

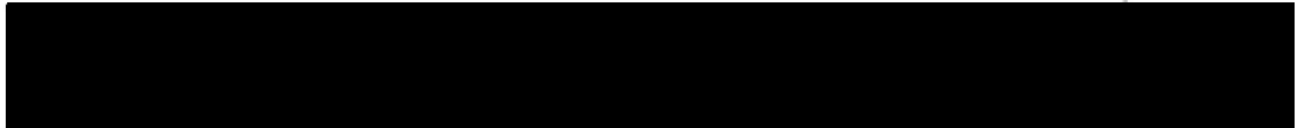
# **Cullen Deskford & Portknockie Heritage Group SCIO**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

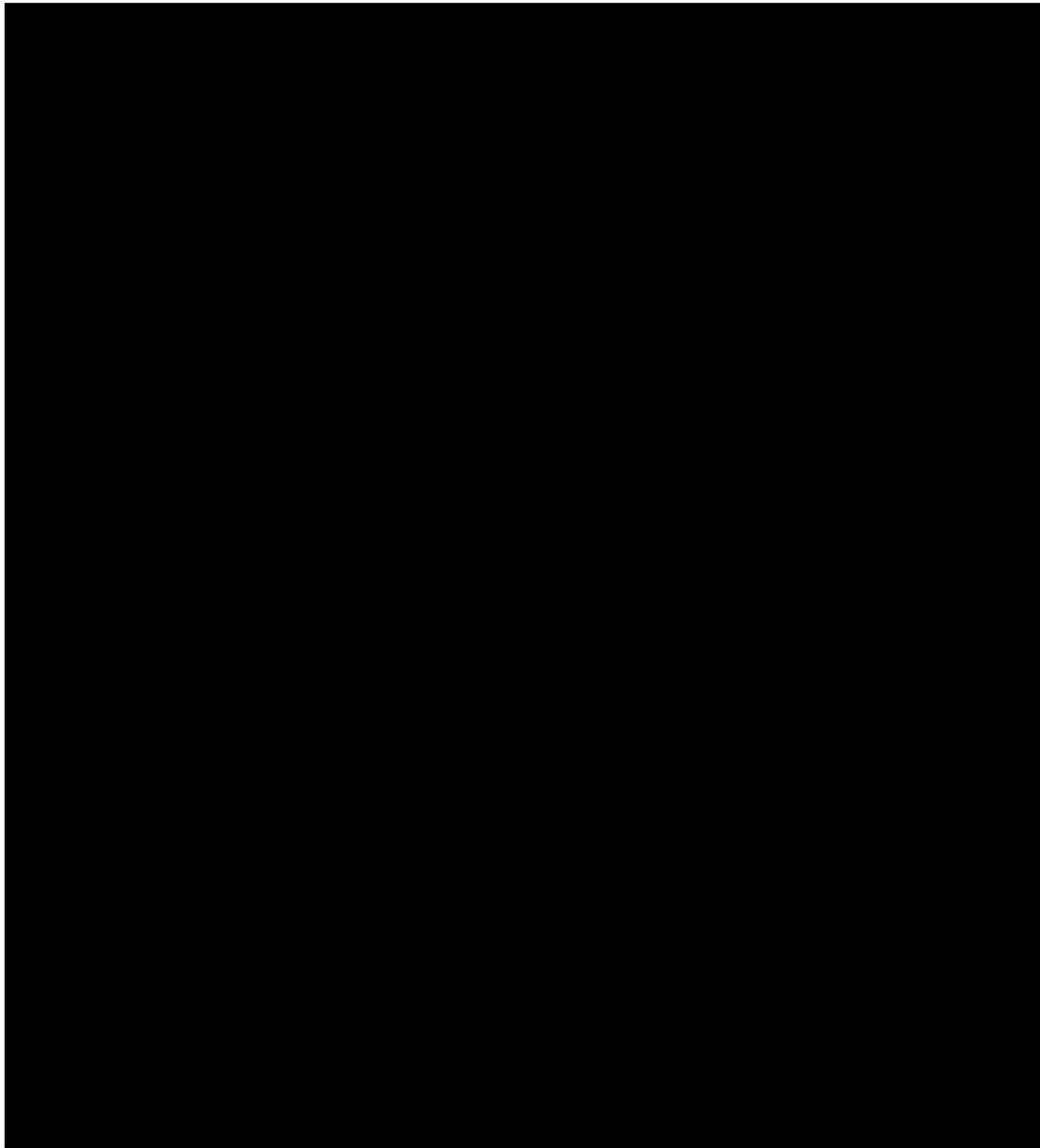
**Year ended 31 May 2025**

**Charity Name:** Cullen Deskford & Portknockie Heritage Group SCIO

**Charity Registration Number:** SCO48162



### **TRUSTEES**



## PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS



**CHARITABLE PURPOSE** The principal activity of the Group is to identify, protect, record, and raise awareness of our local Heritage and to provide community access to that Heritage.

### **Review of the year 2024/25.**

The principal events were:

1. A total of 11 public meetings took place covering a wide range of local history and social topics. Average attendance was 40 people, comprising both members and the wider public.
2. Our Heritage Centre in the Square, Cullen welcomed some 3,000 visitors between April and November. Numerous positive comments have been recorded in our Visitors Books. We continue to maintain our Free Admission policy. The Centre is open to visitors six days a week and is staffed by volunteers.
3. Several "Chin Wag" reminiscences events were held, encouraging attendees to record their memories of days gone by.
4. A number of outings were made by members and guests to various sites of interest in the North East.
5. The group formed to research and construct the scale model of the original Cullen that was completely demolished in the 1820s has now completed the full extent of the village and surrounding areas. It achieved considerable media coverage and wide favourable comment.
6. The conversion of a former toilet into a storage room for our large archive of photographic material and paper artefacts is complete and fully equipped.

## Financial Review

1. **Fundraising.** Considerable effort was made by a core of members and helpers to run several events, including donated plant and book sales, that were well supported by the general public, both locals and visitors.
2. **Donations.** As the profile of our (free to enter) Heritage Centre continues to increase, the number of visitors, both new and returning, continues to increase. We estimate that our volunteers welcomed approx.2.500 visitors during the year compared to around 2,000 the previous year. The credit card donation facility is proving popular with users as fewer people now carry cash.
3. **Gift Aid.** In the previous year's accounts, donations were backdated to the first public opening of the Heritage Centre. This year's figure represents one year's claim.
4. **Payments.** These represent both the completion of the basic fabric of the Heritage Centre together with the ongoing expenses associated with the routine operation of the Group and the Centre.
5. **Bank Balance.** Funds are being accumulated to enable the renovation and conversion of a former toilet into an environmentally controlled storage facility, together with specialist repair and maintenance equipment, for our large and ever expanding photographic and paper media collections.

A detailed and independently audited financial statement is appended to this document. The statement and reports were u adopted without opposition at our AGM held on 2 September 2024.

## Statement of Assets

1. Bank balance at 31 May 2024 £12,266.08
2. Lease of premises - 21+25 years, £1 per annum.
3. Range of display cases, shop fittings and furniture.
4. Computer and IT network and equipment
5. Sundry kitchen and cleaning equipment.
6. Stock of small gifts and Local Heritage books for sale.
7. Collection of artefacts, documents and images.
8. Extensive (900+) library of books on local and Scottish history and heritage.

### **Statement of the Trustees' Responsibilities**

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.

### **Trustee Remuneration and Related Third Party Transactions**

No Trustee or any person related to a Trustee received any remuneration or financial or other benefit during the year. No Trustee or any person related to a Trustee had any personal interest in any contract entered into by the Group during the year.

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## Financial Statement for the year to 31 May 2025

		2024/25	2023/24
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
	Membership Subscriptions	735.00	795.00
	Meeting admissions	1,937.35	1,900.00
	Fundraising events	2,132.87	3,900.59
	Donations	9,174.90	3,492.91
	Book sales	2,594.60	2,098.65
	Gift Aid	866.84	3,150.88
	Research	80.00	30.00
	Electricity (TIO)	163.30	301.90
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>17,684.86</b>	15,669.93
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
	Meeting Hall rental	755.00	656.00
	Meeting costs	694.56	163.47
	Insurance	458.73	445.91
	Printing, Stationery & Postage	809.62	12.00
	Sundry Expenses	741.95	2,173.44
	Heritage Centre project costs	9,690.21	6,398.40
	Heritage Centre electricity	1,771.45	1,620.65
	Books & stock for resale	1,090.02	648.96
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>16,011.54</b>	12,118.83
<b>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>£1,673.32</b>	3,551.10
	Bank balance as at 31 May 2024	£12,266.08	
	<b>Bank balance as at 31 May 2025</b>	<b>£13,969.40</b>	
	(cheque issued and not yet presented for payment - £30.00)		

### Statement of Balances for the year to 31 May 2025

Bank balance as at 31 May 2024	£12,266.08
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Petty cash held at 31 May 2024	£ 60.00
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Surplus of Income over Expenditure	£ 1,673.32
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Bank balance as at 31 May 2025	£13,969.40
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Cheque issued but not yet presented for payment	£ 30.00
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Petty cash held at 31 May 2025	£ 60.00
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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cullen Deskford & Portknockie Heritage Group SCIO**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

### **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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts 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 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
  - 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: 11.08.2025