

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts <small>v2</small>					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Friends of the Argyll Estate Archives					
Registered charity number	SC	SC053815					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	1	9	24		31	8	25
Set out on pages	1 - 5						<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>
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 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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**:						Date:	6.1.26
Name:	James McMillan						
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	M.I.B. (Scot.)						
Address:	3 Fisher Row Inveraray Argyll PA32 8UG						

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

**Friends of Argyll Estates Archives
Accounts 2024-2025**

Accounts to 31st August 2025	
Virgin Bank	0.00
Opening Balances 1st September 2024	6,118.64
Opening Balances 1st September 2024	19,794.14 <u>25,912.78</u>
Including:	
Dr Betsy Parker	9,130.96
Chris Pinho	1,000.00
Gifts brought forward	3,377.45
Mental well Being Tiree	155.07
Somewhere in Scotland	4,300.00
Tiree Rentals	<u>2,735.00</u> <u>20,698.48</u>
RECEIPTS	
Membership	5,499.15
Donations	11,838.11
Gift Aid	251.52
Glass Negatives	800.00
Transfers	67,660.47
Transfer to wrong account last year reimbursed	5,000.00
Conservation	804.00
Tiree Rentals	3,575.00
Somewhere in Scotland	0.00
Day trip 2024	355.88
Interest	128.26 <u>95,912.39</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Shop	1,260.00
Comm	561.71
Insurance	145.60
Tiree Rentals	6,310.00
MHWT	155.07
SiS	4,300.00
Study days expenses	160.00
Misc	2,142.46
Conservation Work on glass negatives	5,032.55
Transfer	67,660.47
Web Site	2,500.00
Day Trip	355.88
September day trip deposit	<u>42.00</u> <u>90,625.74</u>
As at 31st August 2025	<u>31,199.43</u>
CLOSING BALANCES AS AT 31st August 2025	
RBoS No 2	0.00
RBoS No 1	0.00
Virgin SCTO	31,199.43
	<u>31,199.43</u>

AUDITED FROM THE BOOKS
& VOUCHERS PROVIDED AND
FOUND TO BE CORRECT
James McMillan
6.1.26

Murdo MacDonald
Chair

7 November 2025

Including	
Gifts to be used at our discretion	
Brought Forward	13,508.41
	<u>13,508.41</u>
Mental Well Being Tree	
B/F	155.07
Less: balance to general funds by agreement	<u>155.07</u>
	0.00
Somewhere in Scotland	
Brought Forward	4,300.00
Less paid out	<u>4,300.00</u>
	0.00
Tree Rentals	
Brought Forward	2,735.00
Plus received this year	3,575.00
Less paid out	<u>6,310.00</u>
£6K to Argyll Estates balance to conservation re Tree/Mull	<u>0.00</u>
Study days conservation money	
Received	804.00
Expenses	-160.00
Transferred against glass plates conservation	<u>-644.00</u>
	0.00
Total Ring fenced money	<u>13,508.41</u>

Friends of Argyll Estates Archives is a Scottish SCIO SC053815
www.argyllestatesarchives.org



Murdo MacDesnald
 Chair
 7 November 2025



Report on the Activity of the Friends of Argyll Estates Archives in 2025 presented to the Annual Meeting on 7 Nov 2025 by Murdo MacDonald, Chair

Our ninth annual meeting was a hybrid event on 8 Nov 2024. Following the business meeting we enjoyed a talk by Ed Sweeney on *The genetic signature of Dougall of Argyll & Lorne and his present-day male-line descendants*, a fascinating and personal tale of discovery.

The **seminar series 2024/25** included talks from Ronnie Black on John Dewar's Diary, Caroline Anderson on the The Bute Witchcraft Confessions, Paul Warde on Land, family and economic life in two nineteenth-century Tiree townships, Katharina Prunte on the earls of Argyll and their notaries in the sixteenth century, Kirsty MacFarlane on her search for Campbell Connections on Coll, John Moore on his project to list and record the pre-Ordnance Survey paper landscape and Domhnall-Uilleam Stiubhart on the family connections of John Francis Campbell.

Recordings of last years seminars are available to Friends by logging into the Friends' secure area of our new website.

The **2025/26 seminar series** is underway, having started with Lady Charlotte Campbell in October. Further seminars will reflect the work of researchers to the archives over the past year: David Hopkins will be talking about Scottish Battlefield Memorials of the First World War; Sophia Chapples & Cianna Devitt will speak about Marine Resource Use during times of Climate Adversity, Anna McGregor will explore the ecosystem of native oysters along the west coast of Scotland, Jamie MacGregor will be talking about the Brooch of Lorn, Murdo MacDonald will speak about the early stages of cataloguing the Callander Papers, Flora Swietlicki will talk about her recreation of costumes as part of the Leading Ladies project and Richard Aitken will talk about how he conserves documents from the archives. The full programme is available on the website, with dates and start times.

The Scipio Mactaggart glass-plate negatives conserved in the **Adopt-an-Archive** campaign 2024 have come home in Inveraray but will shortly be going away for specialist digitisation. Once they return, 'adoption' certificates and images will be shared with our generous sponsors. Thank you very much for supporting this project.

Our application to the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust for the earliest Tiree rentals was successful and, with additional support from Friends, the volumes have been conserved



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at Inverness and have returned home. We will be setting up a 'virtual search-room' experience to view the Tìree rentals to which sponsors will be invited and 'adoption certificates' will be issued as usual.

Duncan Beaton delivered two excellent **newsletters** during the year – full of interesting articles on the research that people are doing in the archives. We'd like to formally record our thanks to Duncan for all his work. Articles for future editions are welcome. Send to friends@argyllestatesarchives.org and we'll forward them to Duncan.

We have had two '**annual**' **outings** this year: to the Atlantic Islands Centre on the island of Luing in the spring; and to Bonawe Iron Furnace and Historic Kilbride in September. Both were very enjoyable, educational and we had the best company.

Our **International Friends sub-group** has continued to meet regularly during the year and Catriona will update us on the training events that the group has delivered later in this meeting.

Robin Campbell has led the development and launch of our new website and has continued to maintain our **social media presence**. Robin will update us on this work later in the meeting but we want to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work on our behalf.

The Friends continue to maintain links with the **Clan Campbell Society North America** and **Clan Campbell Society Australia**. We were delighted to meet many of our long-distance friends and supporters during the CCSNA visit to Scotland in July, both in the archives and at the Inveraray Highland Games.

This year, Prof Allan Macinnes is stepping down from his role as a trustee for the Friends, having been on our management board since the Friends group was established in 2015. Allan delivered our first public talk in 2016. We want to formally record our thanks to Allan for his support and assistance through the years and look forward to continuing to support his research and writing.

Murdo MacDonald

Chair 7 November 2025

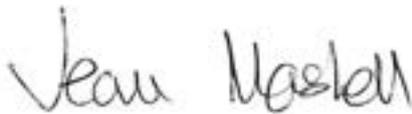
Friends of the Argyll Estate Archives SC053815

Annual Accounts to 31st August 2025

This charity has been established on 28th November 2025 to replace Friends of The Argyll Papers .[SC045835](#). Friends of The Argyll Papers [SC045835](#) has been wound up and passed its assets and liabilities to Friends of Argyll Estates Archives- [SC053815](#)

The assets of £32375.87, all in the bank accounts, were gradually transferred to the new charity as the old charity was wound up. The transfers are identified as donations in the new charity as instructed.

These accounts are a merger of the two charities



Jean Maskell

Treasurer

10th December 2025