

AUCHTERMUCHTY HERITAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT for Year Ending 31 December 2024

In 2024, the charity achieved a surplus for the year of £234.49, compared to a surplus of £196.84 in 2023.

As reported at the last AGM, the Muchty Millennium Group, which was a forerunner of Muchty Heritage and is still in existence, had agreed to transfer the sum of £1,000.00 and this is included in the 2024 accounts.

The 2024 Exhibition was well-attended and generated a surplus of £431.80.

The main expense during the year was the cost of printing the 2025 Calendars, which went on sale in August at the Annual Exhibition. By the end of the year, the revenue from calendar sales exceeded the cost, and income from further sales in 2025 will be reflected in next year's accounts.

The funds in hand at 31 December 2024, all in the Bank Account, stood at £1,712.01.

Following previous exhibitions, a donation was made to the Church for the use of their premises and facilities, and the assistance provided by church members. A proposal will be submitted to the AGM that a donation be made in respect of the 2024 exhibition.


Treasurer

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2							
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name Auchtermuchty Heritage						
	Registered charity number SC048894						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024	to	31	12	2024
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) 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 be reached.						
Signed:				Date:	28 May 2025		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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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

AUCHTERMUCHTY HERITAGE
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Film Night	0.00	0.00
Summer Exhibition	368.76	249.68
Sale of Maps	120.00	30.00
Sales of 2025 Calendars	508.00	0.00
Sales of 2023 Calendars	18.00	298.00
Sales of Videos	0.00	20.00
Donations	1,000.00	260.23
	<u>2,014.76</u>	<u>857.91</u>
EXPENSES		
Insurance	241.21	231.21
Maps	189.60	0.00
Donation to Church	250.00	0.00
Zoom	155.88	143.88
Exhibition Costs	86.00	77.21
Web-site	221.99	178.79
Meetings	130.00	0.00
Printing (2025 Calendar)	489.60	0.00
Voice Recorder	0.00	29.98
Stationery	15.99	0.00
	<u>1,780.27</u>	<u>661.07</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS	<u>234.49</u>	<u>196.84</u>

	BALANCE SHEET	BALANCE SHEET
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
Assets		
Bank	£1,712.01	£1,477.52
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>£1,712.01</u>	<u>£1,477.52</u>
Less: O/S Cheques	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	<u>£1,712.01</u>	<u>£1,477.52</u>
RESERVES		
Opening balance	£1,477.52	£1,280.68
Surplus/Deficit	£234.49	£196.84
Closing balance	<u>£1,712.01</u>	<u>£1,477.52</u>

Examined and found correct

	Signed	Date
Examiner		27.5.2025
Treasurer		27.5.2025

Auchtermuchty Heritage

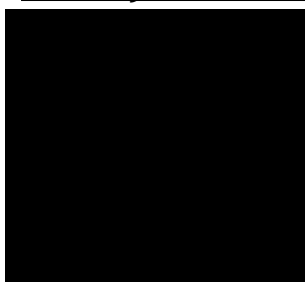
Trustees' Report

Year ending 31 December 2024

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Charity Trustees



Membership

The Charity had a membership of 156 members in 2024. This increase was largely as a result of our more accessible (online and electronic) membership process, together with people opting to sign-up for membership to access our interactive on-line talks held primarily throughout the covid/lockdown periods of 2020 to 2022. Membership is drawn locally and from around the world with members supporting our work and very often having a link/connection to Auchtermuchty.

Purpose, Mission and Aims

The advancement of education, arts, heritage, culture and science by undertaking the following:

- to advance and encourage an interest in history, with particular emphasis on the history of the Royal Burgh of Auchtermuchty and the Parish of the same name in Fife and the surrounding area (the said Royal Burgh and Parish of Auchtermuchty and the surrounding area being hereinafter referred to together as “Auchtermuchty”);
- to educate and inform members of the organisation and the public generally, and to encourage and facilitate research, understanding and publication of the cultural heritage of Auchtermuchty;
- to preserve, conserve, understand and interpret, within the national context, the historical and cultural heritage of Auchtermuchty;
- to provide a community resource through the collection, classification and conservation of items of historical interest relating to Auchtermuchty;
- to promote and advance heritage in Auchtermuchty as a source of pride and to address heritage issues affecting Auchtermuchty;
- to hold meetings, exhibitions, lectures and conferences and to issue publications relating to the history and heritage of Auchtermuchty; and
- to promote any other activities as will properly attain the objects of the organisation.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Muchty Heritage is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its OSCR approved constitution. Charity number: SC048894.

The structure of the organisation consists of:

- the MEMBERS - who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself;
- the BOARD - who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.
- The people serving on the board are referred to as CHARITY TRUSTEES.

Member Application

Membership is free and open to any individual aged 16 or over, to any corporate body with which the organisation has close contact in the course of its activities, and to any individual who has been nominated for membership by an unincorporated body with which the organisation has close contact in the course of its activities.

Any person or body who/which wishes to become a member must sign a written or electronic application for membership. Application forms are made available on the Facebook page, website, at events held, at meetings or by request. Any application for membership received by the organisation will be considered by the Board at its next board meeting. The Board keeps a register of members.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

The Board may at any time appoint any member (unless they are debarred from membership) to be a charity trustee. The Board may at any time appoint any non-member of the organisation to be a charity trustee, either on the basis that they have been nominated by a body with which the organisation has close contact in the course of its activities or on the basis that they have specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the Board. The Board keeps a register of charity trustees.

At each AGM, all of the charity trustees appointed shall retire from office - but shall then be eligible for re-appointment.

2024 Activities, Achievements and Performance

Annual Summer Exhibition and Face-to-Face Events

The Trustees, with great community engagement, ran a very successful Summer Exhibition in August 2024, the second one that we were able to hold since 2019, with excellent community feedback and approximately 500 people attending. We received some amazing comments!

Trustee Meetings

A total of 7 Trustee meetings were held during 2024. In addition, a Sub-Committee was formed to plan for delivery of the 2024 Summer Exhibition with a similar format now in place for 2025. The 2024 Sub - Committee met 8 times to prepare for the Summer Exhibition and there was therefore a total of 15 meetings during 2024.

Social Media

The Charity has its own Facebook page 'Muchty Heritage'.

Our Facebook page is utilised as a platform to advertise our upcoming events and to sell our annual calendar. A link to the membership form is also available via the Facebook page.

As at the date of this report the Facebook page had a 'Following' of 743, a steady increase over 727 reported in the 2023 Trustees Report.

Illustrated Talks

Our focus during 2024 was on the Reminiscence Project (see below) and on building up our face to face Annual Summer Exhibition after three years when it could not be held due to Covid-19 (2020 -2022) and the ensuing restrictions for us as a small charity. We are entirely reliant on volunteers and have no employees.

All the illustrated on-line talks carried out previously were recorded and can still be viewed online via our Facebook page and website. Past talks have included:

History of Stratheden Distillery

Whites of Auchtermuchty

History of Muchty Golf Course

Archibald Findlay, Muchty Potato Breeder Extraordinaire

History of Stratheden Curling Club

Website

The Trustees have a dedicated website space www.muchtyheritage.org. Launched in 2022 the website complements our Facebook page and helps further our reach into the Community. The website is used to host some of the groups' previous publications, research and a library of historic imagery. It is also used as a platform to advertise up-coming events and to attract new membership.

Reminiscence Project

A key deliverable for us during 2024 was to publicise the reminiscences of some older members of the community in Auchtermuchty captured in a structured and consistent manner. A digital sound recorder was purchased in 2023 and one of our Trustees has led this project and conducted all the interviews. To date [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has recorded 5 interviews and arranged for this material to be shared at the 2024 Summer Exhibition.

Financial Review

(See separate report)

Future Plans

In its sixth year as a formal charity Muchty Heritage will continue to advance its knowledge and understanding of the historical and cultural heritage of Auchtermuchty. It will share this knowledge and understanding with its members and the general public via a range of media and sources.

Outreach

We aim to widen our outreach, to share our knowledge and resources (eg models, photos, stories) and to capture knowledge and material from those audiences too.

We plan on continuing to support 'Heritage in School' projects in conjunction with the local Primary School. Muchty Heritage will assist the school in using local heritage themes to connect children to where they live, develop a sense of a place and an understanding of how local heritage relates to the national story.

Annual Exhibition

It is proposed the 2025 Annual Exhibition will take the form of a 'drop-in' event as held in previous years and 2024, over 4 weekends in August 2025 with a mid week opening evening too. The Sub-Committee will discuss and agree how best to prepare for and stage such an event.

Presentations and Events

Visual presentations such as talks, film shows and photo galleries work very well in communicating and sharing the past. The group will discuss what presentations and events could be provided in 2025. How these can be undertaken in public, face-to-face, as well as online will be considered.

2025 Calendar

A calendar for 2025 was produced and sold at the Summer Exhibition in August 2024 to share some of our library images, as well as to raise funds and to raise our profile in the community. This was very successful and gave a great start to our selling campaign and it is planned to repeat this pattern at our 2025 Summer Exhibition.

Additional Information

We hope to utilise the experience and services of other groups and organisations in our pursuit to grow our own knowledge and resource. Expanding our networks will assist in this.

We will continue to utilise social media and website to increase our network and to advertise our events.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Acting Chair 28 / 05/ 2025