

AFC Heritage SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC051414

Details

Known as	AFC Heritage Trust
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-11-22
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	AFC Heritage Pittodrie Stadium Aberdeen AB24 5QH
Website	www.afcheritage.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: 4 The organisation's purposes are:4.1 The advancement and preservation of the heritage of Aberdeen Football Club and the community from which it sprang, and in furtherance of this (but not otherwise).4.2 Collect, display and preserve the history and memorabilia of Aberdeen Football Club to the benefit of the general public.4.3 Raise funds for the extension, preservation and presentation of the collection.4.4 Organise a system within the football club that will ensure the addition of materials season on season for the future use of the Trust.4.5 Provide a credible vehicle for supporters and former players to donate or loan memorabilia to the Trust so that it may be documented and displayed as the Trust sees fit.4.6 Liaise with local authorities, galleries and museums to ensure the best possible advice is obtained for the successful documentation and preservation of materials and for the display thereof at a venue deemed suitable by the Trust board.4.7 Campaign for the inclusion of

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

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Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeen
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£13,492	£6,357	-	0
2024-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2023-03-31	£0	£0	-	0

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

Reference and administration details

Charity name	AFC Heritage SCIO
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC051414
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

The SCIO was set up by the Trustees and recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 22 November 2021. The SCIO is administered in accordance with its Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The Constitution requires that the number of Trustees should not be less than 3 or more than 12. The Trustees are entitled to appoint any individual as a Trustee by way of a resolution passed by a majority vote at a meeting of the Trustees. Also Aberdeen Football Club shall at its discretion have the option to appoint one Trustee of its choosing.

A Trustee may retire by giving notice in writing to the secretary of the SCIO. Trustees also have the power to remove any Trustee by way of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Trustees by a majority of two thirds or more.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The objective of the charity is the advancement and preservation of the heritage of Aberdeen Football Club and the community from which it sprang.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The SCIO, now it has subsumed the activities of the Aberdeen FC Heritage Trust, aims to:

- Collect, display and preserve the history and memorabilia of Aberdeen Football Club for the benefit of the general public.
- Raise funds for the extension, preservation and presentation of the collection.
- Organise a system that will ensure the addition of materials season on season for the future use of the SCIO.
- Provide a vehicle for supporters and former players to donate or loan memorabilia to the SCIO
- Liaise with local authorities, galleries and museums to ensure advice is obtained for the preservation and display of materials.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	Considerable effort was expended by the SCIO in preparing the ground for the Launch of AFC Heritage SCIO [SC051414] in place of AFC Heritage Trust [SC040596]. The process was completed by the end of November 2024 when all assets, including cash in the bank, were transferred to AFC Heritage SCIO and all activities were taken over by the SCIO. Two Street Plaques were manufactured to mark the location of the Recreation and Wellington Bridge Grounds and they were ready to put in place by June 2025. Work continued in the management and development of the Aberdeen Collection. A substantial upgrade to the afcheritage.org website was undertaken in order to enable the display of a broader selection of information and to better show off a digital version of the Aberdeen Collection. The latter project was largely funded through the sales of "A History of Pittodrie" that was written and published by the SCIO in late 2024.
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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The surplus for the year of £7,135 is carried forward to be utilised in future years towards fulfilment of the SCIO's objectives. This is currently classed as unrestricted funds and can be used for any purpose. Should any funds be received for a specific purpose it will be classified as a restricted fund for that purpose.
Details of any deficit	There is no deficit for the year.
Donated facilities and services (if any)	None in the year.

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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)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	29 December 2025	29 December 2025

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	9,435				9,435	-
Legacies					-	-
Grants	695				695	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,200				2,200	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	1,162				1,162	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	13,492	-	-	-	13,492	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,492	-	-	-	13,492	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	6,357				6,357	-
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	6,357	-	-	-	6,357	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,357	-	-	-	6,357	-
Net receipts / (payments)	7,135	-	-	-	7,135	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	7,135	-	-	-	7,135	-

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	-				-	-
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	7,135				7,135	-
	Transferred from Trust	121,426				121,426	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	128,561	-	-	-	128,561	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

	17057	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	Cash at Bank		128,561	550
		Total	128,561	550

	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	Loan from Aberdeen FC Heritage Trust		-	500
	Other Loan		-	50
		Total	-	550

	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

29/12/2025

29/12/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Funds are being raised to contribute towards the financing of the design and fitting out of a Heritage and Learning Centre, a major refresh of the Trust's website and the ongoing gathering and maintenance of the Aberdeen Football Club Collection of memorabilia and documents.

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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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts					V2
Report to the trustees/members of		Charity name AFC HERITAGE SCIO					
Registered charity number		SC051414					
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	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) 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 - 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 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.					
Signed:				Date:		29/12/2025	
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

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