

# Friends of Ensay SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC048637

## Details

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Known as	Friends of Ensay
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2018-08-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	7 Quidinish Isle of Harris Isle Of Harris HS3 3JQ
Website	<a href="http://www.friendsofensay.co.uk">www.friendsofensay.co.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of religion', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

**What the charity does:** The advancement of the arts, heritage, unique history and culture of the island of Ensay in the Outer Hebrides in addition to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, upkeep and use of the historic Ensay Chapel and Grounds. The advancement of citizenship and greater community involvement through the promotion of volunteering to care for and celebrate the unique character and situation of Ensay Chapel, and to promote greater public understanding and pride in the local heritage of Ensay. The advancement of religion through the organising of an annual pilgrimage and worship services in the Ensay Chapel conducted by the Episcopal Church.

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

**Objectives:** 4.1 the advancement of the arts, heritage, unique history and culture of the island of Ensay in the Outer Hebrides in addition to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, upkeep and use of the historic Ensay Chapel and grounds. 4.2 the advancement of citizenship and greater community involvement through the promotion of volunteering to care for and celebrate the unique character and situation of Ensay Chapel, and to promote greater public understanding and pride in the local heritage of Ensay. and 4.3 the advancement of religion through the organising of an annual pilgrimage and worship services in the Ensay Chapel conducted by the Episcopal Church.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Western Isles
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£0	£50	-	0
2023-12-31	£0	£0	-	0
2022-12-31	£45	£380	-	0
2021-12-31	£6,455	£2,235	-	0
2020-12-31	£1,000	£102	-	0

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

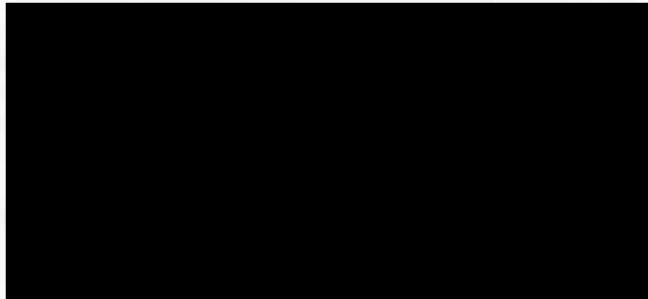
### Reference and Administrative Details

**Scottish Charity Number:** SC048637

**Registered Address:**



**Trustees:**



**Independent Examiner:**



**Solicitors:**

Brodies LLP, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Constitution:

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 21 August 2018. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the association were transferred to the SCIO on 21 August 2018. The SCIO has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are members of the charity. The charity trustees have certain legal duties under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

#### Powers:

The organisation has power to do anything which will further its purposes or is conducive or incidental to doing so. No part of the income or property of the SCIO may be paid or transferred (directly or indirectly) to the charity trustees - either in the course of the organisation's existence or on dissolution- except where this is done in direct furtherance of the SCIO's purposes.

#### Appointment of trustees:

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is held in October. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of seven trustees. The Trustees met 6 times by phonecall in the year along with a video call AGM.

### Objectives and Activities

#### Charitable Purposes:

- The advancement of the arts, heritage, unique history and culture of the island of Ensay in the Outer Hebrides in addition to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, upkeep and use of the historic Ensay Chapel and Grounds.
- The advancement of citizenship and greater community involvement through the promotion of volunteering to care for and celebrate the unique character and situation of Ensay Chapel, and to promote greater public understanding and pride in the local heritage of Ensay.
- The advancement of religion through the organising of an annual pilgrimage and worship services in the Ensay Chapel conducted by the Episcopal Church.

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### Achievements:

Despite many obstacles we are approaching our first goal which is to get the slates over to

The Orthodox Church is sending clear signs that they wish to organise a pilgrimage to Ensay next year. This is great news and will reconcile the Charity with its aims.

This has focused the minds of volunteers to plan and organise a trip in the next few weeks to drain the land around the church building. Indeed sand and sand dunes move and accumulate around physical obstacles and in our case the church floor has for years been well below the level of the surrounding machair. By draining rainwater below the church floor level, we should prevent the church getting flooded once and for all.

The sailing boat which will take these volunteers is not adequate to take slates. For this we need a boat which can land on the beach permitting the crates of slates being taken off the boat, moved to higher ground above the beach and transported to the Church. This can only be done by hand, with 2 volunteers per crate.

We had great hopes last year that the Fish farm that we had approached, would have helped us. They have had staff recruitment difficulties meaning that they don't have spare hands to offer us help anymore. We need to re-think how we can get the slates across to the island.

A very good piece of news is that [REDACTED] has finished his long research on St Taran who brought Christianity to the Western Isles in the years around 450AD. He explains the link with Ensay Church and how we can ascertain that the corner wall on the left of the door dates from that period, the rest having been destroyed by vikings. [REDACTED] research has now been published in the form of a very concise and informative booklet. The booklet is now available at a cost of £4.50.

### Declaration:

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

[REDACTED]

22-September-2025

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Date

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	£		£		2024		2023	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	£	Total	£	Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
Donations	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
Insurance	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Accountancy	£ 50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 50	£ -	£ -	£ -
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 50</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 50</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>£ 50</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 50</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Funds Transfers</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit for the year</b>	<b>£ 50</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 50</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

	£		2024		2023	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	£	Total	£	Total
<b>Balances as at 1 January 2024</b>						
Bank balance	£ 5,112	£ -	£ 5,112	£ 5,112	£ 5,112	£ 5,112
	<b>£ 5,112</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(£ 50)	£ -	(£ 50)	£ -		
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>£ 5,062</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 5,062</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>

**Represented by:**

Bank of Scotland Treasurers A/c	£ 5,108	£ -	£ 5,108	£ 5,158		
O/s cheque	(£ 46)	£ -	(£ 46)	(£ 46)		
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>£ 5,062</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 5,062</b>	<b>£ 5,112</b>		

**Signed on behalf of Friends of Ensay SCIO by:**

  
 Trustee

22 September 2025  
 Date

# Independent Examiner's Report

Registered Scottish Charity Number SC048637

I report on the accounts of the Friends of Ensay SCIO accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

## 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 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 view given by the accounts.

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

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**Date: 22nd September 2025**

