

Golspie Heritage Society

Scotland · Charity number SC030553

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2000-09-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	2 Seaforth Road Golspie Sutherland KW10 6TJ
Website	http://www.spanglefish.com/golspieheritagesociety/

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public about the beauty, history and character of the parish of Golspie by stimulating public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the Parish. The Society store historical items which have been donated to them, some of which are always on display in the meeting room. Others are displayed at relevant times, such as the annual exhibition, which is normally held during Golspie Gala Week and the following week. Monthly meetings are held with guest speakers giving talks on history relevant to the area. These talks are popular and usually attended by 35-40 people. The Society's premises are open on Tuesday mornings throughout the year for people to drop in and chat. They are encouraged to share memories of Golspie, some of which are recorded. Old photos are often looked through and names added, where some were unknown before. Many look forward to the Tuesday morning meetings, especially some older men

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People'

Objectives: 2. The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public about the beauty, history and character of the parish of Golspie by stimulating public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the said Parish. Powers 3. (a) In furtherance thereof the Society shall seek: To preserve archaeological remains, buildings and structures of historical interest, artefacts and other objects which reflect or are connected with the life and history of the area. To prepare reports and schedules of historic relics and to collect, collate and preserve pictorial and literary records, To encourage, support and carry out research into matters of historic and general interest in the area, and to publish the results in suitable form. To maintain liaison with educationalists and by means of meetings, lectures, exhibitions, publications and general

publicity, to encourage students and others to take an interest in the aims of the Society. To make such representations to official bodies as may in the opinion of the Society be necessary to further its object and the public interest. To set up a museum and to acquire, by means of gift, purchase or loan, historical objects and records for the purpose of exhibition, preservation and safe custody such museum to be administered in accordance with and subject to the provisions contained in the Schedule hereto annexed. To undertake any projects of a charitable nature which will assist the foregoing object. To investigate and trace local family histories.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£13,858	£6,374	-	0
2025-03-31	£5,496	£11,198	-	0
2024-03-31	£3,999	£3,294	-	0
2023-03-31	£16,571	£15,660	-	0
2022-03-31	£5,902	£4,931	-	0
2021-03-31	£10,720	£1,108	-	0

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

Current trustees

Valerie Ross
Shirley Sutherland
Nancy Mackay
Marion Sutherland
John Melville
Ian Sutherland
Patricia Till
Russell Jaffrey
Thomas MacRae
Alison Redmond

Other trustees during the year: n/a

Contact address:

2 Seaforth Road Golspie, KW10 6TJ

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Recruitment and appointment of trustees is on a voluntary basis.

Governing document

Golspie Heritage Society is an unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable purposes

The overall purpose of the Society is the advancement and education of local knowledge and history in our community and to stimulate interest in this area by providing regular meetings and exhibiting materials together with the sharing of materials and knowledge within the community and with other groups and individuals.

Activities and achievements

Monthly meetings are held with guest speakers giving talks on history relevant to the area. The Society's premises are open on Tuesday mornings throughout the year for people to drop in and chat. They are encouraged to share memories of Golspie, some of which are recorded. Old photos are looked through and names often added.

Volunteers attend on Monday mornings and are currently working through materials and artefacts, organising them and cataloguing them. This has increased awareness of the lack of storage space. Plans have been drawn up to build a new store and grant applications have been made to local windfarm community benefit funds. Confirmation was received on 20.03.2026 that the first one has been successful.

Other volunteers are working to complete the Millennium Project. Books with a photo of every house in the parish with a space opposite for the occupier to record something about the family that lived there, were begun at the millennium. Not all the spaces were completed at the time. It is hoped most spaces will now be completed retrospectively.

The Society's volunteer Researcher has been working on a 'People At School Project'. Their collection of over 300 class photos from village schools, dating back to the early 1900s, has been collated into 3 binders. Names have been added to many and a database created. The Society will continue to add to this fascinating collection.

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Reserves

We have regular meetings which ensures that reserves are always available and if necessary fundraising will be organised. Closing Reserve of £18423.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

Marion Sutherland

MARION SUTHERLAND
TREASURER

Date: 08/4/2025

**Golspie Heritage Society Scottish
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Independent Examiner's Report**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Golspie Heritage Society registered charity number SC030553.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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. 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 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 _____ *Christine Ross* _____ 17th April 2026

Christine Ross
Alba, Main Street, Golspie. KW10 6TG

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year 1.4.25 – 31.3.26

RECEIPTS	2026	2025
Memberships	1375	880
Donations - General	3289	2205
Sales (Pens, books, cards)	1554	2026
Bequests & Funeral Collections	600	
Lettings	235	385
New Store Income	1445	
Grants Received	5360	
Total Receipts	13858	5496
PAYMENTS		
Building Maintenance	107	7901
Annual Subscriptions	470	247
Broadband	300	132
Rent	1200	1150
Electricity	1432	472
Book Sales	158	17
Office/Catering Expenses	1125	1180
New Stores Expenses	1574	
Public Liability Insurance		99
Bank charges	7	
Total Payments	6373	11198
Surplus / (deficit) for year	7485	-5702

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026

Opening Balance	10938	16640
Surplus / (Deficit)	7485	-5702
Closing Balance	18423	10938

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

Marion Sutherland

Marion Sutherland
Treasurer

Date: 8th April 2026

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NOTES

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Reserves

All funds are unrestricted

3. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year.