

Annual Report for year ending 30 April 2026

**Arradoul Institute of the SWRI
Also known as Arradoul SWI**

Scottish Charity Number SC026753

Arradoul SWI is a charitable unincorporated organisation within Banffshire Federation of the Scottish Women's Institutes. <https://www.theswi.org.uk/>

Our aims are as follows:

- a) To advance the education and training of those who live and work in the country, or are interested in country life, in home skills, family, welfare and citizenship;
- b) To promote the preservation of Scotland's traditions and rural heritage, and
- c) To promote the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation so that the conditions of life of people who live in the country, or who are interested in country life may be improved;

In furtherance thereof but not otherwise the organisation shall:

- 1. Encourage home skills
- 2. Consider family welfare and citizenship
- 3. Preserve the traditions of rural Scotland
- 4. Enhance awareness of Scotland's rural heritage
- 5. Work for international co-operation and understanding among women
- 6. Encourage home and small rural industries, both individual and co-operative

The Office Bearers are Janet Winterbourne (President), Sheila Thomas (Vice President), Susan Clarke (Secretary) and Wendy Crosby (Treasurer).

Review of the year

Arradoul members continue to support SWI by being involved with Federation events. A few diaries and calendars are purchased, but these sales have dwindled due to more members using technology. The online magazine is sent out to all members of the Institute and is becoming quite popular with members.

Arradoul supported the Banffshire Federation attending the 6-monthly meetings, and craft days. We had a good number of entries in all classes at Keith Show where once again we retained the Jubilee Shield for the Institute with most points as well as other silverware and had excellent results in all categories.

Our successful fundraising throughout the year included our popular Summer Afternoon Teas, providing refreshments at the Buckie Classic Car Rally, the annual Big Band Concert, a Quiz Night and the Christmas Craft Fayre.

We enjoyed the usual variety of speakers and demonstrators at our monthly meetings which included hands on evenings making sweets and weaving as well as informative talks from Buckie Cancer Support Group, a head gardener and others. Members also supported other Rurals on a number of occasions when they invited us as visitors.

Future Planning

A full programme of events is planned for 26/27, along with all our normal annual events.

The new disabled access to the hall is progressing slowly with planning now in place. It is hoped the work will be completed during the coming financial year.

Involvement in outside bodies

We are a member of Banffshire Federation <https://www.theswi.org.uk/>, all Arradoul SWI communications and financial responsibilities connected with SWI HQ have been administered by the Banffshire Federation Committee to which we pay £2 per member, and SWI HQ to which we pay a levy of £30 per member.

The Institute can be contacted at Arradoul SWI Hall, Arradoul, Buckie, AB56 5BB or via our Facebook page - Arradoul SWI.

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 19th May 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Mrs Wendy Crosby

Treasurer

19th May 2026