

FALKIRK TEMPERANCE TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER – SC001904

AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustee's Annual Report

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Falkirk Temperance Trust is a registered charity, **Scottish Charity Number SC001904**.

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Governing document

Falkirk Temperance Trust originates from 1919 as part of an estate of a Falkirk gentleman. Its original purpose was to help people refrain from alcohol. A revision to the Trust was approved by the Court of Session on 1 February 1991. This allowed the Trust to not only help assist organisations and people in dealing with alcohol abuse but also other forms of drug addiction.

Charitable purposes

The Trustees hold the Trust fund and apply the income to assist mainly organisations operating within Falkirk dealing with alcohol abuse and other forms of substance addiction.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Following the local elections held in May 2022, Provost Robert Bissett, Councillor Sarah Patrick and Councillor Euan Stainbank were appointed as Trustees, representing wards in the former Falkirk Burgh area. Following the UK Government elections in July 2024, Euan Stainbank has resigned his role as Councillor and Trustee.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and auditor

The Trustees are responsible for

- preparing financial statements in accordance with the 2006 Regulations
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- keeping adequate accounting records which are up to date
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities
- selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently

The auditor's responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland.

Activities and achievements

There were no grant applications made to the Trust in the financial year.

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Reserves

The assets of the Trust are currently held by the Bank of Scotland and two accounts are in operation. The Treasurer's Account is used for the daily operations of the Trust and retains a working balance. A Guaranteed Fixed Deposit Account pays interest and is used for the larger balance. This has a six month to a year repayment period, whereby, the interest rate offered for the next period is reviewed. There are no restrictions on the use of funds held in either of these accounts.

Conclusion

The Trust didn't make any grant payments in 2024/25.

Surplus/Deficit

The Trust returned a surplus in the year. In principle bank interest earned in the year is used to fund grant payments in the same year. However, due to the limited number of grant applications in previous years this has not always been possible, and Reserves have increased over time. Therefore, applications are approved where possible, regardless of timing, and this may result in a surplus in some years but a deficit in other years.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in exercising their powers or duties.

Audit Arrangements

In response to section 106 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the provisions of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation 2006, it was agreed that from 2013/14, each Local Authority auditor should cover the registered charities for which the Authority is sole Trustee. The appointed auditor of Falkirk Council is Audit Scotland.

Robert Bissett

Robert Bissett
Trustee
30 September 2025

Statements

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

2023/24 Unrestricted Funds £		2024/25 Unrestricted Funds £	Note
<u>Receipts</u>			
3,611	Bank interest	5,768	
3,611		5,768	
<u>Payments</u>			
30	Bank Fee	30	6
-	Grants	-	7
30		30	
3,581	Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	5,738	

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Robert Bissett

Robert Bissett
Trustee
30 September 2025

Amanda Templeman

Amanda Templeman
Treasurer
30 September 2025

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Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

2023/24 Unrestricted Funds £		2024/25 Unrestricted Funds £	Note
<u>Current Assets</u>			
159,774	Bank of Scotland Guaranteed Fixed Deposit	165,541	2
5,591	Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	5,562	2
165,365		171,103	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
-		-	
165,365	Net Assets	171,103	
<u>Represented by:</u>			
161,784	Surplus brought forward	165,365	
3,581	Surplus/(Deficit) for period	5,738	
165,365	Surplus carried forward	171,103	

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Robert Bissett

Robert Bissett
Trustee
30 September 2025

Amanda Templeman

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Treasurer
30 September 2025

Notes to the Accounts

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. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity, being the surplus carried forward. There are no restricted funds.

3. Taxation

The Charity is not liable to income or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

4. Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Related Party Transactions

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Charity Trustees or persons connected to a Trustee during the year (2023/24: Nil).

5. Administration Fee

No fee was charged by Falkirk Council and therefore no costs were incurred by the Charity for the administration of the funds on behalf of the Trustees.

6. Audit Fee

The expected audit fee for 2024/25 was £2,600. This was included in the Falkirk Council audit fee and as such was paid by Falkirk Council and does not appear on the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

7. Grant Payments

There were no grant payments made in the year.

8. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Falkirk Temperance Trust and the Accounts Commission

Reporting on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Falkirk Temperance Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Statement of Balances and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and a receipts and payments basis.

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- properly present the receipts and payments of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 and its statement of balances at that date; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulations 9(1),(2) and (3) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Procedures include:

- using my understanding of the local government sector and charity sector to identify that the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 are significant in the context of the charity;

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- inquiring of the Trustees as to other laws or regulations that may be expected to have a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity;
- inquiring of the Trustees concerning the charity's policies and procedures regarding compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework;
- discussions among my audit team on the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Reporting on other requirements

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the Trustees' Annual Report.

My responsibility is to read all the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Trustees' Annual Report to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Trustees' Annual Report

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 108 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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30 September 2025

Audit Scotland is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.