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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	15	05	2025	To	30	11	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	St Drostan's and Markinch Community Group
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC054235
Charity's principal address	3 Sweetbank Crescent
	Markinch
	Glenrothes
	Fife
	Postcode KY7 6AZ

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	James Sutherland	Chair		
2	Douglas Galbraith	Secretary		
3	Catriona Combe	Treasurer		
4	Bruce Manson			
5	Christine Manson			
6	Kenneth Wilkie			
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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	St Drostan's and Markinch Community Group is governed by a SCIO constitution.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Trustees are recruited from within the church and the community and are appointed as required in line with the Constitution. Trustees for the financial year ending 30-11-2025 were appointed at a meeting of the Group on 10 th June 2025

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The charity was established to develop the use of St Drostan's Church and its outbuildings as a community resource, to study its archaeology and its history in its wider local context, and to involve the local community in exploring the heritage of community and church.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

In pursuit of these aims, we have continued to provide guides to give hospitality to those using the Fife Pilgrim Way and to take these and other visitors in a tour of the church. Apart from visitors who just turn up, including people from the local area, we have actively invited groups for special tours of the building. We commissioned an artist to accurately portray a hidden architectural feature

Currently we are engaged in a project, with the help of Scottish Community Tourism (SCOTO), to increase the flow of tourists to the town.

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Achievements and performance

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

We have seen an increase in visitor numbers from all over the world.

The mural has been widely praised and has served to educate visitors about a hidden Norman arch. A related article was published in a international archaeology publication.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not currently maintain a formal reserves policy. Because the charity has no fixed financial commitments or ongoing operational overheads, the trustees have determined that a reserve fund is not required at this stage. All available funds are fully and directly applied to furthering the charity's main purposes. The trustees review this position annually to ensure it remains appropriate if the charity's financial commitments change

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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Other optional information

- Church and Tower Preservation: Opened the historic church and 12th-century Norman tower to visitors daily from Easter through October, providing volunteer-led guided tours.
- Archaeological and Historical Research: Continuing work to uncover and understand the medieval layout and history of the site along the Fife Pilgrim Way.
- Artistic Installations: Commissioned a striking 5-metre high mural painted by a local artist depicting the hidden Norman arch inside the church as an educational tool for visitors and school outreach.
- Community Engagement: Promoting local events, heritage open days (such as Doors Open Days), and community-focused activities to boost engagement and tourism in the area. Have partnered with Scottish Community Tourism (SCOTO), to increase the flow of tourists to the town.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J.N. Sutherland	
<i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	James Sutherland	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	22nd August 2026	