

Dickson Hall, Laurencekirk

Scotland · Charity number SC038643

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Part of	Laurencekirk Church of Scotland (SC014830)
Registered	2007-09-06
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	The Dickson Memorial Hall Station Road Laurencekirk AB30 1BE
Website	www.dicksonmemorialhall.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The Hall was gifted to the congregation of Laurencekirk Parish Church in 1900. The Kirk Elders were the Trustees of the Hall, which was registered as a charity under Laurencekirk Parish Church. In 2009, the Hall became a charity in its own right, assuming its own charity number, and the Trust Deed was legally amended to record this. Under the new charity registration, the Hall was set up to benefit not only the congregation of the Church but the wider community in Laurencekirk and beyond. It is multi purpose venue which is hired to individuals, groups, public sector organisations, and businesses for holding celebratory events, fund raising events, meetings and other events. The Hall also organises events for the benefit of the community - afternoon teas, lunches, celebratory events, concerts, music events, being some examples. The Trustees comprise members of the Kirk Session and community representatives.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'Other defined groups', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The Hall shall be used for the benefit of the Congregation of Laurencekirk Parish Church and the wider community of the Christian Church for religious purposes as determined by the Minister. 2. The hall may be used for other purposes consistent with the contemporary life. activities, ethos and character of the Congregation and Church determined by the Kirk Session including concerts, dancing and forms of

entertainment which cause the damage to the fabric and furniture of the hall

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£0	£0	-	2
2024-12-31	£40,476	£30,573	-	2
2023-12-31	£46,946	£47,475	-	2
2022-12-31	£46,993	£36,263	-	2
2021-12-31	£8,118	£13,704	-	2
2020-12-31	£12,407	£17,614	-	2

Accounts

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DICKSON HALL TRUST

ACCOUNTS FOR

YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC038643

DICKSON HALL TRUST

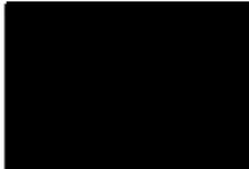
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees took over the running of the Dickson Hall on 1 October 2009. It was previously operated as part of the Laurencekirk Parish Church.

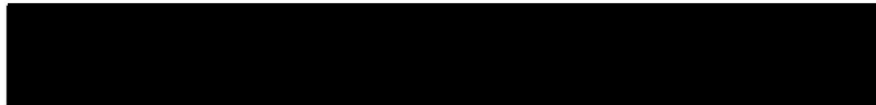
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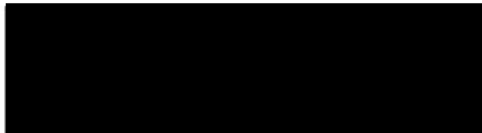
Trustees / Elders



Management Committee



Independent Examiner



Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland
Brothock Bridge
ARBROATH
DD11 1NF

DICKSON HALL TRUST

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trustees are the Elders of Laurencekirk Parish Church. The Trust is registered as a separate charity. The Trust is a charitable unincorporated association. The operational responsibility is devolved to a Management Committee, all of whom are volunteers

OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Trustees and Management Committee is to provide a high quality, modern facility for use by the Church, and, importantly, the wider community.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Hall continues to play an important part in contributing to community life in Laurencekirk and the wider area. Although there are several similar venues in the village, and one which opened in 2024, the Hall is still a sought-after location for hires of varying descriptions.

The year has been one in which significant remedial works were identified as being necessary to maintain the building in a condition which is fit for purpose and one which will be there for future generations to enjoy. Principally, this related to external masonry defects which had resulted in water ingress and following successful grant funding applications, together with the use of Hall funds, the finance was secured to enable these repair works to go ahead. The Trustees and Management Committee recognise, however, that given the age of the building ongoing repairs and maintenance will always be necessary. Allied to this is the need to ensure that the facilities in the Hall, especially in relation to catering, audio visual and IT capability, is up to date so that it is compatible with the requirements of Hall users. This brings additional financial challenges. In relation to audio visual and IT capability, improvement work will have to be seriously considered in future.

Fund raising by volunteers continues to be very helpfully offered and the Trustees and Management Committee are appreciative of this. The continued provision of lunches and afternoon teas, monthly over most of the year, is appreciated. They are very well supported by the community and are source of welcome income generation. These alone, however, even when combined with income from Hall hires, are not sufficient to provide the funds necessary to keep the Hall financially viable, and in 2025 there will be a renewed focus on fund raising activities carried out by the Hall Management Committee.

The Trustees and Management Committee are mindful that membership of the Management Committee has remained healthily static over a number of years but recognise that new members will bring fresh ideas, vigour and enthusiasm and so efforts will continue to try and identify and recruit individuals who may not wish to become a Committee member but may be happy to be a 'Friend of the Dickson Hall' and offer their time and talent for the benefit of the Hall and the wider community who use it.

To streamline the administration of the booking system for Hall hires, an administrator was appointed in 2024, and this appears to have been a successful development.

Overall, while a challenging year in terms of finances, it is one which was successful in terms of what is provided to the community.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient details to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Trust during the financial year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Trust at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF


INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DICKSON HALL TRUST

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024
which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity's 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 (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

- 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.

Date: 25 August 2025

DICKSON HALL TRUST

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AT 31 December 2024

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank & Deposit Balances			
Bank & Deposit Balances brought forward		66,015	66,544
Movements in year		9,903	(529)
Bank & Deposit Balances carried forward	1	75,918	66,015

Note 1 Of the monies held, £ 66,802 has been designated by the Trustees as Fabric Fund, to be retained for major repairs or Improvements to the hall

Note 2 The titles to the Hall are held by the Church of Scotland and are in the names of members of the Kirk Session as Trustees for the congregation of Laurencekirk Parish Church in terms of a Trust Disposition by Patrick Dickson recorded on 7 August 1906.

Note 3 The Accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis; i.e. no account is taken of accruals or amounts outstanding.

Laurencekirk Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



DICKSON HALL TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME			
Lets		16,831	13,894
Lets - Warm Hub		-	5,070
Catering Income		9,787	8,413
Fundraising Events		4,412	3,391
Donations		400	1,400
Interest		2,654	1,858
Grant - Mearns Area Partnership		6,392	-
Grant for Storm Damage		-	4,078
Grant for Kitchen		-	8,297
Income for Photo-copying		-	-
Sale of Old Cooker		-	545
		<u>40,476</u>	<u>46,946</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Fundraising Expenses		1,150	958
Catering Expenses		3,408	3,379
Cleaner's Salary		1,452	1,923
Caretaker's Salary		5,081	5,401
Heat & Light		7,765	7,130
Insurance		1,933	1,818
General Repairs		3,159	3,429
Cleaning Materials		176	350
Telephone		1,333	954
PRS Music Fees		416	139
General Expenses		547	261
Stationery & Postages		300	527
Equipment		1,043	789
Independent Examiner		120	200
Book-keeping/Payroll		1,247	1,139
Administration		1,443	-
Storm Damage		-	19,078
		<u>30,573</u>	<u>47,475</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>9,903</u>	<u>(529)</u>