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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	18	June	2025	To	31	March	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Leslie Heritage Group

SC054313

45 Westpark Avenue

Leslie

Fife

Postcode KY6 3BX

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	William Muirhead Fiet	Chairman		
2	Teresa A. M. Ogilvie	Secretary		
3	Alan A. Crombie	Treasurer		
4	Sally Carr	Trustee		
5	William Carr	Trustee		
6	Sian Bundy	Trustee		
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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
Not Applicable	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Charity is a SCIO governed by a constitution embodying its rules and principles.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The current trustees were in position when the Group was an unincorporated body and moved seamlessly over to become Trustees when the Group became a S.C.I.O. on the 18th June 2025. Guidance on all moves was provided by Fife Voluntary Action. The members supported the change of structure and the appointment of the initial Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The charitable purposes are the advancement of citizenship or community development and the advancement of arts, heritage, culture or science, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

In furtherance of the above the Group seeks to provide access recreational facilities facilitated by the group in the interests of social welfare and wellbeing to improve quality of life.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

In the year being referred to, the principal emphasis of the group was to ensure that the planned archaeological dig on the historic Leslie Green took place and was a success. Alongside that was the continued development of the monthly talks programme featuring the history and heritage of the area.

The Group continued to develop its membership, image and reach through competent and confident social media.

The latter part of the year was devoted to planning a second dig.

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Achievements and performance

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

A platform was needed to promote the history, heritage and culture of the former Royal Burgh of Leslie to long term residents and newcomers alike. Leslie Heritage Group was formed as such a vehicle. The Group believe solid outcomes have stemmed from their efforts

Without question, when viewed in isolation, the main achievement was the successful completion of the archaeological dig which took place between the 11th - 15th September 2025. The failure of the chosen archaeological firm in 2024 caused a delay of one year while a successor was sourced and further funding secured. The appointment of Addyman Archaeology, as the chosen partner, removed any concerns and their skill and experience were the backbone of the success. The group played their part in raising the necessary additional finance and the first known excavation on the historic Leslie Green went ahead. The project was a success on many levels. The community bought into the venture with numerous volunteers willing to lend their time and, in many cases, their expertise to bring success. The local primary school was involved with upwards of 100 children visiting the site. The public also showed great interest in viewing the proceedings. The outcome was that, in January of 2026, Addyman Archaeology held an evening exhibition where a report on the event was given and many of the finds were on display. The hall was filled to capacity such was the interest!

The programme of talks goes from strength to strength. Numbers attending have continued to rise and without question a hard core audience is forming.

Thanks to a Trustee, the production of promotional items such as mugs and coasters which provide publicity and income is now in place.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees are, and always has been, very attentive with regard to income and expenditure. The archaeological dig was potentially where unexpected costs might appear but, it has to be said, that the project came in exactly on budget – in no small measure thanks to the care and understanding of Addyman Archaeology allied to the Trustee's financial diligence.

Details of any deficit

The organisation continues to work towards building and/or retaining a constant surplus, equating to nine (9) months of costs, to reduce the potential damage stemming from financial crisis situations. (£1,000). The Group continues to show a surplus each year.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None to report.

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Other optional information

There is little to be added other than, for a Group which has been in existence for such a short period of time, the fact that a project of such magnitude has been successfully planned and executed has to be pleasing. It was also heartening to learn that the finds act as evidence for consideration of a follow-up excavation, limited to where the most interesting finds were unearthed. The level of interest shown by the public, in the Group's activities, has been extremely gratifying and certainly confirms the need and desire for the history of the Royal Burgh of Leslie to be brought into sharper focus.

With the benefit of hindsight there are always opportunities to do things differently. One such possibility certainly lies with the timing of the closing down of the unincorporated body and moving more adroitly into the realm of being a S.C.I.O. Rightly or wrongly, it was felt that it would be best to get all the income and costs attributed to the dig to be finalised before the transition. This was certainly achieved but it was at the cost of having the new charity-based account opened. The obstacles and difficulties in attempting to open a charity account at distance soon became obvious and extremely frustrating. Without going too deeply into the details, one application had to be abandoned due to the continual difficulties in trying to move the application forward. The second bank approached was successful but again the time taken was both vexatious and testing.

The Group's Trustees have now settled into ensuring they operate in the spirit and framework which the advantages and obligations of being a S.C.I.O. bring.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures		
Full name(s)	WILLIAM MUIRHEAD FIET	ALAN CROMBIE
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	13. 7 - 2026	13. 7. 2026