

Aros Hall

Scotland · Charity number SC027209

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	1953-12-30
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Main Street Tobermory Isle Of Mull PA75 6NT
Website	www.aroshall.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement', 'any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes'

What the charity does: The Aros Hall is set up to provide a space for holding community and other events, for hiring out the space to local and other organisations, and in general as a meeting place for people of all ages in the community. The Hall is owned by the community, and is managed on behalf of the community by the trustees and committee members.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: For the purpose of physical and mental training and recreation and social, moral, and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the inhabitants of the Burgh of Tobermory in the County of Argyll and its immediate vicinity, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Argyll And Bute
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£105,769	£74,736	-	2
2025-03-31	£33,315	£22,303	-	2
2024-03-31	£29,636	£33,045	-	2
2023-03-31	£30,035	£27,501	-	2
2022-03-31	£47,968	£60,878	-	2
2021-03-31	£30,075	£21,314	-	2

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Annual Report – Aros Hall AGM 2025/2026

It has been another busy, productive and rewarding year for Aros Hall, and I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has played a part in making the hall such a valued community space. From our regular user groups and local organisations to one-off events, workshops and visitors, it is your continued support and use of the hall that ensures Aros Hall remains at the very heart of our community.

As with any community facility, the year has brought its share of challenges, but there has also been a great deal to celebrate. One of the standout moments of the year was the visit from Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales on 29 April 2025. They received a warm welcome from the Tobermory community during their visit to Aros Hall and the Tobermory Producers Market. This special occasion also brought significant support through a grant from The Royal Foundation, awarded to fund a number of important improvements including enhancements to the Rainydays soft play area, refurbishment of the Community Fridge space, replacement of the hall's stairlift, upgrades to the heating system and essential roof repairs. This funding was further strengthened by a generous £5,000 donation from the Co-op to support improvements to Rainydays, and a kind donation from Lego to enrich the play space. Beyond the funding itself, the visit was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the incredible community spirit of Tobermory, alongside the outstanding local produce and talent our island has to offer. We were also delighted to be one of the Tobermory Coop's Local Causes, providing funds to decorate the main hall and foyer space.

Throughout the year, the hall has continued to provide a welcoming space for a wide variety of events, activities and celebrations. From the fantastic work of our regular hall users, to the beautiful displays at the Tobermory Horticultural Society Flower Show, and celebrations of Gaelic culture and heritage through the local Mòd, the hall has remained a place where our community comes together. We were also delighted to welcome back the Tobermory Games Dance in 2025, another brilliant example of the hall bringing people together to celebrate local traditions.

The festive period once again demonstrated the important role Aros Hall plays within the community calendar. Both our Christmas Party and Hogmanay Dance were wonderfully attended, and I would like to thank Treshnish and Eddie O'Donnell for ensuring both evenings were such memorable celebrations. The 2025 pantomime, Rapunzel, was another huge success and a wonderful example of the extraordinary volunteer spirit that exists within our town. The commitment shown by the cast, crew and production team was exceptional, and they deserve enormous credit for bringing such joy to the community.

We were also pleased to support the town's Christmas lights efforts by providing electricity for the town Christmas tree. Rainydays was once again transformed into Santa's Grotto, creating a magical festive experience for local families. A special thank you goes to Faith for creating such a wonderful space for our younger community members, and to Evie and Nicola for helping deliver the sessions.

In February, our annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz Night once again brought the community together for a fantastic evening while raising valuable funds for the hall. Thank you to our quizmasters — Alasdair, Georgia and Coll — for hosting another hugely enjoyable event.

The Tobermory Producers Market continues to be one of our most important fundraising activities. In 2025, the market raised £3,203, representing only a very small 2% reduction on the previous year's total. I would like to extend sincere thanks to Tobermory Harbour Association for continuing to provide the market site at a fair rate, and to Tobermory Distillery for their ongoing generosity in allowing use of their courtyard free of charge for the Christmas Markets. Unfortunately, severe weather meant we had to cancel the planned outdoor Christmas Market, but we remain incredibly grateful for the support shown by our partners and stallholders.

The MESS Island Castaways Charity Shop returned to the hall foyer from April through to October, continuing to provide valuable volunteering opportunities while raising funds for local causes. Alongside this, the Community Fridge — also managed by MESS — has continued its excellent work supporting local people while diverting more than 5,000 kilograms of food waste from landfill over the past year. This important work would not be possible without the dedication of the volunteers involved, and they deserve special recognition.

Like many organisations, Aros Hall continues to face rising operational costs, with electricity expenditure increasing by 51% compared with the previous year. This underlines the importance of continuing to invest in energy efficiency improvements and technologies that will help us operate more sustainably while protecting the long-term future of the hall.

I would also like to offer heartfelt thanks to our hall staff, Joanne and Gillian, whose hard work behind the scenes keeps Aros Hall running smoothly and ensures the space remains welcoming and well cared for. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do. Thank you as well to our volunteer committee members, who generously give their time and energy to oversee the running of the hall on behalf of the wider community. Your commitment is fundamental to ensuring Aros Hall continues to thrive.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future and remain committed to ensuring Aros Hall continues to serve as a vibrant, welcoming and sustainable community space for generations to come.

Thank you once again to everyone who continues to support Aros Hall. It truly belongs to the community, and its continued success is a reflection of the people who make Tobermory such a special place.



16th July 2026

Morven Summers

Chair, Aros Hall Committee

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Chair's Report – Aros Hall AGM 2024/25

It's been another busy and rewarding year at Aros Hall, and I want to start by thanking everyone who has made use of the space; from regular users and local groups to one-off events and visiting workshops. The Aros Hall lies in the heart of the town and holds a special place in the hearts of residents, and it's thanks to your involvement that it remains a much-loved space.

While the past year hasn't been without its challenges, there's also been a great deal to celebrate. Most notably, we ended the year with a net surplus of £11,012.24 - a reassuring sign that the hall is on a reasonable financial footing.

Throughout the year, the hall played host to a wide range of events and activities. From our fantastic regular hall users, to the beautiful displays of the Tobermory Horticultural Society Flower Show and celebrating our culture and heritage at the local Mòd. The Aros Hall continues to be a space to bring people together and celebrate community.

A real highlight this year came from the next generation: [REDACTED] from Tobermory High School chose Aros Hall as their nominated local charity for the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). Their creative, award-winning pitch secured a fantastic £3,000 grant - a brilliant example of community spirit and youth leadership in action.

The Aros Hall was a bustling space over the festive period. Our Christmas Party and Hogmanay Dance were a hit - thank you to [REDACTED] for keeping everyone dancing. The 2024 pantomime, Cinderella, was a huge hit with the town and the effort involved in putting on the show is testament to the brilliant community that exists here.

The hall was able to support the town Christmas lights efforts by providing electricity for the new light dedicated to [REDACTED] which is cited in The Gallery courtyard. Thanks to generous support from MESS and Scottish Sea Farms Heart of the Community fund, we hosted free Christmas lantern-making workshops, culminating in a magical parade during the town's Christmas lights switch-on. We're especially grateful to [REDACTED] and the Mull and Iona Rangers Supporters Club, whose support made it possible to create a Santa's Grotto in Rainydays during the night of the switch-on. Every child who visited Santa received a free present. A huge thanks to Faith, who created a magical wee space for all our wee folk to enjoy.

In February, our annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz night brought folks together while raising funds for the hall. A huge thank you to our quizmasters - [REDACTED] - for hosting such an entertaining evening.

The Tobermory Producers Market, one of our key fundraising efforts, raised £3,287.76 in 2024. While this was a 14% drop from last year, mainly due to dreadful weather and the loss of some regular stallholders, we're grateful to have secured support from The Waterfall Fund to help boost promotion and grow the market in 2025. We're also thankful to Tobermory Harbour Association for providing the market site at a fair rate, and to Tobermory Distillery for once again offering their courtyard free of charge during the Christmas Markets, allowing us to welcome twice as many traders.

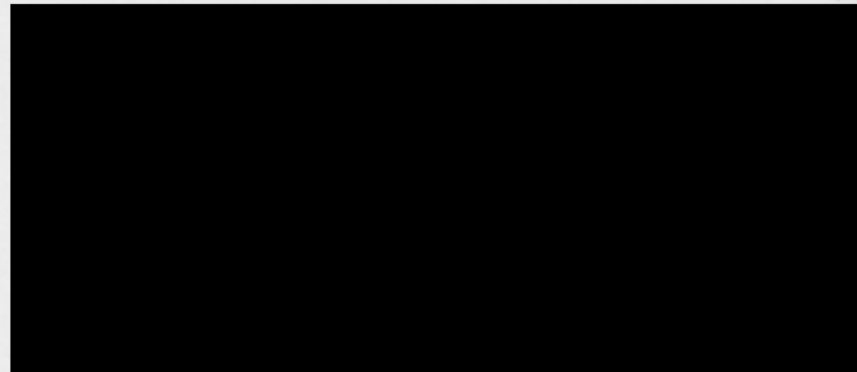
The MESS Island Castaways charity shop returned to the hall foyer from April to October, offering volunteering opportunities and raising funds for local causes. Meanwhile, the community fridge, also managed by MESS, continued its brilliant work diverting food from landfill and providing access to free food every day of the week. [REDACTED]

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our hall staff - [REDACTED] - who keep the hall running smoothly and looking its best. Your dedication is so appreciated.

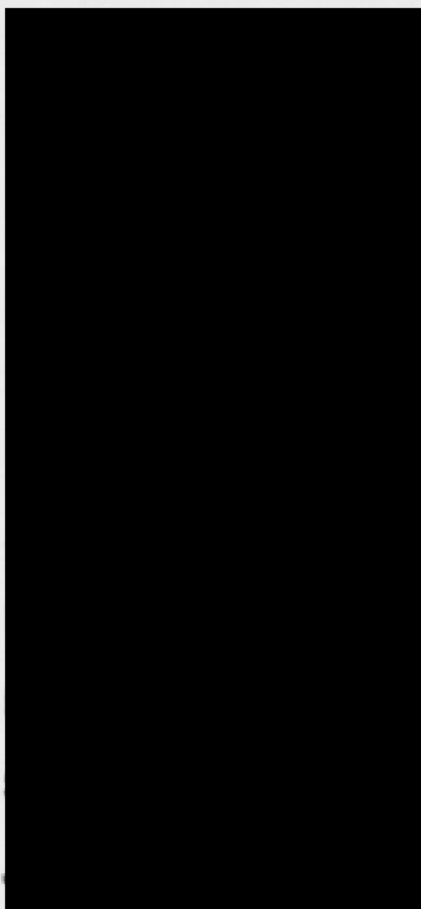
Thanks also go to our volunteer committee, who give their time to manage the hall on behalf of the community. This year we said farewell to [REDACTED] — thank you for your contributions — and welcomed new members: [REDACTED] We hope to continue growing the team in the year ahead.

Looking forward, we're excited about what's to come. Thanks to significant grant funding, we have ambitious plans to invest in and improve the hall's facilities, ensuring Aros Hall remains a welcoming and warm space for future generations.

Thank you all once again for your continued support.



Committee Members



**Aros Hall Management Committee
Income & Expenditure Account
2024-2025**

2023 - 24

2024 - 25

Income

14941.00
5281.36
2187.02

349.00
15.32
3000.00

3833.35

29.23

29636.28

Rental Income
Bar/Cafe
Donations
Fundraising (Net)
Soft Play
Bank Interest
Grants
Trustees bank a/c transfer
Xmas party
Markets (net)

13430.50
3113.32
3245.69
1633.13
378.00
6.81
5600.00
1465.63
1155.00
3287.76

Miscellaneous

Total Income

33315.84

Expenditure

9429.63
299.96
7250.58
3281.97
10459.18
340.67
367.85
174.40
22.19
77.40
82.84
160.00
268.32

831.00 retention

Wages
Telephone
Heat & Light
Insurance
Repairs & Replacements
Miscellaneous
Maintenance materials
(Extra) Cleaning Materials
Stat & Adv
PRS
Website
Gifts
Fire equipment checks
PAT Testing
Toilets refurb

10119.02
280.96
4402.92
4139.11
1730.76
162.80
619.86
300.78
11.00
166.76
209.98
160.00

33045.99

-3409.71

Total Expenditure

22303.95

NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

11011.89

Statement of Balances

11457.87
-3409.71

8048.16

Opening Balances
Surplus(Deficit) for year

8048.16
11011.89

Closing Balances

19060.05

Assets

41000.00

Heritable property (2002)
Fixtures & Fittings

41000.00

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

AROS HALL

Registered charity
number

SC

027209

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

April

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

March

2025

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)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 [~~other than that disclosed on the attached page*~~]

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:

16/06/25