

**Independent examiner's report on accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of **The Murray Clan Society** charity number SCO53408.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025 which are set out on page 2.

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.

Signed:

[Redacted signature]

Date: 1st October 2025

Name:

[Redacted name]

Address:

[Redacted address]

THE MURRAY CLAN SOCIETY
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)
registered charity number SC053408

| To whom payable | Reason | Amount | VAT | Total | Chq. no. | Notes |
|---|--|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | | | | |
| NIL | NIL | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | 26-Jul-24 |
| | TOTAL | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| Tullibardine Distillery | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £25.00 | £0.00 | £25.00 | BACS | 02-Aug-24 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £25.00 | £0.00 | £25.00 | BACS | 27-Aug-24 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £25.00 | £0.00 | £25.00 | BACS | 19-Sep-24 |
| | Sponsorship (one-off payment) | £1,000.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 | BACS | 04-Oct-24 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £15.00 | £0.00 | £15.00 | BACS | 23-Dec-24 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £30.00 | £0.00 | £30.00 | BACS | 25-Feb-25 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £25.00 | £0.00 | £25.00 | BACS | 23-Jun-25 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £30.00 | £0.00 | £30.00 | BACS | 16-Jul-25 |
| | Annual membership fee (2024-2025) | £30.00 | £0.00 | £30.00 | BACS | 28-Jul-25 |
| | Life membership fee | £500.00 | £0.00 | £500.00 | BACS | 20-Aug-25 |
| | TOTAL | £1,705.00 | £0.00 | £1,705.00 | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | |
| | Woodland Trust - purchase of clan woodland | £250.00 | £0.00 | £250.00 | BACS | 24-Feb-25 |
| | Markel Direct: Indemnity/Trustees Liability ins. | £56.00 | £0.00 | £56.00 | BACS | 04-Aug-25 |
| | Postage to Australia (competition prize) | £25.10 | £0.00 | £25.10 | BACS | 18-Aug-25 |
| | TOTAL | £331.10 | £0.00 | £331.10 | | |
| BALANCES AT A GLANCE | | | | | | |
| | Opening Balance | | | £0.00 | | |
| | Plus Income | | | £1,705.00 | | |
| | Less expenditure | | | £331.10 | | |
| | Balance at bank | | | £1,373.90 | | |
| CASH IN HAND | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| Signed on behalf of the charity trustees. | | Signature | Head Trustee (Chairman) | | Date: 1st October 2025 | |

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| Trustees' Annual Report for the period | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|------|
| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| | 04 | 06 | 2024 | | 31 | Dec | 2025 |

Reference and administration details

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| Charity name | THE MURRAY CLAN SOCIETY |
| Other names charity is known by | |
| Registered charity number | SC053408 |
| Charity's principal address | |
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| | Postcode |

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) |
|----|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | | Trustee/Chairman | Since 04/06/2024 | The Murray Clan Society's Trust Board |
| 2 | | Trustee | Since 04/06/2024 | The Murray Clan Society's Trust Board |
| 3 | | Trustee | Since 15/12/2024 | The Murray Clan Society's Trust Board |
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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 |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| | Since 04/06/2024 - 15/12/2025 |
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Structure, governance and management

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| Type of governing document | SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) single tier model constitution. Date of constitution (last amended): 4th June 2024. |
| Trustee recruitment and appointment | The board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee - by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting. At the conclusion of the first Annual General Meeting, one third (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees shall retire from office; the question of which of them is to retire shall be determined by some random method. |

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

- a) To promote social links among people bearing the surname Murray, or who are connected by marriage, ancestry, or descent with the Murray Clan, or who bear one of the surnames recognised as being associated with the Murray Clan (the septs) [Balneaves, Dinsmore, Dunsmore, Fleming, Moray, Murrie, Murry, Neaves, Piper, Pyper, Smail, Smale, Small, Smeal, Spalding, and variations of these surnames].
- b) To stimulate interest in the history, culture, and traditions of the Clan and in the work of those who have borne the name Murray, whether in this country or overseas.
- c) To organise and carry on such activities as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time consider to be of benefit to the members, subject to the reservation that such activities shall not run counter to the purposes of a) and b) above.
- d) In order to promote the above purposes the Society may make grants or contributions to any other organisations whose objects are broadly in accord with its own, subject to the reservation that such organisations must not be engaged in any political activities.
- e) The Society shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The organisation has power to carry out any activities or services which are calculated to further its charitable purposes or are conducive or incidental to doing so.

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Achievements and performance

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

The Murray Clan Society was constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 4th June 2024. The [REDACTED] indly agreed to become patron of the Murray Clan Society, thus continuing his family's long-established association with the Murray Clan Society and his ancestor, the 13th [REDACTED] who founded the Society in January 1962. In July 2024, we were delighted to announce that the then Secretary of State for Scotland, The [REDACTED] signalled that he was happy to support the Murray Clan Society in Scotland.

The Head Trustee/Convenor designed and created an official website, which has a great deal of information about the history of Murrays, tartans, and other items linked to the Murrays as well as specific information about Murrays families. It is the best place to keep up-to-date with Murray news and Society events. We also have a Facebook page, which is proving popular around the world, an X page [Twitter], and Instagram page.

It meant a lot that the Tullibardine Distillery supported the Society with a substantial one-off financial donation. We are also partnering with ScotlandShop, who are offering a 5% discount for members of the Society with an additional 5% commission for the Society on sales using a discount code, which is now set up for members to use with a growing collection of high-quality, clan and tartan products made in Scotland.

The February 2025 edition of The Scottish Banner [news for global Scots], featured an article on The Murray Clan Society, and an extensive interview with the Head Trustee was also published by *ScotlandShop*.

We purchased a quarter of an acre of woodland in the clan territory (Perthshire) which has been dedicated in grove four at Moncrieffe Hill in memory of the founder members of the Murray Clan Society and all the clansmen and clanswomen of the Murray Clan past and present throughout the world. We also adopted one acre on Schiehallion in the name of The Murray Clan Society which will care for and protect an acre of mountain landscape for one year. It is a poignant spot in the heart of our clan territory with sweeping views over Atholl. Members of the Murray clan throughout the world can visit Schiehallion and see first-hand for themselves how we are making a difference.

[REDACTED] a founding trustee of the Murray Clan Society charity, sadly passed away in December 2024 at the venerable age of 92. She was a loyal and familiar figure at all the Murray Clan Society's events.

Trustees attended the Atholl Highlanders' Parade at Blair Castle in May 2025, where we had the opportunity to meet old acquaintances and make new ones among like-minded supporters. Our Autumn outing took place at Cally Palace (a former Murray property) in Dumfries and Galloway, offering a chance to connect with other Murrays.

It is forty years since the previous great gathering of the Murray clan took place in Blair Atholl on 25th May 1985. The Head Trustee/Convenor approached the leadership of the Murray Clan Society of North America (MCSNA) with an idea to work in partnership to plan and host an international Murray Clan Gathering in Scotland. We are pleased to have got the ball rolling and happy to see someone running with it. Good volunteers these days are hard to find, but we wish the organisers across the Atlantic all the best in co-ordinating a MCSNA visit to Scotland and in making the arrangements to bring Murrays together in the coming years.

The Chapter House Museum Trust in Dunkeld, a prestigious museum in the heart of the Atholl region, has agreed to create a Murray clan centre with an exhibition of memorabilia and information about the clan, starting by digitalising copies of past editions of the Journal and Newsletter.

We want to make a lasting and positive impact in our world for future generations. To solidify this commitment, we will be involving primary school children and clansmen and clanswomen around the world wherever they live to help us plant a small copse of 30 trees (10 of each species: silver birch, rowan, wild cherry) at a historical spot in Scotland associated with the Murrays.

We are a small clan compared with some but we more than make up for our lack of numbers by our enthusiasm! END.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Any reserves available to the organisation must be used for purposes which are the same as - or which closely resemble - the purposes of the organisation as set out in the constitution, namely the advancement of heritage and education.

Details of any deficit

None.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None.

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Other optional information

Not applicable.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | | |
| Position (e.g. Chair) | Head Trustee (Chairman) | |
| Date | 1st October 2025 | |