

Charity No: SC016745

The Lauderdale Aisle Trust
Receipts and Payments Accounts
Year to 30th September 2025

The Lauderdale Aisle Trust

Registered Scottish Charity SC 016745

Trustees Annual Report Year ended 30 September 2025

Address: 21a Claverley Grove, Finchley, London, N3 2DG

Trustees are:

The Earl of Lauderdale (ex-officio)
The Rev The Hon Sydney Maitland
The Master of Lauderdale

Governing document: Trust Deed dated 26th May 1988 by Patrick, XVIIth
Earl of Lauderdale.

Appointment of Trustees:

Under the terms of the Trust Deed, Trustees choose trustees to fill any vacancies. The Earl of Lauderdale and the Minister of St Mary's Haddington are trustees ex-officio. Other Trustees shall be selected as far as practicable from the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, and the Roman Catholic Church and the Holy Orthodox Church. The Master of Lauderdale was appointed as a trustee on 10th December 2016. Rev Alison P McDonald was the Minister of at St Mary's Parish Church Haddington, who stepped down in April 2025. Frederick Maitland Dougall was appointed as trustee on the 1st February 2018 and resigned 4th October 2022.

Management

The Master of Lauderdale handles day to day matters. There are no employees. The Trust carries comprehensive insurance for the contents of the Aisle and public liability. Historic Scotland has undertaken responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric of the Aisle and may in future be able to provide a grant for half the cost of electricity used in the Aisle.

Objects:

To promote the availability of the Lauderdale Aisle and Three Kings Chapel for ecumenical use in continuing peace and harmony by members of Trinitarian churches, to make provision for reception of pilgrimages thereto, and to provide for and promote the ecclesiastical service of the Three Kings Chapel.

Background

The Minister of Public Buildings and Works determined in 1964 that the Aisle with its outstanding 17th century alabaster monument, one of the finest of its period in Scotland and the United Kingdom, should be classified as an ancient monument, and that the Minister was of the opinion that the preservation of the monument was a matter of public interest by reason of the historical, traditional and archaeological interest attaching thereto. The Minister undertook the maintenance of the fabric of the Aisle, whilst the Earl of Lauderdale undertook day to day operation of the aisle and to provide free access.

Historic Scotland has taken over the responsibilities of the Minister of Public Buildings and Works.

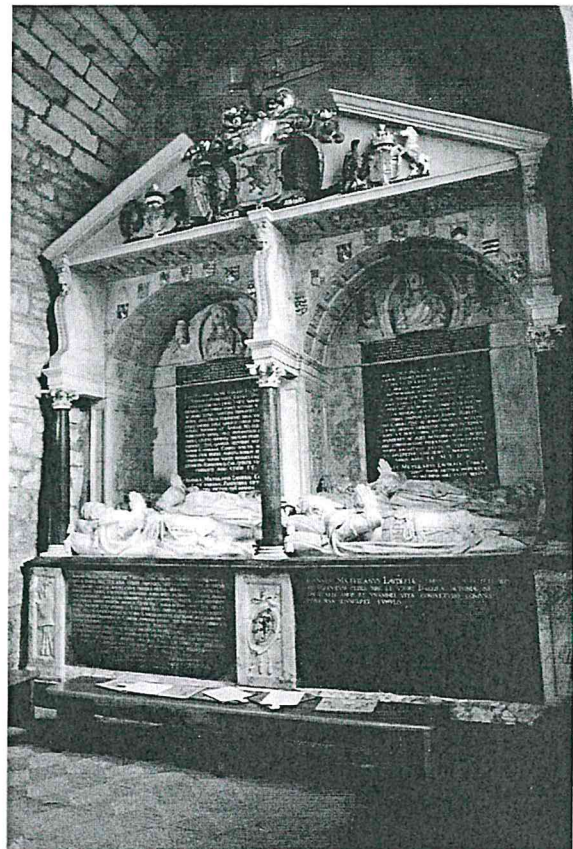
The Lauderdale Aisle on the north side of the church of St Mary's, Haddington is a burial aisle which incorporates a memorial dedicated to Sir John Maitland, 1st Baron Maitland, Chancellor of Scotland, who died in 1595 and to his son, John Maitland, 1st Earl of Lauderdale, who died in 1645 and their wives. The entrance to the aisle is through a 13th century Romanesque doorway, but the present structure seems to date from the 16th century. It is not clear what structure lay beyond the doorway, though it is thought that it was the former vestry. Before the Reformation, Maitlands were interred in the floor of the church.

Following the Siege of Haddington (1548-1550) which left the choir and transepts derelict, Sir John Maitland began to restore the Aisle, and around this time a family crypt on the west side of the Aisle was built to accommodate burials, because the Kirk began to discourage interments in the church.

The memorial may have been planned by the 1st Earl, who died in 1645, but it was probably erected by the 2nd Earl, and only Duke of Lauderdale, after the Restoration. Its design is attributed to Nicholas Stone (died 1647), and is similar to the memorials to the first Earl of Dunbar at Dunbar, and to Viscount Stormont at Scone Palace. These memorials were made in London by Italian craftsmen but erected by local labour. Close to the Aisle was the "Altarage of the Blessed Virgin and the Three Kings" which was derelict after the siege of Haddington, and had disappeared by 1590.

On May 6th 1978 the ancient Altarage was restored in the private chapel by the XVIIth Earl of Lauderdale with the intention that the chapel should be used for ecumenical worship and use by Christians of all Trinitarian traditions.

Representatives of the Church of Scotland, the Episcopal Church of Scotland, the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church participated in the hallowing of the chapel. Services are conducted under the rites of all these churches, with the formal approval of their respective hierarchies.



Historic Scotland

By a Deed of Guardianship dated 18th March 1964 between Alfred, the XVIth Earl of Lauderdale and the Minister of Public Buildings and Works, the Minister was appointed guardian of the Aisle under the terms of the Ancient Monuments Acts. Historic Scotland has taken on the Minister's duties, and is responsible for maintenance of the Aisle. Under the terms of the Deed the Minister can regulate access to the Aisle and to make admission charges, subject to the right of the Earl of Lauderdale and such persons as are authorised by him to hold religious services in the Aisle.

The Trust is responsible for maintenance of the crypt, provision for public access and the day to day running costs of the Aisle, with grant assistance from Historic Scotland.

Entrance Fees

Although the Deed of Guardianship permits charges to be made for entry to the Aisle, no charges are made, and entrance is free.

Activities in 2024/25

The Lauderdale Aisle is the private property of the Earl of Lauderdale. The Trust finances public access to the Aisle by funding the costs of public liability insurance, heating and lighting as well as minor maintenance, the major structural maintenance costs being borne by Historic Scotland which can also provide a grant of half the electricity costs. £1,206 was spent on electrical works to the Lauderdale Aisle chapel in February 2025.

Financial Review

Trust income is primarily derived from investments, with the addition of gifts received in the Aisle and from benefactors, supplemented by gift aid from HMRC. Historic Scotland provides a grant for part of the cost of electricity used in the Aisle. In 2024 – 2025, the trust received income excluding share sales of £2,595 (£2,361 in 2023/24).

Relationships to other bodies: None

Reserve Policy:

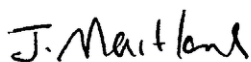
The Trust had cash available funds of £1,521.23 and investments £98,043.62 at the year end 30 Sept 2025 (cash available £5,044.95 and investments £89,614.83 at the year end 30 Sept 2024. All the funds are available to meet the running costs of the Lauderdale Aisle. There are no *designated or restricted funds*. It is intended to keep reserves equivalent to the last year's expenditure.

Evelyn Partners, Glasgow, act as investment advisors and fund managers.

Donated Facilities and Services: None

Payments to Trustees None

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



**The Master of Lauderdale
Trustee
Date 27 June 2025**

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date

Day Month Year

01 October 2024

Period end date

Day Month Year

30 September 2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	569				569	371
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	2,025				2,025	1,990
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	2,594	-	-	-	2,594	2,361
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	12,504				12,504	17,850
A2 Sub total	12,504	-	-	-	12,504	17,850
Total receipts	15,098	-	-	-	15,098	20,211
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs	528				528	502
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3,639				3,639	2,433
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	480				480	480
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other: LSE Legal Entity Identifier Fee	-				-	72
					-	
A3 Sub total	4,647	-	-	-	4,647	3,487
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments	13,975				13,975	13,902
A4 Sub total	13,975	-	-	-	13,975	13,902
Total payments	18,622	-	-	-	18,622	17,389
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,524)	-	-	-	(3,524)	2,822
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,524)	-	-	-	(3,524)	2,822

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	5,045				5,045	2,223
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(3,524)				(3,524)	2,822
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	1,521	-	-	-	1,521	5,045
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))							

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments	Stock Exchange Securities		98,044	89,615
		Total	98,044	89,615

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

J. Mailland	J. Mailland, The Master of Lauderdale	27/6/26

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
The Lauderdale Aisle Trust

Registered charity
number

SC016745

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	October	2024	to	30	September	2025

Set out on pages

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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

- 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

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

23/06/2026

Name:

David Mitchell

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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