

Mugdock Trust (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC017845

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	1991-04-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Craigend Visitor Centre Mugdock Park Craigallian Road Near Milngavie Glasgow G62 8EL
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Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Our charity works with the Management at Mugdock Country Park on projects and ideas for improving the visitor experience at Mugdock Country Park and in particular at Mugdock Castle and its environs. We also contribute towards care and maintenance work.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 To preserve, restore, enhance and maintain features and items of historical, natural and ecological interest in or germane to Mugdock Country Park for the benefit of the general public. 4.2 To advance the education of the general public and to promote a wider appreciation amongst the general public of the natural beauty and the history and heritage of Mugdock Country Park and its environs.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Stirling
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£12,963	£5,516	-	0
2024-04-30	£597	£12,341	-	0
2023-04-30	£5,480	£6,208	-	0
2022-04-30	£38,588	£304	-	0
2021-04-30	£190	£200	-	0

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Accounts

MUGDOCK TRUST (SCIO)

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
and
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

CHARITY NUMBER: SC017845

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2025

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 30 April 2025.
The Trustees have prepared accounts in accordance with the format set out in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
In accordance with the regulations for charities with a gross income of less than £250,000, the accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and have been scrutinised by an Independent Examiner.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number
SC017845

Principal Contact Address
Mugdock Country Park
Craigallian Road
Milngavie
Glasgow
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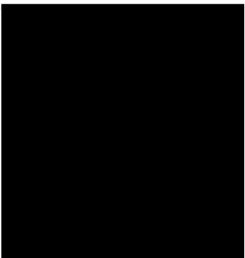
Office Bearers and Trustees

Hon President Vacant

Hon Vice Presidents 

Trustees

Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer



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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Mugdock Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), governed by the Consitution of Mugdock Trust SCIO. The Trust was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 12 April 1991, converting into a SCIO on 19 April 2023.

Members

The structure of the organisation consists of a Board of Trustees, which holds regular meetings and generally controls the activities of the organisation. The Board may at any time appoint any person to be a Trustee, by way of resolution passed by a majority vote at a board meeting.

The Board of Trustees elect (from among themselves) a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

The Board may also elect (from among themselves) further office-bearers, if they consider that appropriate, and honorary posts.

Mugdock Country Park Management are also invited to send a representative to attend Board meetings.

At each Annual General Meeting, one third of the appointed Trustees retire by rotation, being those who have been longest in office. For members appointed on the same day those to retire shall be determined by agreement or in default of agreement by lot. Retiring Trustees are eligible for re-election.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purpose

The objectives of the charity are to preserve, restore, enhance and maintain features and items of historical, natural and ecological interest in or germane to Mugdock Country Park for the benefit of the general public in order to advance the education of the general public and to promote a wider appreciation amongst the general public of the natural beauty and the history and heritage of Mugdock Country Park and its environs. The Trust achieves these objectives mainly by raising funds towards projects organised by or in partnership with Mugdock Country Park Management Committee.

Achievements and Performance

Mugdock Country Park is situated in an area rich in local history dating back to the Bronze Age. The most visited historic attraction is Mugdock Castle which dates back to at least the 14th century and possibly earlier. The Trust has contributed to the repair and maintenance of the Castle stonework and to further projects around the Park. The Trustees have also volunteered as stewards for open days, allowing visitors to go inside the Mugdock Castle tower.

During the year to April 2025 the Trust, working with the Park Mangement, continued to explore and support new projects. In particular, in line with the 'Mugdock Country Park Strategy 2022-2027', the Trust is working closely with the Park Management on ideas for improving the visitor experience at Mugdock Castle and have engaged with Consultants on planning the potential development of a Maze on the lower terrace in the Castle grounds with the incorporation of elements referencing Clan Graham. The Trust was succesful in accessing a grant towards the cost of an Archeological Survey of the Castle Grounds, required by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) prior to any such work being undertaken. A desk based survey was carried out, followed up by a Geophysical Survey. Following those surveys HES has suggested that some further work may be required, including some excavation.

During the year the Park Manager retired and a new manager was appointed. As a consequence, work with the Trust has been interrupted while a review of the Park Strategy is carried out, including consideration of projects impacting on Mugdock Castle. A review of Council spending and consequent restrictions on the Park Budget have also necessitated a review of spending by the Park. The Trustees will await a clear statement from the Park on its continuing support for and involvement with the Maze Project before committing further funds to the project, including expenditure on the work required by HES.

The Trust has strong links with the Clan Graham of America who have made regular generous donations to the work of the Trust relating to Mugdock Castle (their ancestral home). In recognition of their generosity, the Park Management committee in partnership with the Trust, EDC and Stirling Councils regularly host visits by members of the Clan Graham of America to the Castle (the most recent being in August 2025).

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

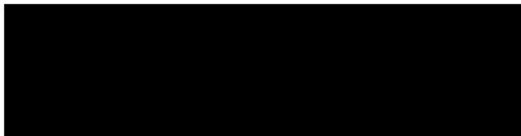
During the year, the Trustees received income totalling £12963 (2024 = £597), and incurred expenditure of £5516 (2024 £12341). Details at note 4.

At 30 April 2025 the Trust held total funds of £48715 (2024 = £41268).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance the provisions covered in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the Act'), and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations').

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act and Regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	All Funds Total Current Year £	All Funds Total Previous Year £
Receipts					
Grants	3	6400	0	6400	0
Donations and legacies	3	5987	512	6499	540
Bank Interest	3	0	64	64	57
Bank Compensation	3	0	0	0	0
Total		12387	576	12963	597
Payments					
Raising funds	4	0	10	10	10
Charitable activities	4	5232	240	5472	12305
Support costs	4	0	34	34	26
Total		5232	284	5516	12341
Net gains/(losses) on investments		0	0	0	0
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		7155	292	7447	-11744
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds Brought Forward		6170	35098	41268	53012
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		13,325	35,390	48,715	41,268

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

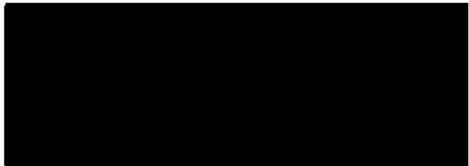
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2025
STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	30-Apr-25			30-Apr-24
	£			£
Statement of Balances	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Cash Funds				
Bank of Scotland	13325	31027	44,352	36,968
Scottish Widows Bank		4363	4,363	4,300
	<u>13325</u>	<u>35390</u>	<u>48,715</u>	<u>41,268</u>
Other Assets			0	0
Investments			0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13325</u>	<u>35390</u>	<u>48,715</u>	<u>41,268</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by

Signed



Treasurer

MUGDOCK TRUST (SCIO) 17845**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2025****1. Nature and Purpose of Funds**

The funds include donations, gifts and legacies. Donations from the Clan Graham of America are held in a restricted fund and may be used solely on the repair and maintenance of the castle and projects aimed at promoting the castle and improving the visitor experience. Unrestricted funds may be used in any way which the Trustees decide will further the Objectives and Aims of the organisation or is conducive or instrumental to doing so.

Grants for specific purpose are also included in restricted funds and any expenditure relating to those purposes charged to restricted funds.

2. Trustee Expenses

There are no Trustee expenses charged in the current year.

3. Analysis of Receipts

	Current Year	Previous Year
Grant from East Dunbarton Council Community Fund	6400	0
Donation From Clan Graham of America	0	0
Other donations	6499	540
Bank Interest	64	57
	<u>12963</u>	<u>597</u>

Other donations includes £5987 received from East Dunbarton Council in respect of costs incurred by the Trust on landscape architect fees for initial planning and scoping of the Maize proposal for the Mugdock Castle terraces. In accordance with note 1 above this donation has been included in restricted funds.

4. Analysis of Payments

	Current Year	Previous Year
Payments relating to independent examinations	34	26
Website Development and Maintenance	240	240
Cost of Fundraising	10	10
Contribution to Stonemason work at Castle	0	2585
Payment re Maze Project (Landscape Architect Planning)	0	9480
Archaeological Survey : Mugdock Castle Terrace	2478	0
Archaeological Geophysical Survey:Mugdock Castle Terrace	2754	0
	<u>5516</u>	<u>12341</u>

Payments for the archaeology surveys have been charged to restricted funds in accordance with note 1 above.

There were no outstanding amounts in respect of earlier years at 30 April 2025.

Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts						
	Mugdock Trust (SCIO)						
	SC017845						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	05	2024	to	30	04	2025	
	1 to 6						

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

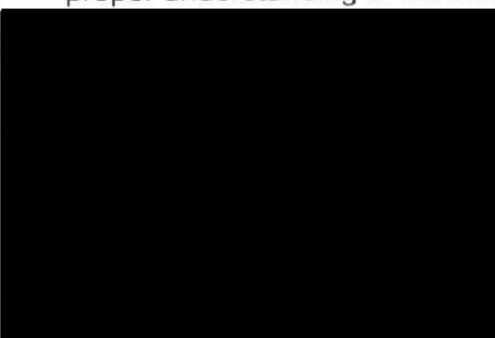
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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



Date:

21/01/25

