

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust

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Charity number SC045532 Registered in Scotland

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust
KDM Group East End Park
Halbeath Road
Dunfermline
Fife
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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Chairman's Report on behalf of the Trustees

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust was established on 18 October 2014, by a Trust Deed, with the aim of preserving for future generations the history of Dunfermline Athletic Football Club and the memories of its players, management and supporters, and making this rich heritage available for public access.

Although we share a common interest in the past, present and future of Dunfermline Athletic FC, the Trust is completely independent of the football club, with its own governance system run by Trustees who are all long-term Pars supporters.

These are the 10th accounts of the Trust and cover the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

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Trustees

The current office-bearers of the Trust are:

Chair: Russell Shepherd
Vice Chair: Bonar Mercer
Secretary: Donald Adamson
Treasurer: Graeme Herd
Curator: Christine Scott
Historian: Duncan Simpson

The other Trustees are Craig Brown, Brian Duncan, Ian Hunter (elected August 2025), Kenny McLachlan (retired October 2024), Stuart Simpson, Chris Wishart, Adam Shepherd (retired February 2025), Gavin Davies and Douglas Scott (elected February 2025)

Activities of the Trust

During the year, the Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust continued to advance its charitable objectives through a range of heritage-focused initiatives, all delivered by unpaid volunteers. The Trust held regular quarterly meetings, both in person and online, and maintained strong governance through its elected Trustees.

Tangible Heritage

The Trust progressed plans to enhance its physical displays at East End Park. A grant application was submitted to the Scottish Football Museum to support the replacement of three narrow cabinets near the Club Shop with a larger, secure display unit. Designs were developed in consultation with stadium staff and local suppliers. The Trust also received significant donations

of memorabilia which has resulted in the purchase of an historic Loftus Cup medal from 1911–12 and a programme collection from the Arneil family, which has been catalogued and stored appropriately.

Statistical and Digital Heritage

The Trust's website and digital archives saw substantial development. Match reports, programmes, photographs, and newspaper clippings are now linked to individual fixtures. The player database continues to expand, with attention to short-term loan players and historical data. A new front-page news section was proposed to modernize the website and improve visibility of current content. The Trust also explored copyright considerations for video highlights and liaised with other clubs to ensure compliance.

Photographic and Audio-Visual Heritage

The Trust collaborated with OnFife and the National Library of Scotland to digitize and access the Morris Allan photographic archive, which includes rare glass plate images and potential early video footage. These materials will be catalogued and, where possible, made available online. The Trust also continued its popular podcast series and supported the Former Players' Association in producing digital and printed content, including a magazine and themed events.

Publications and Research

Two major book projects were in development:

- A history of Dunfermline Athletic between the World Wars, authored by Gordon Baird and edited by Duncan Simpson, with a draft expected soon.
- A photographic book on DAFC football strips, led by Craig Brown and Duncan Simpson, though progress was delayed due to workload.

IT and Infrastructure

Efforts continued to safeguard historical content previously hosted on the Club's website. The Trust worked to improve IT backup systems and streamline database management. Discussions were held with Pars United CIC regarding potential funding for a dedicated heritage space at East End Park and other strategic projects.

Financial Review

There were only three items of expenditure for the Trust in the year. These were for the purchase of the Loftus Cup medal, a wreath to be laid in Contalmaison as part of the yearly remembrance celebrations and a sum for the use of copyrighted photography. There were also three items of income provided by sales of the Trilogy prints, a partnership with artist Paul Town.

Appointment of Trustees

There must be at least six Trustees and a maximum of fifteen. The initial Trustees were appointed for three years from 18 October 2014. Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at a special meeting of Trustees convened for that purpose, and after the initial Trustee appointments, are appointed, or re-appointed, for a period not exceeding two years. Trustee meetings are held quarterly, and are also attended, in an observer capacity, by the volunteers who are not Trustees.

On 10th February 2025 Donald Adamson, Graeme Herd, Brian Duncan, Gavin Davies, Craig Brown and Adam Shepherd all retired by rotation. All Trustees were re-elected for a further two years except Adam Shepherd who has retired.

Douglas Scott was also elected as a trustee.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Charles Davidson CA has expressed his willingness to act as Honorary Independent Examiner.

R.M. Shepherd

27/11/2025

Russell Shepherd
Chairman

Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust
SC045532.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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.

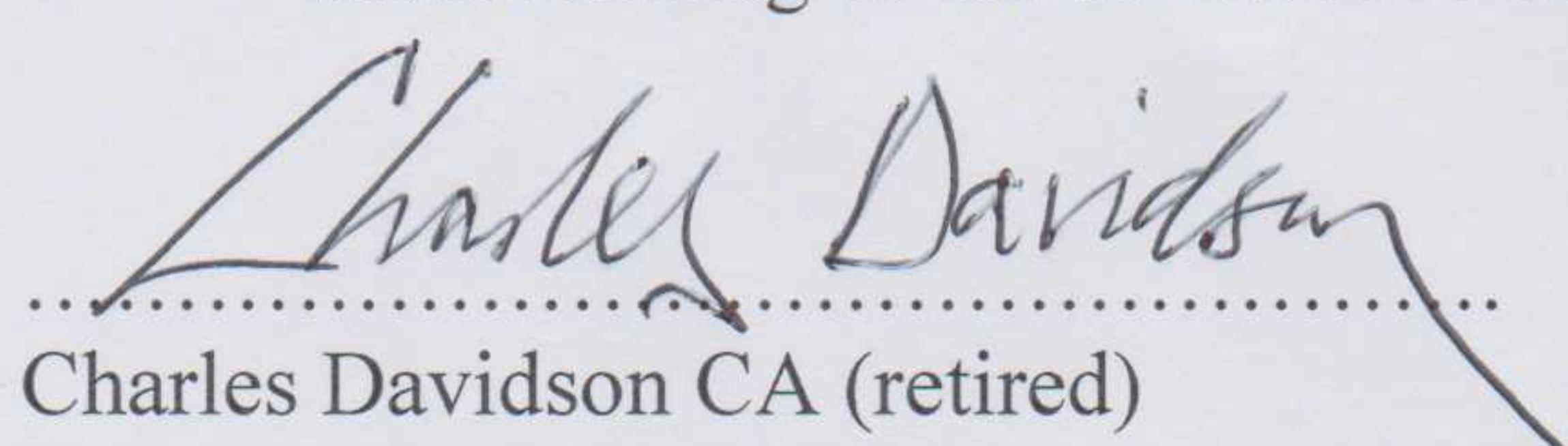
Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

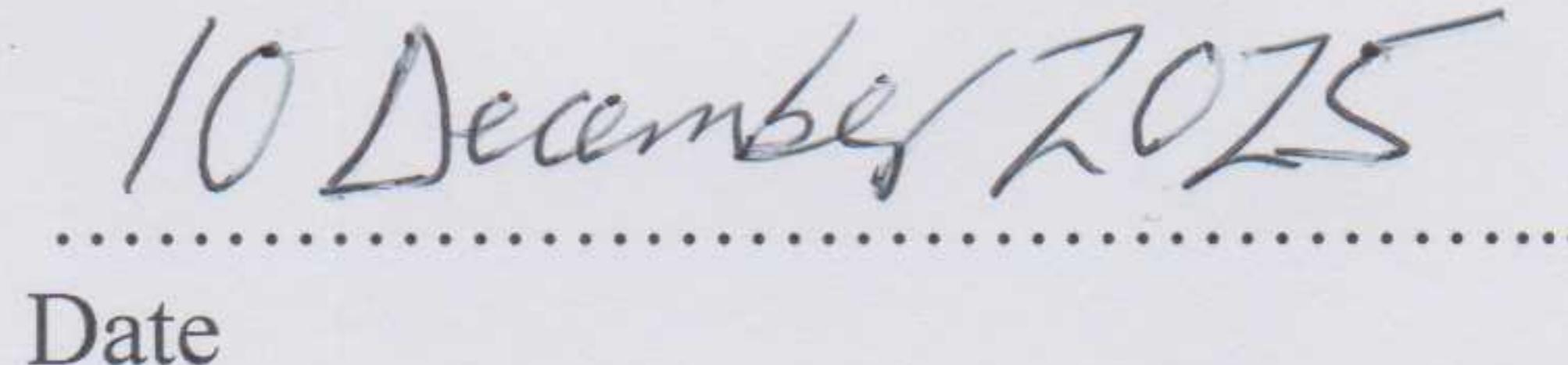
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.


Charles Davidson CA (retired)
Relevant Professional Body -
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
Independent Examiner
18/2 Boat Green, Edinburgh, EH3 5LW


Date

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust
Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31/3/2025	Year to 31/3/2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations/Fundraising	<u>69</u>	-	<u>69</u>	<u>255</u>
Total Receipts	<u>69</u>	-	<u>69</u>	<u>255</u>
Payments				
Acquisition of Medal	567	-	567	-
Photography Expense	120	-	120	-
Remembrance Wreaths	33	-	33	142
Display Costs	-	-	-	<u>60</u>
Total Payments	<u>720</u>	-	<u>720</u>	<u>202</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>(651)</u>	-	<u>(651)</u>	<u>53</u>

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Statement of Balances
As at 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Opening Cash at Bank	12,077	-	12,077
(Deficit) for the year	<u>(651)</u>	-	<u>(651)</u>
Closing Cash at Bank	<u>11,426</u>	-	<u>11,426</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

G. Herd.....

10/12/25.....

Graeme Herd
Treasurer

Date

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Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

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

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes.

3. Reimbursed Expenditure

One Trustee incurred reimbursed expenditure totalling £420 on behalf of the Trust.