have been used extensively during the year and there currently is a waiting list of individuals to occupy the properties. In instances of vacancies arising, the Charity advertises in the press and contacts the Housing Authority in order to maximise occupancy levels. Currently there are 2 vacant cottages awaiting conversion.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The policy of the Committee has been to apply the net available income from investments and heritable properties to assist in providing accommodation and gifts to cottagers. During the year 22 cottagers were assisted. The Committee hopes to continue to provide a substantial level of support in the coming year.

##### **Investment performance**

The Committee's Investment managers consider the dividend yield on investments of 4.05% in the year to be satisfactory in light of the current financial circumstances in general.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The Society derives income from cottages in Mauchline which are insured for £4.4 million.

Major expenditure on the upkeep and fabric of the cottages includes felting and re-slating various cottages.

##### **Reserves**

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to foreseeable expenditure for six months in advance. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised, or economies made. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the generous donations and gifts received throughout the financial year, from various Burns Clubs across the country, from several charitable Trusts and organisations and also from Individuals.

The investment policy which is reviewed by the Committee from time to time is aimed at maintaining the real value of the funds of the Society over a period of years and thereby providing a reasonable level of income.

The Committee have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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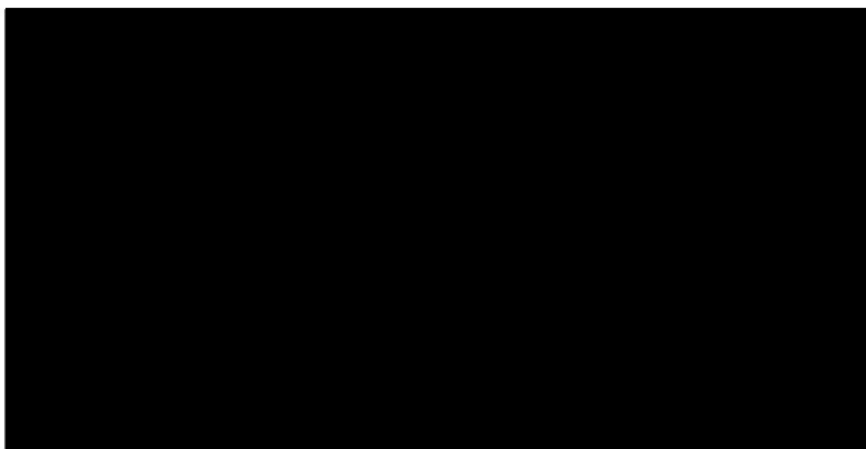
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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The Society was established in 1888 and is governed by its Rules & Constitution.

The members of the Committee who served during the year were:



##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New members are appointed by the Committee as and when required. The new members require to be invited on to the Committee and suitability is assessed based on any connection to or knowledge of the local area, as well as having to show an interest in the Charity's objectives. The Charity aims to always have a Solicitor, Investment Manager and Accountant on the Committee to enable all legal and regulatory aspects to be dealt with.

The training of new members is a matter dealt with by existing Committee members. They are responsible for providing a background to the Charity and an explanation of what the requirements of their role will entail. When necessary, assistance is provided to new members in their roles, to fully complete the training process.

The Honorary President is The Lord Dean of Guild of the Merchants House of Glasgow.

The Charity is controlled by the Committee Members of the General Committee and the Local Committee.

The General Committee manages the Charity as a whole and deals with the income and expenditure and accounting issues at this level. The Local Committee deals with the "fabric" of the property. That entails repairs and upkeep, tenants' movements and general day to day requirements. They provide details and recommendations to the General Committee.

In accordance with the Society's constitution, honoraria are paid to the three trustees who occupy the treasurer, secretary and local convener positions. Note 2 shows the amounts paid in the year. The Homes insurance includes a trustee indemnity policy for its Trustees.

Lord Strathclyde continues to be our Patron.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

SC001850

##### **Principal address**

38 St Ives Road  
Moodiesburn  
Glasgow  
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**Trustees**

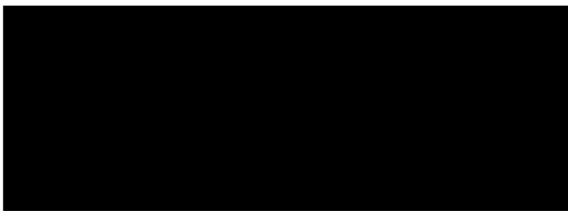


**Independent Examiner**



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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The National Burns Memorial Homes

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages five to eight.

**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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the independent examiner's report**

My examination was 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 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with 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 Accounts Regulations; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 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.



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14 April 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		4,948	7,964
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Land, buildings and investments		62,292	66,521
<b>Total</b>		<u>67,240</u>	<u>74,485</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Land, buildings and investments		65,212	78,614
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		2,028	(4,129)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		32,140	36,269
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>34,168</u>	<u>32,140</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

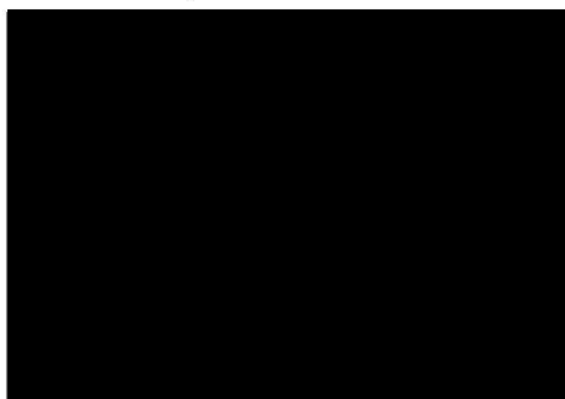
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Balance Sheet

31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		34,168	32,140
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>34,168</u>	<u>32,140</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		34,168	32,140
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>34,168</u>	<u>32,140</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds		34,168	32,140
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>34,168</u>	<u>32,140</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



The notes form part of these financial statements



# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of preparing the financial statements

The members of the Committee present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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## Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner	960	960
Honoraria	12,600	12,300
Investment management costs	<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,171</u>
	<u>14,873</u>	<u>14,431</u>

# 2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

In accordance with the Society's constitution a total of £12,600 (2023 £12,300) was paid to the Trustees. Treasurer [REDACTED] £4,200 (2023 £4,100), Secretary [REDACTED] £4,200 (2023 £4,100) and Local Convener [REDACTED] £4,200 (2023 £4,100).

## Trustees' expenses

Postage and stationery of £355 (2023 £229) was also paid to [REDACTED].

# 3. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

[REDACTED] is an Executive Director of Quilter Cheviot, Stockbrokers. During the period the charity paid Investment Portfolio Management Fees of £841 (2023 £825) and dealing commissions of £472 (2023 £346).

# 4. OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

This note should be read with reference to the statement of balances on the balance sheet but does not form part of the statutory financial statements

	2024	2023
	£	£
Land and Buildings - at cost	42,070	42,070
Equipment and improvement - at depreciated cost	22,672	23,865
Investments - At market value ( Historic cost £538,283 (2023 - £525,944))	706,669	697,784
Accrued income	2,259	2,259
Accruals and deferred income	<u>(1,100)</u>	<u>(1,100)</u>
Total Other Assets and Liabilities	<u>772,570</u>	<u>764,878</u>
Assets		
General Funds - Statement of balances	36,452	32,140
Other Assets and Liabilities	<u>772,570</u>	<u>764,878</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**4. OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - continued**

Total Assets	<u>809,022</u>	<u>797,018</u>
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	4,948	7,964
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Rents from land and buildings	34,388	37,253
Income from other investments	33,685	28,252
Proceeds from investments	17,778	14,958
Purchase of investments	(23,559)	(13,942)
	<u>62,292</u>	<u>66,521</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	67,240	74,485
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Rates and water	2,384	115
Insurance	9,464	10,042
Light and heat	7,276	7,264
Telephone	-	120
Postage and stationery	629	490
Gardening	4,338	3,800
Sundries	1,276	1,012
Repairs and renewals	22,046	41,226
Bank charges	103	114
	<u>47,516</u>	<u>64,183</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Investment Management Costs	1,314	1,171
Honoraria	12,600	12,300
Professional and legal fees	3,782	960
	<u>17,696</u>	<u>14,431</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>65,212</u>	<u>78,614</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>(4,129)</u>

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