

Charity registration number SC037983 (Scotland)

Company registration number SC317093 (Scotland)

**FRIENDS OF CULZEAN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr K May Mr J D Rattenbury Lord D T Kennedy Mr N Geddes Ms K E A Shanley
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr J D Rattenbury
<b>Charity number (Scotland)</b>	SC037983
<b>Company number</b>	SC317093
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# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

### Objectives and activities

The objectives of the company are as follows :

- (1) The company has been established for charitable objects only.
- (2) The objects for which the company has been established are to support the National Trust for Scotland (Scottish charity Number SC007410) with regard to their property, Culzean Castle and Country Park, by whatever means are suitable within the context of charitable activities including; raising funds, encouraging donations and sponsorship, organising and helping events and business activities
- (3) The activities of the Friends of Culzean must be undertaken with the agreement of the management of Culzean Castle and Country Park.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

We have an enthusiastic and committed team of volunteers operating the Second-hand Bookshop, led by our volunteer shop coordinator.

### Achievements and performance

The bookshop has increased its income steadily since Covid, through the continued work of the volunteer shop organiser and her team of volunteers. The shop is well maintained and provides an enjoyable and comfortable environment in which to browse the books and relax.

There was a donation of £68,810 made in the year to provide improvements to the Home Farm Kitchen, new bat detectors for the Rangers, a sophisticated plant labelling machine for the gardens and three defibrillators for distribution in the park.

It has been proposed and agreed that from 2025-2026, £2,000 per year will be allocated to the purchase account for general shop maintenance. Major shop purchases, such as the new coffee machine, will be funded from the main account.

### Financial review

In the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025, the charity generated net outgoing expenses of £75,163 (2024: £43,681). A donation of £68,810 was made to the National Trust for Scotland, for the projects listed above. The bookshop generated a net income of £52,649 (2024: £53,154). At the end of the year, £76,856 (2024: £99,370) was held in general reserves.

### Plans for future periods

The funding provided by the Friends of Culzean has had, and continues to have, a major beneficial effect on the property, by enabling improvements to be made that would not otherwise be possible. Through close consultation between Culzean's management and the charity trustees, we aim to get the most out of the funding created by the volunteers and ensure it is put to the best possible use.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## **FRIENDS OF CULZEAN**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)** ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025***

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The trustees look to appoint new trustees who are committed to the aims of the Trust, and ideally have an association with Culzean and its surrounding area. The charity aims to have a good representation of the volunteers and a balance of skills and experience amongst individual trustees.

Friends of Culzean is associated with the following bodies which are connected to or supported by the charity:

- Culzean Castle and Country Park
- National Trust for Scotland

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Mr J D Rattenbury**  
Trustee  
Dated: 22 July 2025

# **FRIENDS OF CULZEAN**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Friends Of Culzean for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

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I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees, who are also the directors of Friends Of Culzean for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
  - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 22 July 2025

# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Other trading activities	2	52,649	53,154
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Raising funds	3	1,404	2,751
Charitable activities	4	73,759	40,930
<b>Total expenditure</b>		75,163	43,681
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(22,514)	9,473
Fund balances at 1 March 2024		99,370	89,897
<b>Fund balances at 28 February 2025</b>		76,856	99,370

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.



# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		77,821		100,288	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>10</b>	<u>(965)</u>		<u>(918)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>76,856</u>		<u>99,370</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>76,856</u>		<u>99,370</u>
			<u>76,856</u>		<u>99,370</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2025

Lord D T Kennedy  
Trustee

Company registration number SC317093

# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	12		(22,467)		9,531
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(22,467)		9,531
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			100,288		90,757
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			77,821		100,288

# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Friends Of Culzean is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is 4 Ewenfield Park, Ayr, Ayrshire, KA7 2QG, United Kingdom.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.3 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### 1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### 2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop income	52,609	53,033
Sale of drinks and snacks	40	121
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Other trading activities	52,649	53,154
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# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

### 3 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Rental of coffee machine	1,068	1,122
Sundry expenses	159	1,503
Drink and snacks supplies	177	126
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Trading costs	1,404	2,751
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### 4 Charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank charges	830	776
Repairs & renewals	2,879	2,665
Insurance	270	270
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	3,976	3,712
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	68,818	36,300
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	965	918
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	73,759	40,930
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### 5 Grants payable

	2025 £	2024 £
Ayrshire Cancer Support	8	20
National Trust for Scotland	68,810	36,280
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

### 6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiners fee	-	965	965	918
	-	965	965	918
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	965	965	918

### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year nor for the year ended 29 February 2024.

### 8 Employees

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	965	918

### 11 Related party transactions

The charity operates within premises in the grounds of Culzean Castle and Country Park owned by the National Trust for Scotland. No market value rental is charged by the National Trust, but the charity makes donations towards the maintenance and upkeep of the premises.

## FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

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<b>12</b>	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(22,514)	9,473
	Movements in working capital:		
	Increase in creditors	47	58
	<b>Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations</b>	<u>(22,467)</u>	<u>9,531</u>

# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

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**Friends of Culzean**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For The Year Ended 28 February 2025**

<b>Income and endowments</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Book sales	52,609	53,033
Drink and snack sales	40	121
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>52,649</b>	<b>53,154</b>
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 <b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Rental costs	1,068	1,122
Sundry expenses	159	1,503
Drinks and snack sales	177	126
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	1,404	2,752
 <b>Charitable activities</b>		
Bank charges	830	776
Repairs and renewals	2,879	2,665
Insurance	270	270
Grants	68,818	36,300
Governance costs - accountancy fees	965	918
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	73,759	40,929
 <b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>75,163</b>	<b>43,681</b>
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 <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>(22,514)</b>	<b>9,473</b>
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# FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

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**Friends of Culzean**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For The Year Ended 29 February 2024**

<b>Income and endowments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Book sales	53,033	44,864
Drink and snack sales	121	2,223
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>53,154</b>	<b>47,087</b>
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<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Rental costs	1,122	1,417
Sundry expenses	1,503	1,281
Drinks and snack sales	126	1,219
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	<b>2,752</b>	<b>3,917</b>
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<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Bank charges	776	609
Repairs and renewals	2,665	962
Insurance	270	270
Grants	36,300	-
Governance costs - accountancy fees	918	860
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	<b>40,929</b>	<b>2,701</b>
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>43,681</b>	<b>6,618</b>
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<b>Net income</b>	<b>9,473</b>	<b>40,469</b>
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