

Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society

Scotland · Charity number SC043515

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2012-10-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	C/o Amanda Simpson 44 Montgomerie Streer Ardrossan KA22 8HP
Website	www.ardrossancastle.scot

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 environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Research: To advance the understanding of Ardrossan Castle and Castle Hill. Community: To encourage and facilitate community at Ardrossan Castle. Environment: To improve and promote Ardrossan castle as a positive heritage destination.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 The advancement of environmental protection or improvement. 4.2 The advancement of citizenship or Community development (including urban and rural regeneration and the promotion of civic responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities. 4.3 The advancement of education. 4.4 The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,242	£20,764	-	0
2024-03-31	£875	£1,890	-	0
2023-03-31	£153	£5,678	-	0
2022-03-31	£6,214	£1,678	-	0
2021-03-31	£7,500	£4,534	-	0

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	239
Legacies					-	
Grants	1,156				1,156	500
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,953				1,953	
Gross trading receipts					-	137
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	133				133	
					-	
A1 Sub total	3,242	-	-	-	3,242	875
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,242	-	-	-	3,242	875
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	193				193	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	20,489				20,489	1,757
Grants and donations					-	50
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	83				83	83
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	20,764	-	-	-	20,764	1,890
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,764	-	-	-	20,764	1,890
Net receipts / (payments)	(17,522)	-	-	-	(17,522)	(1,015)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(17,522)	-	-	-	(17,522)	(1,015)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	36,711				36,711	37,726
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(17,522)				(17,522)	(1,015)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	19,189	-	-	-	19,189	36,711
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	0	-	-	-	0	

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				-
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 st	April	2024	To	31 st	March	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC043515
Charity's principal address	

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)
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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	SCIO Constitution (as amended July 2016)
Trustee recruitment and appointment	AGM

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	Research: To advance the understanding of Ardrossan Castle and Castle Hill. Community: To encourage and facilitate community at Ardrossan Castle. Environment: To improve and promote Ardrossan castle as a positive heritage destination.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	April 2024 – March 2025 We hosted our annual Easter event at the castle and continued our quarterly meetings with NAC and HES. Our annual Doors Open weekend was held and, despite challenging weather conditions, proved to be a great success. Following a long period of collaborative work with NAC, the gate to the castle was successfully reopened. We also held our first Castle Ceilidh as a fundraising event, raising funds to support the return of cannons to Castle Hill, known locally as Cannon Hill.

APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

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

During the financial period, the charity successfully delivered a wide range of activities that strengthened community engagement and enhanced the castle's heritage value. Key highlights included the annual Easter event and a highly successful Doors Open weekend, which attracted strong public interest despite adverse weather conditions.

The charity maintained effective partnership working through quarterly meetings with North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES), supporting ongoing collaboration and long-term planning. A significant milestone was the reopening of the castle gate, achieved after an extended period of joint work with NAC, improving public access to the site.

Community outreach was further strengthened through participation in the Ardrossan Christmas Lights Switch-On parade, helping to raise the charity's profile and celebrate local traditions. In addition, the charity delivered numerous guided tours and visits for members of the public, community groups, and schools, increasing access to local heritage and supporting education and learning.

The charity also held its first Castle Ceilidh, a new fundraising initiative that successfully raised funds towards the return of historic cannons to Castle Hill, known locally as Cannon Hill. Collectively, these achievements demonstrate the charity's ongoing commitment to heritage preservation, education, and active community involvement.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy states we keep £1000 in reserves.

Details of any deficit

We appreciate that there is a substantial deficit in this financial year and we will do everything to ensure that this is looked at to save it happening again

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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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) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	23/12/25	23/12/25



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society SCIO						
Registered charity number	SC043515						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2024	to	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) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44) (1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 connection with 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 Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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:					Date:	23/12/2025	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose