

# Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

Scotland · Charity number SC020596

## Details

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| Status     | Active                                    |
| Legal form | Unincorporated association                |
| Registered | 1992-10-15                                |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a> |

## Contact

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**Address** 9 Glasgow Street  
Dumfries  
DG2 9AF

**Website** [www.dgfhs.org.uk](http://www.dgfhs.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

**What the charity does:** The Society was established to promote family history, genealogy and local history throughout the Dumfries & Galloway Region. We opened the centre to allow people to come and get help to research their family history, a website was started to allow the wider world to research and buy booklets that we have on sale i.e. Monumental Incriptions, Census etc. We have Zoom talks for members of the Society given by people who have historical information about the region.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Other defined groups'

**Objectives:** The objectives of the Society, for the benefit and education of the public shall be : (a) To encourage the study of genealogy, heraldry and local history (b) To produce and regularly issue free to members a Newsletter. (c) To provide an educational programme of lectures, visits other activities connected with subjects to the Society. (d) To seek out, transcribe, index and where possible publish or material relevant to the interests of the Society. (e) Exchange information with other Societies. (f) Promote the preservation of documents and records relating to the Dumfries & Galloway Region.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £13,786 | £17,447     | -      | 0         |
| 2024-12-31 | £15,491 | £22,634     | -      | 0         |
| 2023-12-31 | £22,634 | £15,992     | -      | 0         |
| 2022-12-31 | £17,456 | £13,775     | -      | 0         |
| 2021-12-31 | £16,088 | £9,243      | -      | 0         |

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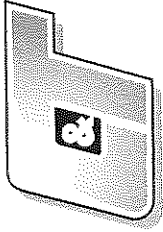
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# Accounts

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**DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY FAMILY HISTORY  
SOCIETY**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER:- SC020596**

**CARSON & TROTTER**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
123 IRISH STREET  
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## Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

### Management Committee report for the year ended 31st December 2025

The Council Members present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

#### **Governing Document**

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society is an unincorporated association and registered as a Scottish Charity under reference SC020596, governed by its constitution and administered by a council consisting of members elected under the terms of the constitution.

#### **Council Members**

The Council Members who served during the year 31st December 2025 were as follows:

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs Frances Dunse (Chair) | Mrs Beverley Thom   |
| Mrs Eva Adamson           | Mr Michael Thom     |
| Mr Douglas Coltart        | Mrs Lynda Mackie    |
| Mrs Hazel McMillan        | Mrs Lilly Stevenson |
| Mr Ian McClumpha          | Mr Keith Wilson     |

#### **Principal Address**

9 Glasgow Street Dumfries, DG2 9AF.

#### **Appointment and Recruitment of Committee Members**

Society members are asked to nominate someone for each post and also as members of Council. Their nominations must be in 3 weeks prior to the AGM. The names are then put before members at the AGM and agreed there. The newly appointed society members are then given a formal induction to the work of the charity and provided with the information they need to fulfil their roles.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Society was established to promote family history, genealogy and local history throughout the Dumfries and Galloway Region.

The Council Members have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that the necessary steps have been taken to mitigate those risks.

#### **Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

Activity levels during the year were fairly normal. Unrestricted funds decreased during the year by £3,661 to leave available funds of £44,876.

#### *Reserves*

The Society aims to generate sufficient funds to maintain operations and also to develop its library of research materials.

#### **Connected Bodies**

Although the Society is a founder member of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies, the decision was taken in 2016 for the Society to forfeit their membership to this association. Membership fees are no longer paid to the Scottish Association of Family History Societies.

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Management Committee report  
for the year ended 31st December 2025

**Independent Examiner**

Messrs Carson & Trotter, Chartered Accountants, have expressed their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution re-appointing them for the ensuing year will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the members of the management committee on 16th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Mrs Frances Dunse, Chair

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of  
Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are attached as part of this document.

**Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner**

The members of the management committee, as 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 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 the independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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

- a. 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 Regulationshave not been met, or
- b. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr S D Harman BA CA  
Messrs Carson & Trotter  
Chartered Accountants  
123 Irish Street  
Dumfries  
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Date: 16th March 2026

**Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society**

**Receipts and Payments Account (all unrestricted funds)**  
**for the year ended 31st December 2025**

|  | 2025                  | 2024                  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | £                     | £                     |
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>                   |                       |                       |
| Subscriptions                            | 6,961                 | 7,479                 |
| Donations                                | 753                   | 708                   |
| Gift aid reclaimed                       | 305                   | 225                   |
| Find my Past                             | 811                   | 899                   |
| <b>Income from charitable activities</b> |                       |                       |
| Sale of goods and services               | 4,956                 | 6,180                 |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                    | <b>13,786</b>         | <b>15,491</b>         |
| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                   |                       |                       |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>             |                       |                       |
| Cost of goods and services               | 664                   | 804                   |
| Members' newsletters                     | 3,444                 | 3,264                 |
| Meetings                                 | 366                   | 156                   |
| Insurance                                | 897                   | 989                   |
| Computer bureau costs                    | 2,653                 | 1,262                 |
| Light and heat                           | 2,674                 | 3,949                 |
| Cleaning                                 | 526                   | 636                   |
| Repairs and maintenance                  | 1,407                 | 7,290                 |
| Office supplies                          | 1,508                 | 1,542                 |
| Telephone                                | 784                   | 774                   |
| Website costs                            | 279                   | 476                   |
| General expenses                         | 1,285                 | 1,045                 |
|  | <u>16,487</u>         | <u>22,187</u>         |
| <b>Governance Costs</b>                  |                       |                       |
| Independent examiner's fee               | 810                   | 792                   |
| Telephone                                | 50                    | 50                    |
| Office supplies                          | 100                   | 100                   |
|  | <u>960</u>            | <u>942</u>            |
| <b>Total payments</b>                    | <b>17,447</b>         | <b>23,129</b>         |
| <b>Net deficit for the year</b>          | <b><u>(3,661)</u></b> | <b><u>(7,638)</u></b> |

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Statement of Balances  
as at 31st December 2025

|                              | 2025          | 2024          |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | £             | £             |
| <b>Bank and cash</b>         |               |               |
| Opening balance              | 47,574        | 55,212        |
| Deficit for the year         | (3,661)       | (7,638)       |
| <b>Closing balance</b>       | <u>43,913</u> | <u>47,574</u> |
| <b>Reserves</b>              |               |               |
| General unrestricted funds:- |               |               |
| Bank of Scotland             | 44,821        | 47,548        |
| Cash on hand                 | 55            | 26            |
| <b>Total funds</b>           | <u>44,876</u> | <u>47,574</u> |
| <b>Assets</b>                |               |               |
| Stock                        | 8,470         | 9,391         |
| Land & Buildings - NBV       | 24,070        | 24,900        |
| Office Equipment - NBV       | 1,770         | 2,213         |
| Library - NBV                | 1,065         | 1,183         |
| <b>Liabilities</b>           |               |               |
| Independent examiner's fee   | 840           | 804           |
| Subscriptions in advance     | 2,006         | 2,212         |

Approved by the Council Members on 16th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

*Frances Dunse*

Mrs Frances Dunse, Chair

**Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society**

**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**1. Management Committee Remuneration and Expenses**

The Management Committee members did not receive any remuneration for their services and were not reimbursed for any expenditure during the year.

**2. Funds**

The General Fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.