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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From				To			

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Friends of Strathaven Castle
Other names charity is known by	FOSC
Registered charity number	SC52866
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
n/a	

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Trustee recruitment and appointment

There have been no new members in this financial year

## Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To protect the Castle structure as far as feasible.

To lobby for speedy repair and reopened public access to the castle and surrounds to assist in any long-term planning for the monument area and assisting grant applications. To lobby for the maximum community benefit derived from the castle up to and including development of the monument as a destination to draw visitors which will support the local economy.

To lobby for and development of the monument area as an accessible interpreted nature reserve.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Friends of Strathaven Castle (FoSC) promotes the preservation, maintenance, and development of Strathaven Castle also known as Avondale Castle, a medieval Scheduled Ancient Monument which sits in the centre of Strathaven in South Lanarkshire, Scotland. The castle serves as a focal point in the town, connecting the Stravonians and the wider Lanarkshire population to their heritage. The castle attracts both locals and tourists, and as part of the Strathaven Heritage Trail, promotes a slew of both mental and physical well-being opportunities, as well as supporting the economy of Strathaven.

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.

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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

FoSC exists to promote Strathaven Castle as an iconic symbol of the town and to campaign for its long-term security. We have been engaging with various, appropriate organisations to raise awareness of our group and identify projects to support the castle. The depute chair met with [REDACTED] South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) at the castle on the 19th of June. The purpose of our meeting was to talk about the castle steps project and how FoSC would interface with SLC [REDACTED] a tour of the castle and an update on the SLC work as well.

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Although not in place yet, ongoing costs such as insurance etc will be minimal. We hope to generate funds through a FOOSC Membership scheme and sale of merchandise. We have no funds or reserves, but when funds have been secured, we will be able to operate with fiscal confidence. We would not undertake projects prior to grant funding being obtained.

#### Details of any deficit

N/A

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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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)	Secretary	
Date	24/01/25	