

# Friends of Kilbride

**Accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024**



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## **Friends of Kilbride**

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## **Friends of Kilbride**

### **Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

#### **Report to the trustees/members of Friends of Kilbride on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report on the accounts set out on pages 2 to 8

#### **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. 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 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 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:

- a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- b. 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 obtained.

**Chartered Accountant  
Independent Examiner  
Simmers & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Albany Chambers  
Albany Street  
Oban**

**Date 21 August 2025**

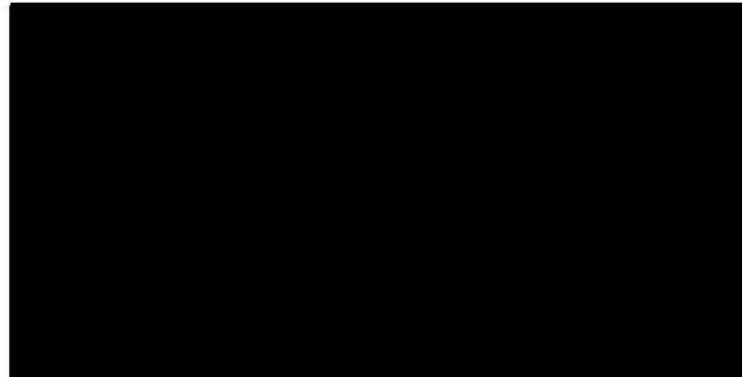
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**Trustees' Annual report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

<b>Charity name</b>	Friends of Kilbride
<b>Charity no</b>	SC046175
<b>Address</b>	c/o Dalnaneun Kilmore Oban PA34 4XU

**Current Trustees**



## **Friends of Kilbride**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 December 2024**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 4 December 2015. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the Charity.

#### **Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are recruited from individuals with an interest in the activities of the charity and with the requisite skills to effectively deliver the aims of the charity.

#### **Objectives and Charitable purposes**

The charity's objectives are for the advancement of heritage, by way of preserving the listed sixth century chapel and surrounding graveyard at Kilbride, and the advancement of education and culture by way of researching, recording and preserving the history and records of the Kilbride chapel and graveyard, and providing educational material for the benefit of the public on the subject.

#### **Activities, Achievements and Performance**

The principal achievement of the charity in 2023 was the start of our programme of improving the accessibility of the site, with generous financial assistance from the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust with the work being carried out by our contractors Heritage Builders. The first stage was the replacement of the dilapidated and irregular stairs with a new concrete staircase with handrails. Next year we will create a non-slip pathway from the top of the steps to the prayer house west entrance.

The D'Cruz Trio presented a concert in September partly for the benefit of the Friends in Oban cathedral. Added to a further recital in London and the annual Carol singing in Lerags House, these musical events raised nearly £500.

Friends of Kilbride continued to make the ruins available for the benefit of the local community with the lighting of the Kilbride Star at the beginning of Advent. Friends of Kilbride also hosted six tours of the prayer house and burial aisle during the Clan MacDougall Gathering, which raised £900.

In May, our trustee [REDACTED] created a new and updated promotional film – replacing the previous one which had become outdated. This can be viewed on our website. [REDACTED] also added an item on the Campbell Cross to our virtual tour.

#### **Financial review**

In the year the Charity made a deficit on unrestricted funds before transfers of £1,989 (2023 – £683) and a deficit on restricted funds of £1,030 (2023 – £18,267). At the year end the charity had retained reserves of £2,494 (2023 - £5,513) unrestricted and £nil (2023 – £nil) restricted funds.

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**Reserves policy**

The trustees manage the activities of the charity and ensure that funds for projects are identified either through the use of available reserves or by new grant funding prior to commencement. This means that sufficient reserves are maintained at all times.

**Plans for future period**

Looking forward for 2025 we hope further to progress the investigation of the medieval grave slabs which we have confirmed lie underground in the churchyard, drawing on the expertise not only of our trustees [REDACTED] but also Archaeology Scotland and [REDACTED] Stirling University.

We also plan to take ownership of the main structure of the MacDougall Burial Aisle the management and maintenance of which the Dunollie Preservation Trust wishes Friends of Kilbride to take over.

[REDACTED]  
Trustee  
21 August 2025

# Friends of Kilbride

## Statement of Receipts and Payments For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31/12/24 £	Year ended 31/12/23 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	1,937	-	1,937	1,895
Grant income	-	6,170	6,170	3,380
Receipts from Charitable activities	900	-	900	437
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>2,837</u>	<u>6,170</u>	<u>9,007</u>	<u>36,132</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of charitable activities	4,466	7,200	11,666	54,746
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	360	-	360	336
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>4,826</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>12,026</u>	<u>55,082</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(1,989)</u>	<u>(1,030)</u>	<u>(3,019)</u>	<u>(18,950)</u>
Transfers between funds	(1,030)	1,030	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(3,019)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,019)</u>	<u>(18,950)</u>

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## Statement of Balances at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	5,513	-	5,513	24,463
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(3,019)	-	(3,019)	(18,950)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	2,494	-	2,494	5,513
<b>Bank and Cash balances</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Bank, PayPal accounts and cash in hand	2,494	-	2,494	5,513
Closing cash at bank and in hand	2,494	-	2,494	5,513

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 21 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

[Redacted Signature Area]

Trustee

Trustee



# Friends of Kilbride

## Notes to the accounts For the year ended 31 December 2024

### 1. Basis of Accounting

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

### 2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the club.

### 3. Related party transactions

The club's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2022: Nil).

### 4. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
On site collection and by post	1,937	-	1,937	1,895
	<u>1,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,937</u>	<u>1,895</u>

### 5. Cost of Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising costs	125	-	125	140
Repairs and maintenance	2,485	7,200	9,685	9,871
Insurance	456	-	456	418
Events	-	-	-	64
Other costs	453	-	453	701
Advertising and marketing	108	-	108	60
Garden costs	839	-	839	558
Equipment	-	-	-	160
	<u>4,466</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>11,666</u>	<u>11,972</u>

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#### 6. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner's fee	360	-	360	336
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#### 7. Restricted funds

The balance of restricted funds £ (2023 - Nil) was all applied to restoration works in the year. During the year funds were received from:

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Clackmannanshire & Stirling Environment Trust	6,170
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	6,170
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