

Air Training Corps No 1731 (Isle of Lewis) Squadron

Non Public Sports & Welfare Funds

Charity Number SC024736

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2026

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2026

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Air Training Corps No 1731 (Isle of Lewis) Squadron

Address

North Scotland Wing ATC HQ, Royal Air Force Lossiemouth, Building 411, Moray, IV31 6SD

Bankers

Bank of Scotland, Stornoway

Independent Examiner

Joyce Craigmile, 3 Hobshill Close, Hatton, Aberdeenshire

Current Trustees

Katrina Maddams – NSW Chairperson
Ann Howley – NSW Treasurer
Christine Copsey – NSW Deputy Chairperson

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity was registered in its current legal form on 26th April 1996. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

At the annual general meeting, the Association elects a Management Committee composed of a chairperson, secretary, treasurer and a minimum of three other members. The cadets may be represented at any meeting held by the committee. A maximum of two cadets may attend and they can be selected on a rotational basis. Nominations of the management committee members are made in writing by full members. The management committee shall hold office for a period of one year or until the conclusion of the following annual general meeting of the Association. Members can be re-elected. The Management Committee are the Trustees of the Association.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The purpose of the Association is to promote the aims of the Air Training Corps within the Lochaber area. The Association's aims are:

- 1) to encourage and promote a practical interest in aviation and the RAF.
- 2) to provide training opportunities which will be useful in both the service and civilian life.
- 3) to foster a spirit of adventure.
- 4) to develop leadership qualities and good citizenship.

Activities

The association may:

- 1) assist the uniformed staff and the civilian instructors in the running of the Association.
- 2) raise funds and receive contributions from any person or persons by way of subscriptions.
- 3) and otherwise, providing that the Association shall not undertake permanent trading activities, do all such lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the objectives.

Achievements and Performance

The Squadron has unfortunately still not re-opened following the imposed closures of the COVID lockdown. Cadet subscriptions have been suspended, as has all fundraising.

We are unable to re-open until new Staff have been identified, cleared by the RAFAC and have completed the mandatory training in line with the ATC's regulations. This can be a lengthy process and is proving to be a challenge in this particular geographical location. We hope to see a resumption in activities during the next financial year.

A Regional review is ongoing to determine the long term viability of the unit. We await a decision.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £24, which was interest from the bank and funds deposited to cover bank charging errors, (these will be corrected in the next financial year.) Total expenditure for the same period was £23 made up of erroneous bank charges and a return of sums deposited to prevent overdraft. As the squadron remains closed reserves held were transferred to a deposit account to optimise funds whilst a decision is made on the future of the unit.

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to retain 3 months worth of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Three months expenditure currently stands at less than £50 which is comfortably met by reserves. The trustees will review this on a regular basis.

Plans for future period

The focus will be on a recruitment drive, led by the Regional ATC team, in conjunction with our Wing staff to try to identify potential adult volunteers, for both the staff positions and to

expand the Civilian Committee. If this proves successful we will then make contact with the local Schools to make them aware that the squadron will be re-opening and to let them know what we can offer Students.

We look forward to filling the Staff and Committee roles in the future so we can then commence Cadet training and recruitment.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24/09/2026

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Katrina Maddams

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Name of Trustee : Katrina Maddams- NSW Chairperson

Date: 24/09/2026