

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 1 st	Month	Year	To	Day 31 st	Month	Year
		Septe	2024		August		2025
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Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Friends of Insch Hospital & Community SCIO	
Other names charity is known by	The Friends	
Registered charity number	SC009720	
Charity's principal address	The Steading	
	Knockenbaird	
	Insch	
	Aberdeenshire	Postcode AB52 6TN

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	Graham Matthews	Chairperson		Members
2	Allison Grant	Vice Chair		Members
3	Jane Reid	Membership Secy.		Members
4	Morris Tait			Members
5	Kerry Smith			Members
6	Jenny Robertson			Members
7	Alasdair McCallum			Members
8	Bryan Stuart			Members
9	Julie McWilliam	Treasurer		Members
10	Rita Knight			Members
11	Isobel Moir			Members
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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
Deirdre Macdonald	Resigned 02/09/2024
Levi Murray	Resigned 01/09/2025
Steven Teale	Joined 14/07/2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

By election at AGM or co-option by Trustees

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Promoting, providing or assisting anything which will improve the general wellbeing, quality of care or environment of patients of Inch Hospital, Medical Practice and the local community, adding value to the health and social care services provided by the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Encouraging and maintaining the interest and involvement of the public in the wellbeing of the community by linking health and social care services with the local population.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We continued to explore ways to facilitate the reopening of Inch Hospital, making several proposals and offering funds to Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

We maintained and made improvements to the community garden for the benefit of the community and patients to the health centre.

A Dementia Social Group (Friends Wednesday Club) was established and is run on a weekly basis.

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

We hosted another successful Strawberry Fair, providing entertainment and a fantastic atmosphere for the village. It always brings members of the community out in droves – of all ages – and is a fantastic day. This year we were delighted to raise almost £15,000 on the day.

We also hosted a vintage vehicle rally which is now a staple in the annual calendar and particularly enjoyed by older members of the community, while providing fun for all the family.

Biggest achievement of the year has to be the establishment of the Friends Wednesday Club – a support group for people with dementia and their carers. The club has been extremely popular and offers fun and stimulating socialisation and activities for its members. We hope to grow the club further as times goes on.

It has been another frustrating year with regards to our campaign to reopen Inch Hospital and return much needed healthcare services to the village. We have continued to lobby the government and the partnership through all avenues available to us, to no avail. Our next step is to explore other options for the future of the group, and the future of the hospital.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Overall, Friends reserves have increased this year by £82k, due to a generous legacy received and increased fundraising – as well as increase in value of investments held.

Although we are actively spending money within the remit of our constitution, we continue to be hopeful that we can use the majority of our funds to refurbish / replace the current hospital building, which was closed by the NHS "temporarily" in 2020.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jane Reid	Julie McWilliam
Position (e.g. Chair)	Membership Secretary	Treasurer
Date	25/03/2025	25/03/2025

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