

# **Golspie Heritage Society Scottish Registered Charity No. SCO30553**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026**

### **Current trustees**

Valerie Ross  
Shirley Sutherland  
Nancy Mackay  
Marion Sutherland  
John Melville  
Ian Sutherland  
Patricia Till  
Russell Jaffrey  
Thomas MacRae  
Alison Redmond

**Other trustees during the year:** n/a

### **Contact address:**

2 Seaforth Road Golspie, KW10 6TJ

### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

Recruitment and appointment of trustees is on a voluntary basis.

### **Governing document**

Golspie Heritage Society is an unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

### **Charitable purposes**

The overall purpose of the Society is the advancement and education of local knowledge and history in our community and to stimulate interest in this area by providing regular meetings and exhibiting materials together with the sharing of materials and knowledge within the community and with other groups and individuals.

### **Activities and achievements**

Monthly meetings are held with guest speakers giving talks on history relevant to the area. The Society's premises are open on Tuesday mornings throughout the year for people to drop in and chat. They are encouraged to share memories of Golspie, some of which are recorded. Old photos are looked through and names often added.

Volunteers attend on Monday mornings and are currently working through materials and artefacts, organising them and cataloguing them. This has increased awareness of the lack of storage space. Plans have been drawn up to build a new store and grant applications have been made to local windfarm community benefit funds. Confirmation was received on 20.03.2026 that the first one has been successful.

Other volunteers are working to complete the Millennium Project. Books with a photo of every house in the parish with a space opposite for the occupier to record something about the family that lived there, were begun at the millennium. Not all the spaces were completed at the time. It is hoped most spaces will now be completed retrospectively.

The Society's volunteer Researcher has been working on a 'People At School Project'. Their collection of over 300 class photos from village schools, dating back to the early 1900s, has been collated into 3 binders. Names have been added to many and a database created. The Society will continue to add to this fascinating collection.

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**Reserves**

We have regular meetings which ensures that reserves are always available and if necessary fundraising will be organised. Closing Reserve of £18423.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

*Marion Sutherland*

MARION SUTHERLAND  
TREASURER

Date: 08/4/2025

**Golspie Heritage Society Scottish  
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Independent Examiner's Report**

**Independent Examiner's Report** to the Trustees of Golspie Heritage Society registered charity number SC030553.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, set out on the following pages.

**Respective responsibilities of trustee 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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 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, and
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ *Christine Ross* \_\_\_\_\_ 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Christine Ross  
Alba, Main Street, Golspie. KW10 6TG

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**Receipts and Payments Account for the year 1.4.25 – 31.3.26**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
Memberships	1375	880
Donations - General	3289	2205
Sales (Pens, books, cards)	1554	2026
Bequests & Funeral Collections	600	
Lettings	235	385
New Store Income	1445	
Grants Received	5360	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13858</b>	<b>5496</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Building Maintenance	107	7901
Annual Subscriptions	470	247
Broadband	300	132
Rent	1200	1150
Electricity	1432	472
Book Sales	158	17
Office/Catering Expenses	1125	1180
New Stores Expenses	1574	
Public Liability Insurance		99
Bank charges	7	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6373</b>	<b>11198</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>7485</b>	<b>-5702</b>

**Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026**

Opening Balance	10938	16640
Surplus / (Deficit)	7485	-5702
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>18423</b>	<b>10938</b>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

*Marion Sutherland*

Marion Sutherland  
Treasurer

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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**NOTES**

**1. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2. Reserves**

All funds are unrestricted

**3. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses**

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year.