

Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum

(A company limited by share)

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st October 2024

Scottish Charity Number: SC035189

Company Number: SC257787

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Trustee's Report (including Director's Report)

For the year ended 31st October 2024

The trustees of the charity, who are also directors of the company for the purpose of the Companies Act, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Companies Act 2006 and the 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 principal activity of the company is the running and maintenance of the Aviation Museum. The company's objectives are the education of the general public and school children by the presentation of aviation artefacts and memorabilia with an emphasis on the aviation history of Dumfries & Galloway.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their objectives and in planning their future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the objectives they have set

Achievements and Performance

Our performance has continued to improve with this year's results building on the excellent results of previous years. Visitor numbers again increased and this year saw us break through the 10,000 visitor number. The high numbers of visitors ensured that there was a corresponding solid performance in our financial results.

The 2024 season (April to October) saw us remain with the 3 day opening pattern, and this was supplemented with a full events programme throughout the months we are open, in addition to public holidays.

This allows us to present a set of financial accounts which show stability of our finances, and an ongoing ability to underwrite more self-funded development work on the site, alongside that for which we have received external funding i.e. Grants.

We are entirely volunteer based and the numbers of our volunteers are strong in most areas, but we continue to have challenges around Front of House. Strengthening the Front of House team is seen as a priority for the board and additional activities will be undertaken in the current year to help rectify this weakness.

The challenges in this area were greatly helped this year by our partnership with Cloverglenn. Cloverglenn Support Services provide work and leisure based activities for over 16s and they worked alongside the museum staff to provide our Catering offering via our tearoom, and facilities management capacity across the site. It has been very beneficial partnership for both organisations and we look forward to working with them further in the coming years.

School visits continue and the steady throughput of young learners is very welcome. These pupils all attend the museum at no charge. This is of significant benefit to the schools and is a fundamental part of our education programme.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the current statutory requirements and the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The results for the year show a net surplus after transfers of £176,338 (2023, £90,033).

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Income was up for the year, but we had high level of expenditure associated with building work taking place during the year which lowered our overall surplus for the year. This was expected and the board are content with the level of surplus achieved.

The future financial wellbeing of the museum is considered to be good with our base operational costs being covered by our self-generated income (admissions and sales). As in the past we remain reliant on external financial support to help tackle any significant costs, such as the tower refurbishment, or be able to achieve any further site development in a timely manner.

The directors support the need to maintain a reserve sufficient to cover costs of approximately twelve months expenditure relating to overhead costs, this currently sits at £25K but due to the recent inflationary activity in the economy the board of directors will increase this value to £27,500 during 2024. As at the year end the free reserves were approximately £104,000.

Structure, Governance and Management

Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum was constituted as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital by Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company was incorporated on 17th October 2003 and the liability of the members is limited to £1.00 each.

The directors are appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Directors are put forward for re-election every three years.

Changes to Structure, Governance and Management

At the end of 2023 we implemented changes to our overall structure aimed at addressing the issue we had as a charity, where our income from retail activity was becoming greater than the allowed 25% allowance. These changes resulted in the 'spin-off' of our retail capacity into a separate company [DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY AVIATION MUSEUM (ENTERPRISES) LTD].

The 'Enterprises' company operated from 1st November 2023 and has sole responsibility for the retail activities associated with the operation of the museum. In addition, the 'Enterprises' company receives all admission/membership and electronic donation payments on behalf of the museum and these are passed through in their entirety to the museum.

With the successful conclusion of the work to address the issue requiring the creation of the 'Enterprises' Company the officers of the museum will now perform a review of the other aspects of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the museum and ensure that they remain fit for purpose.

Site Development

The work to build 4 new buildings that was highlighted last year as being a future aspiration is now in flight with funding established to cover the complete cost of the creation of each building. These will be completed during the summer season 2025.

IT Resilience

The museum has moved its main computer system for collections documentation from being stand-alone old software hosted on site to being a modern cloud based systems with full resilience and backup. This addresses a historic risk relating to the robustness of our technical solution.

Future Plans

Curatorial

Completion of the delivery of our Great War, and Commercial aviation displays remains on track for summer 2024.

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Future activity will then switch to the new Archaeology and Engines & Engineering buildings which are currently being built and likely to be made available in summer 2024.

IT

Following the successful movement of our curatorial systems into the cloud with the corresponding benefits to accessibility and robustness, we will embark on a similar project to move our Financial Systems and additional Curatorial Records in to the cloud utilising Sage and Windows 365.

Site Development

Creation of an additional Cold War building is now required to host aircraft allocated to us via RAF Heritage.

Volunteers

Developing our volunteer base through expansion in numbers and enhanced training remains an aspiration of the museum. The ever expanding strength of the collection has made this much more an imperative and the coming year will see an emphasis on recruitment and the development of the volunteer capacity and capability

Reference and Administrative Details

The company registration number is SC257787.

The company is registered as a charity under reference SC035189.

The company's registered address is:-

Old Control Tower
Heathhall Industrial Estate
Heathhall
Dumfries
DG1 3PH

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

David Reid (Chair)
Charlie Ewing (Treasurer)
John Hilsley
Peter Howieson
Jim Kilbride
Mike Lavery
Robert Sloan
Robert Sloan Jnr
Steven Aitken
William Pattinson – appointed 31/10/2024

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Trustee's Report

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustees, who are also directors for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

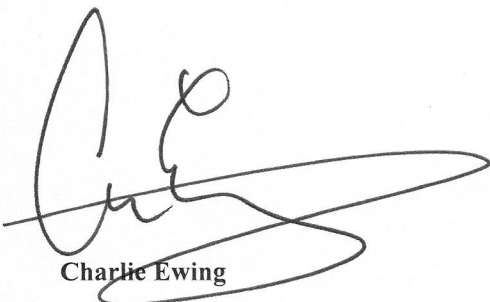
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

This report was approved by the board on 11/9/25 and signed on its behalf by



Charlie Ewing

Director (Finance)

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the 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 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

- a) 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 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 accounts to be reached.



John Simpson FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland
Montpelier Chartered Accountants
1 Dashwood Square
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DG8 6EQ

Dated: 15/9/25

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Statement of Financial Activities

Including income and expenditure account

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income:					
Donations and legacies	4	64,388	123,398	187,786	102,760
Charitable activities	5	56,633	0	56,633	49,157
Investments	6	312	0	312	134
Other trading activities	7	20,831	0	20,831	56,676
Other	8	36	0	36	584
Total incoming resources		142,200	123,398	265,598	209,311
Expenditure:					
Raising funds	9	15,913	0	15,913	33,510
Charitable activities	10	63,443	9,904	73,347	85,768
Total expenditure		79,356	9,904	89,260	119,278
Net income before transfers		62,844	113,494	176,338	90,033
Transfers		77,363	-77,363	0	0
Net income for the year		140,207	36,131	176,338	90,033
Total funds brought forward		1,049,433	129,199	1,178,632	1,088,599
Total funds carried forward		1,189,640	165,330	1,354,970	1,178,632

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st October 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets		402,075	312,143
Heritage assets		740,300	691,857
Investment in subsidiary company		1	0
	15	<u>1,142,376</u>	<u>1,004,000</u>
Current assets:			
Stocks		0	18,473
Debtors		101,875	31,875
DGAME loan		18,749	0
Other debtor		23	0
Cash at bank and in hand		93,387	126,654
		<u>214,034</u>	<u>177,002</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	1,440	2,370
Net current assets		<u>212,594</u>	<u>174,632</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		1,354,970	1,178,632
Net assets		<u>1,354,970</u>	<u>1,178,632</u>
Unrestricted income funds		262,168	166,459
Designated funds		927,472	882,974
Restricted funds		165,330	129,199
Total funds	18/20	<u>1,354,970</u>	<u>1,178,632</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the period by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charity keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.