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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	08	2025	To	31	07	2026

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Plockton & District Community Trust Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a' Phluic	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number	**SC050272**	
Charity's principal address	Cnoc Blar	
	The Brae	
	Plockton	
	Ross-shire	Postcode IV52 8TH

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mary Jane Campbell	Chair		
2	David Skilling	Secretary		
3	Sandra Holmes	Treasurer		
4	Catherine Will			
5	Alexander Mackenzie			
6	Bill Taylor			
7	Kyla Orr			

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/a	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Trustee recruitment, appointment and membership numbers	As per our constitution, one-third of our Elected Charity Trustees (or the nearest number upwards) shall retire from office at the close of each AGM. Retiring Elected Charity Trustees are eligible for re-election. At our AGM on 27 October 2025, the following Trustees retired from office: ● Alaisdair Mackenzie ● Alexander Mackenzie ● Bill Taylor The Board of Trustees during this reporting period has been: 1. Catherine Will — Elected 25 September 2023 2. Mary Jane Campbell — Elected 25 September 2023 3. Sandra Holmes — Elected 25 September 2023 4. David Skilling — Elected 30 October 2024 5. Alexander Mackenzie — Elected 27 October 2025 6. Bill Taylor — Elected 27 October 2025 7. Kyla Orr — Elected 27 October 2025 At our AGM on 2 November 2026, the following Trustees will retire from office: ● Catherine Will ● Mary Jane Campbell ● Sandra Holmes **Membership**: Our membership number is 133, as at 31 July 2026: − 102 ordinary members − 31 associate members − 0 junior members

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The Organisation has been formed for the public benefit of the Community of Plockton and District [Achnandarach, Drumbuie, Duirinish, Duncraig, Plockton and Port na Eòrna]. The Organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Organisation's Purposes are: 1. The advancement of citizenship or community development, 2. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science, 3. The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, 4. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

<u>The advancement of citizenship or community development</u>

1 Plockton Airstrip

- Community Engagement: Following a preliminary meeting with representatives from the Community Council (15 July 2025) and a successful open meeting in the hall on 11 August 2025, the Trust established a clear mandate to explore community ownership of the airstrip.
- We have engaged/consulted with the following:
    - Held constructive meetings with Highland Council, PDG Helicopters, maintenance contractor Alex Townend, and the National Trust for Scotland.
    - Consulted with a representative from Dornoch Aerodrome (they lease a grass airfield from Highland Council).
- Formed an Airstrip Working Group including community members (Malcolm Mackenzie, Willie Roe, Sheila Harvey, Alex Glasgow, Suzie Burt, Alex Townend) and Community Council representation (Ian Hay, Dave McGhie).
- Engaged with the Scottish Land Fund. Due to time constraints arising from closure of the existing programme (March 2026) we included consideration of the airstrip within the Traffic and Tourism Plan.

2 Traffic & Tourism Master Plan

- Procurement & Tendering: Issued the brief to 17 consultants. Formed a four-person selection panel (PDCT, PDTA, and PDCC representatives) to evaluate four quality bids, ultimately awarding the master plan consultancy to INCH Architecture + Design.
- Community Consultation: INCH Architecture visited Plockton in late April 2026, culminating in a well-attended open community engagement event at Plockton Village Hall on 29 April 2026.
- Mapping & Progress: Consultants shared initial (draft) maps and spatial data with the Board. The sites identified for possible development or improvement were shared at an open meeting on 8 July 2026. The note of the meeting, detailing the community's views was forwarded to the consultants.

3 The Old Post Office (PO)

- Rates & Classification: Secured charitable rates relief and Small Business Rates Relief scheme to eliminate rates liability.
- Building Repairs & Improvements:
    - Repaired gutter (painted voluntarily by Vince Finlayson).
    - Skylight water ingress was addressed voluntarily by Dave Charnley.
    - Utilised remaining Scottish Land Fund grant to purchase and schedule installation of a loft ladder to provide storage space.
- The Knitting Group continued their informal seasonal arrangement (April–October 2026).
- Newspaper Group: Continue to provide a valued daily newspaper service from the building.

4 Short-Term Let (STL) Control Area

Acting on the collective member feedback, the Board submitted a formal consultation response supporting the establishment of Control Area Status before the 23 June 2026 deadline.

5 SCOTO & Visitor Map Initiative

Liaised with Plockton & District Tourist Association (PDTA) regarding their illustrative area visitor map. This will be funded by the £2,500 grant from North Highland Initiative (NHI), that we secured as part of our SCOTO initiative.

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6 The Paddock

This is now available for informal community use. We progressed governance matters regarding risk assessments and user protocols and have acquired a new gate to enclose the paddock. We

are also exploring the viability of a proposal from Malcolm Mackenzie to site a community-run sauna in the Paddock.

7 Community Lunch
The Community Lunch continues to thrive, regularly bringing together 13 to 22 residents alongside visiting friends and family. It has become a valuable social gathering, offering a welcoming space for locals to stay connected. While run as a community initiative rather than a fundraiser, the lunches have nevertheless raised a much-appreciated £739 for our running costs through regular raffles and one-off donations. We extend our thanks to the Plockton Hotel for providing excellent, reasonably priced meals in support of both the Trust and the wider community.

8 30th Anniversary of *Hamish Macbeth* (1 May 2026)
We hosted a successful film screening and Q&A event with author Jonathan Melville and writer Stuart Hepburn at the Village Hall as a social gathering and fundraiser. After costs, this generated a surplus of £563 towards Trust funds.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

- Repayment of £5,000 loan
- The Old Post Office continues to provide valuable benefits to the community and is now covering its day-to-day operational running costs. However, additional income generation is required to build a fund for ongoing repairs and maintenance.
- Made steady progress on the Traffic and Tourism Master Plan. Following extensive community consultation, the scope has been broadened into a wider development plan for Plockton, while retaining its focus on core traffic and tourism priorities.
- We have gathered significant information to help inform proposals to acquire the airstrip for community benefit.
- A very successful Hamish Macbeth evening to celebrate 30yrs since the show was broadcast.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's financial position and policy on reserves

Our accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, and a full copy of the draft accounts is available on our website.

For this reporting period, the Trust recorded a net deficit of £8,554, with opening bank funds of £9,197 and a closing balance of £643. This deficit was primarily driven by timing differences and non-recurring outlays, specifically a £5,000 loan repayment and the initial payment to INCH Architecture, which was settled upfront ahead of receiving the corresponding grant reimbursement.

- Income (£5,822): Generated primarily through fundraising events and donations.
- Expenditure (£13,453): Consisted mainly of the loan repayment, the INCH Architecture payment, and the purchase of a gate and strimmer for the Paddock.

- Overheads (£924): Remained low, covering essential operational expenses, mainly insurance and website hosting.

Summary Accounts to end July 2026

Category	Amount (£)	Key Details
Opening Balance	£9,197	Cash carried forward from previous period
Income	£5,822	Generated primarily through donations and local fundraising
Expenditure	(£13,453)	Includes £5k loan repayment, INCH Architecture fee, & Paddock equipment (gate/strimmer)
Overheads	(£924)	Remained low; mainly essential operational expenses (insurance & website hosting)
Net Deficit	(£8,554)	Driven by timing of upfront architecture payment (pending grant) & loan repayment
Closing Balance	£643	Cash remaining at end of reporting period

RESERVES POLICY

1. Current Financial Position

The Trust currently operates on a lean cost base, relying entirely on volunteer effort. General operational costs are kept strictly to a minimum. Expenditure on professional services is currently restricted to project-specific work that is largely funded through designated grant income. The Trust does not yet benefit from a reliable or predictable income stream.

2. Income Generation & Building Reserves

Recognising the importance of long-term financial sustainability and resilience, the Trustees are actively working to build a financial reserve. To achieve this, the Trust will:

- Continue Active Fundraising: Actively seek unrestricted funding and donations to support core running costs.
- Pursue Income-Generating Initiatives: Explore and develop sustainable initiatives, trading activities, or partnerships that generate earned income.
- Accumulate Reserves: Retain any unrestricted surpluses generated from these activities to gradually build up a baseline reserve.

Details of any deficit

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Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

Other optional information

None

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)
OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Full name(s) Mary Jane Campbell

Position (e.g. Chair) Chair

Date