



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	11	2023	To	31	10	2024

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name  
Other names charity is known by  
Registered charity number  
Charity's principal address

Rannes Hall Management Committee	
SC038785	
The Rannes Hall	
Kennethmont	
Huntly	
Aberdeenshire	Postcode: AB54 4NP

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Grant	Chair		
2	William Reid	Vice Chair		
3	Mary Florence	Secretary		
4	Judith Mitchell	Treasurer		
5	Caroline Hamilton	Committee		
6	Alison McLean	Committee		
7	Janice Smith	Committee		
8	Elaine Hay	Committee		
9	Kim Postlethwaite	Committee		
10	Vicky Keith	Committee		
11	Ron Dawson	Committee		
12	Steve Gordon	Committee		
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APPENDIX 1

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Deed of Trust
Trustee recruitment and appointment	As per Deed of Trust

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	To manage the community owned hall (The Rannes Hall).
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Ensure that the hall remains available for the community to utilise. Arrange private bookings and community events. Ensure the operation of the hall continues through maintenance, improvements and day-to-day management (insurance, electric, cleaning, etc)



## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

#### 2024 AGM Chairmans report:

I started last years report by saying we were very disappointed to have failed in our attempts to get funding for window repairs throughout the building, but that I was to go back and try different tactics and instead of window repairs I would use the present "environmental buzz words" to tick all the boxes that would allow us to install new PVC, heat and noise retaining windows throughout. With the considerable help of Janice Smith the hall put together an application for essential funding from The Clashindarroch Windfarm Trust (a source who had helped us previously) to install new windows with the addition of further heat retaining blinds that I had been impressed with on seeing them installed at Gartly Community Hall.

After the disappointment of the April round of funding being cancelled we finally were granted our full requested amount in the end of July much to our relief & delight. After the 10 week manufacturing time they were fitted by Pinefield Glass of Elgin in the past few weeks and are looking splendid.....Horizon Blinds also of Elgin are due to come for a final measure next week so that the blinds can be fitted as soon as possible & certainly before the end of the year. Both of these additions will ensure that our hall will be better placed to serve the community for many years to come.

Another project that we undertook to help the Community with the help of further funding sources was the purchase of a Summerhouse to act a a "Give & Take" facility where people can donate unwanted items like clothes, footwear, books, household goods and brica-bak that in turn can be uplifted for free by others giving it a second chance rather in life than going straight to a waste facility. Since being installed and painted by committee members it has certainly proved to be a very popular addition to the village and has attracted the praise of many people both locally and further afield for the whole concept of preventing unnecessary waste while helping less fortunate families.

A start up "grant" of £500 helped us achieve another goal with a project idea that was put forward by Elaine & Kim to help the Community by offering families and individuals the chance to meet with others on a Saturday at a monthly "Coffee Morning" in the main hall and backed up by user groups and outside bodies providing fund raising opportunities & items of interest in the small hall. Although we haven't attracted the numbers through the doors we hoped for, Rome wasn't built in a day and we are set to continue with this service when it restarts in the New Year.

As you can see we have been pretty busy in our attempts improve our much loved Rannes Hall and at the same time trying to provide a facility that can be used by all and give our village a central venue that supports every member of the community no matter their age or circumstance. To that effect combined with our desire to provide a "place for all seasons" we have applied for still more "cash" so that we can use the hall as a "resilience hub" that will offer heat, light, hot food & water along with much needed charging points should winter or inclement weather conditions mean electricity supplies are cut off for more than a few hours. Initial investigations and discussions have given us the information we needed to make an application of just under 7k to install a portable diesel generator that can power up the small hall and provide the essential requirements should winter elements strike.

Normal usage of the hall has continue throughout the year with income being generated from user groups like the badminton club, mothers & toddlers along with the weekly post office and the newly started yoga group. One off hires for various reasons including this year's General Election has also provided much needed income.

Finally a Ceilidh Night earlier in the year gave our funds a great boost when with the help of Ardmore Distillery and Graeme Barbour of Alford along with a gift of local tatties from Alistair Hay made an enjoyable night by all who attended and a profitable one for our committee.

This has been probably the most effective year our hall committee have had for a very long time and it has made me feel that WE as a group have done such amazing things to support our community and we should all feel very proud of our efforts to make the hall warmer, safer and more user friendly going forward.

Two long standing committee members namely Ron Dawson & Steve Gordon have intimated their intention to step down at this AGM so I would like to take this chance to thank them very much for the many years of service they have given to the up-keep of our hall.

A third committee member Judith Mitchell although hopefully not leaving us all together has decided to relinquish her duties as Treasurer after many, many years in post. As you have seen from her final financial statement Judith has kept a tight rein on our finances over the years and her policy of always having something kept for a rainy day ensured we were able to continue the ownership of the hall through some difficult times when others closed or went into council ownership. On a personal level as well as being chairman I'd like to say thank her very much for her efforts and diligent accounting that has helped me do my job alongside her for the past 30 years.

David Grant (Chairman)



**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)


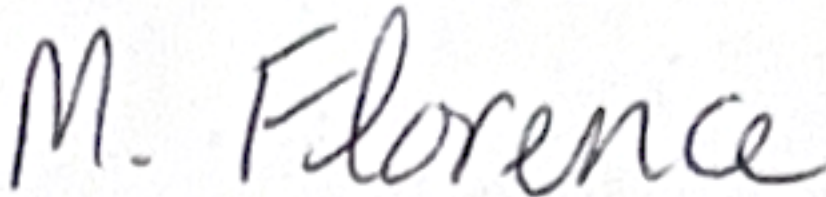
**Other optional information**



Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <small>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</small>		
Full name(s)	David Grant	Mary Florence
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Secretary
Date	01 November 2024	01 November 2024