

Orkney Pilgrimage

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December
2025

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Charity Trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Brenda Dowie, Secretary
Sheila Garson, Chairperson
Sarah Jane Gibbon
Alison Hawkins, Treasurer

Charity Trustees who resigned during the year

Fran Hollinrake resigned January 2025
David Mazza resigned April 2025
Stuart Little resigned May 2025

Objectives and Activities

Orkney Pilgrimage was established in September 2016 to facilitate the development of the St Magnus Way, a 55 mile pilgrimage route through Orkney.

Orkney Pilgrimage's purposes are:

1 The advancement of spiritual wellbeing in Orkney through the development of local pilgrimage routes and resources. In particular, to establish and promote the St Magnus Way pilgrimage route in Orkney.

2 The advancement of education in local heritage and environment by the development of educational resources associated with pilgrimage.

Achievements and Performance

Orkney Pilgrimage continue to work towards a sustainable future for the St Magnus Way.

We were involved in two local festivals during the year. Firstly, the Orkney Natural Festival, where one of our trustees gave an illustrated talk on The Flora and Fauna of St Magnus Cathedral. Then The Pilgrims Path by local composer Gemma McGregor was performed in St Magnus Cathedral as part of the St Magnus Festival. This suite of six pieces, with accompanying narrative, tells the story of the St Magnus Way.

Work on the Virtual St Magnus Way project nears completion and we look forward to launching it in the spring, making the Way accessible to anyone, anywhere. This project would not have been possible without the drive and enthusiasm of the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to deliver it.

We have had contact with representatives from the Camino Ingles this year and a group looking to create a Shetland Way. Also visiting groups from Norway and Australia. It is heartening to see such a wide interest in pilgrimage.

We are as always, grateful to our dedicated volunteers who monitor and maintain the route, lead guided walk, look after our website and social media sites and many other essential tasks which make up the core of our work. Without them there would be no St Magnus Way.

During 2025 we received a significant donation in memory of Dave Gray and we thank his family for their generosity. We are also grateful to The Friends of St Magnus for financial support to help cover updating our App and web costs associated with the Virtual St Magnus Way. The residue of financial assistance from last year's appeal to Community Councils was also received in this financial year.

Fran Holinrake, Dr David Mazza and Stuart Little stood down from the Board during 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

As a single tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation we are governed by a written constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Our trustees have a diverse range of experience and are recruited to meet the needs of the charity from interested Orkney residents. One third (being the longest in office since last appointment or re appointment) together with those appointed since the previous annual general meeting retire at each annual general meeting but are eligible for re-appointment and are deemed to be re-elected at the next board meeting unless they advise the board that they do not want to be re-elected or a resolution for that person's re-appointment is put to the board and is not carried

Financial review

In our ninth year of operation, we managed to secure a total of £2,500 in grants, of which £200 was support from Community Councils, £2,300 from Friends of St Magnus for IT upgrade and support. A further £2,286 in unrestricted donations and merchandise sales brought our total income for the year to £4,786. During the year we spent a total of £2,645, the majority of which was for path maintenance and development, the accounts for the year are appended to this report and provide further detail on our income and expenditure.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the trustees' policy that, within five years of being established, we should maintain sufficient reserves to cover the next six months' operating costs. At 31 December 2025, the total reserves of £7,461.42 were sufficient to cover the next six months' planned expenditure.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

.....
Alison Hawkins

Alison Hawkins, Treasurer

Date..... 30th July 2026

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



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Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Orkney Pilgrimage

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Orkney Pilgrimage (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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. 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.

Steven J Sinclair

BA, CA

1-3 East Road, Kirkwall, Orkney

7 April 2026

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year to 31 December 2025



Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Receipts				
Donations	1,481.36		1,481.36	562.58
Receipts from fundraising activities	804.90		804.90	747.61
Grants	200.00	2,300.00	2,500.00	1,850.00
Total Receipts	<u>2,486.26</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>4,786.26</u>	<u>3,160.19</u>
Payments				
Expenses for fundraising activities	475.18		475.18	1,034.45
activities	2,103.93		2,103.93	5,808.09
Grants and Donations			0.00	0.00
Governance costs:	66.00		66.00	15.00
Other			0.00	0.00
Total Payments	<u>2,645.11</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,645.11</u>	<u>6,857.54</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	<u>(158.85)</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,141.15</u>	<u>(3,697.35)</u>

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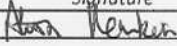
Statement of Balances

For the year to 31 December 2025



Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Balance 31 December 2024	5,037.91	282.36	5,320.27	9,017.62
(Deficit)/Surplus shown on receipts and payments account	(158.85)	2,300.00	2,141.15	(3,697.35)
Balance 31 December 2025	<u>4,879.06</u>	<u>2,582.36</u>	<u>7,461.42</u>	<u>5,320.27</u>
Bank Balance at end of year			<u>7,461.42</u>	<u>5,320.27</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print name	Date of Approval
		ALISON HAWKINS	30/7/26

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year to 31 December 2025



Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted Funds comprise a General Fund to cover all costs not covered by Restricted Funds. The purpose of each of the Restricted Funds is set out on the additional analysis page.

Trustee remuneration & expenses

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees during the year. Expenses were reimbursed as follows:

	2025		2024	
	Number of trustees	£	Number of trustees	£
Expenses & mileage	1	0.00	1	0.00

Analysis of receipts and payments

Donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Miscellaneous	1,481.36		1,481.36
HMRC Gift Aid (including repayment interest)			0.00
	<u>1,481.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,481.36</u>

Grants

Friends of St Magnus		2,300.00	2,300.00
Community Council Support	200.00		200.00
			0.00
	<u>200.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>

Gross Receipts from fundraising activities

Guidebooks and Merchandise	734.90		734.90
Friends of St Magnus Way	70.00		70.00
			0.00
	<u>804.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>804.90</u>

Payments relating directly to charitable activities

website services	488.00		488.00
path upkeep & development	1,385.93		1,385.93
virtual way expenses			0.00
Other	<u>230.00</u>		<u>230.00</u>
	<u>2,103.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,103.93</u>

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Additional Analysis

For the year to 31 December 2025



Breakdown of restricted funds

	Rousay Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust	Calor Gas	Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney	TNL Community Fund	Covid Recovery Grant	Friends of St Magnus	Birsay Community Council	REW&G Community Council	Kirkwall & St Ola Community Council	Total Restricted Funds
Balance 31 December 2024	282.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	282.36
Receipts										
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00
Total Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00
Payments										
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	0.00							0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-	2,300.00	-	-	-	2,300.00
Transfers to/from funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Deficit)/surplus for year	-	-	-	-	-	2,300.00	-	-	-	2,300.00
Balance 31 December 2025	282.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,582.36

Nature and purpose of restricted funds

The Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust Fund exists for associated costs for the waymarker and interpretation board in Egilsay, with remaining funds for Egilsay specific costs.
The Calor Gas Fund exists to pay for specific physical upgrades (gates and fences) to the St Magnus Way and to finance the creation of a virtual way.
The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney Fund exists to assist with the development of the virtual way.
TNL Community Fund exists to upgrade the website to incorporate the Virtual Way.
Birsay Community Council exists for St Magnus Way running costs.
REW&G Community Council exists for St Magnus Way running costs.
Kirkwall & St Ola Community Council exists for St Magnus Way running costs.