

Charity registration number SC021638 (Scotland)

DUNFERMLINE ADVOCACY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Board of Trustees present their Report, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Charity was incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 27 June 2014. On 1 September 2014 the charitable activities and all assets and liabilities were transferred to the SCIO from the unincorporated Charity also known as Dunfermline Advocacy.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 Charity is an independent voluntary organisation, which matches responsible individuals with vulnerable people living in West Fife. Dunfermline Advocacy promotes the benefit of people affected by disability, chronic illness, dementia or mental disorder (including mental illness, learning disability or personality disorder). Its objectives are to create Citizen Advocacy Partnerships, to provide Short-Term Citizen Advocates in case of urgent need, and to help build a fairer community.

Achievements and performance

Business Review

The Charity has continued in the year to provide its core objectives. All aspects of the Charity have remained fairly constant from the previous year and there have been no significant changes to the way in which the Charity is managed.

Plans for the Future

The Charity will continue to raise and invest sufficient funds in order to meet the principal objectives of the Charity.

During 2025-2026 the Charity has continued to respond to challenges presented by the Cost of Living Crisis for people requiring advocacy services, and the funding situation for the sector. The Charity now operates from a smaller office base and continues to seek ways to keep running costs as low as possible. The Charity is continuing to meet its core objectives and both the staff team and volunteers are using both in person and remote methods of working to support vulnerable people in West Fife. Hybrid working for our staff team has supported the Charity to meet environmental priorities for our funders, while also enhancing the sustainability of our work to be able to respond quickly and effectively to any future service disruptions. This has also increased our capacity to go some way to respond to the increasing demand on the Charity's services.

Financial review

The deficit for the year before actuarial gains and losses was £21,498 (2025: surplus of £35,335). This comprises a gain on unrestricted funds of £2,695 (2025: loss of £10,773) and a loss on restricted funds of £21,044 (2025: gain of £9,108).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that Dunfermline Advocacy has sufficient resources and reserves to fulfil its objectives and levels of service both now and in the future.

In establishing the Reserves Policy, the Trustees consider the level of Unrestricted Reserves required to:

- ensure that the charity meets the required service delivery as agreed with the charity's funders.
- meet any unforeseen or unexpected future costs.
- cover any contingencies for wind down costs in the event that the core funding is not renewed.
- meet future planned expenditure related to a specific project or activity.

In the unlikely event that the charity would require to be wound up as a result of discontinued core funding, the Trustees have assessed that at 31 March 2026, £68,485 (2025: £63,179) of reserves would be needed to enable the charity to meet its statutory and legal obligations. A Designated Reserve has been established for this purpose. At the start of the financial year, the balance on this reserve was £65,000. The Trustees have agreed to add a further £3,500 to the Designated Reserve to meet all the statutory and legal obligations. This calculation will be reviewed and revised annually.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are grants from Fife Council and NHS Fife, through the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). The Charity also receives funding from The Henry Smith Charity, People's Postcode Lottery Trust and Fife Voluntary Action.

Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, advocates, partners (people using the service) and volunteers. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a SCIO, governed by a constitution and controlled by a Board of Trustees. It is a registered Charity, number SC021638.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

E Adrain (Resigned 26 November 2025)

J Doran

A Comrie

S Heath

L Shedden

B McKenzie (Appointed 26 November 2025)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Principal Address	14 Halbeath Road Dunfermline Fife KY12 7QX
Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Fiona Haro CA 3 Castle Court Carnegie Campus Dunfermline Fife KY11 8PB
Charity Registration Number	SC021638

Trustees Induction and Training

The Board of Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the Charity.

New Trustees are provided with information about the Charity and the way it operates. In particular, they are provided with information about the following:-

- the obligations of Trustees;
- the main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity;
- resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts; and future plans and objectives

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland 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 of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

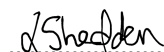
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. 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 charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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L Shedden

Treasurer

Dated: 21-09-26
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUNFERMLINE ADVOCACY

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 6 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking 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 financial statements.

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:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Fiona Haro

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21-09-26

Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2026 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	134,860	-	9,352	144,212	206,056
Other trading activities	3	250	-	-	250	300
Investments	4	3,532	-	-	3,532	449
Total income		138,642	-	9,352	147,994	206,805
Raising funds						
Charitable activities	5	131,541	6,649	31,094	169,284	171,470
Other		208	-	-	208	-
Total resources expended		131,749	6,649	31,094	169,492	171,470
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		6,893	(6,649)	(21,742)	(21,498)	35,335
Gross transfers between funds		(4,198)	3,500	698	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		2,695	(3,149)	(21,044)	(21,498)	35,335
Other recognised gains and losses						
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension schemes		224	-	-	224	137
Net movement in funds		2,919	(3,149)	(21,044)	(21,274)	35,472
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		316	102,000	21,628	123,944	88,472
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		3,235	98,851	584	102,670	123,944

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	156,956	-	49,100	206,056
Other trading activities	3	300	-	-	300
Investments	4	449	-	-	449
Total income		157,705	-	49,100	206,805
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	131,478	-	39,992	171,470
Total resources expended		131,478	-	39,992	171,470
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		26,227	-	9,108	35,335
Gross transfers between funds		(37,000)	37,000	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(10,773)	37,000	9,108	35,335
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gain on defined benefit pension schemes		137	-	-	137
Net movement in funds		(10,636)	37,000	9,108	35,472
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		10,952	65,000	12,520	88,472
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		316	102,000	21,628	123,944

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

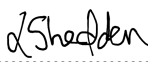
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		2,696		2,942
Current assets					
Debtors	11	554		144	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,778		191,973	
		144,332		192,117	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,855)		(29,157)	
Net current assets			138,477		162,960
Total assets less current liabilities			141,173		165,902
Defined benefit pension liability	14		(38,503)		(41,958)
Net assets			102,670		123,944
Funds					
Restricted funds	15		584		21,628
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
Designated funds			98,851		102,000
General unrestricted funds	16	41,738		42,274	
Pension Deficit Reserve	16	(38,503)		(41,958)	
			3,235		316
			102,670		123,944

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21-09-26



L Shedden
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Dunfermline Advocacy is a SCIO, governed by a constitution and controlled by a board of Trustees. The registered office address is 14 Halbeath Road, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 7QX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The trustees have considered a period of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	33.3% straight line

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

The cost of providing benefits under defined benefit plans is determined separately for each plan using the projected unit credit method, and is based on actuarial advice.

The change in the net defined benefit liability arising from employee service during the year is recognised as an employee cost. The cost of plan introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments are recognised as incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The net interest element is determined by multiplying the net defined benefit liability by the discount rate, taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments. The net interest is recognised in income/(expenditure) for the year.

Remeasurement changes comprise actuarial gains and losses, the effect of the asset ceiling and the return on the net defined benefit liability excluding amounts included in net interest. These are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses in the period in which they occur and are not reclassified to income/(expenditure) in subsequent periods.

The net defined benefit pension asset or liability in the balance sheet comprises the total for each plan of the present value of the defined benefit obligation (using a discount rate based on high quality corporate bonds), less the fair value of plan assets out of which the obligations are to be settled directly. Fair value is based on market price information, and in the case of quoted securities is the published bid price. The value of a net pension benefit asset is limited to the amount that may be recovered either through reduced contributions or agreed refunds from the scheme.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and gifts	5,900	-	5,900	5,525	-	5,525
Grants received	128,960	9,352	138,312	151,431	49,100	200,531
	<u>134,860</u>	<u>9,352</u>	<u>144,212</u>	<u>156,956</u>	<u>49,100</u>	<u>206,056</u>
Grants receivable for core activities						
HSCP	95,717	-	95,717	93,840	-	93,840
NHS Fife	33,243	-	33,243	32,591	-	32,591
People's Postcode Trust	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Henry Smith	-	-	-	-	39,600	39,600
Fife Voluntary Action	-	9,352	9,352	-	9,500	9,500
	<u>128,960</u>	<u>9,352</u>	<u>138,312</u>	<u>151,431</u>	<u>49,100</u>	<u>200,531</u>

3 Other trading activities

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Fundraising events	<u>250</u>	<u>300</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

4 Income from investments

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable	3,532	449

5 Charitable Activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Staff Costs	144,371	140,055
Depreciation and impairment	1,060	488
Staff & volunteer expenses	1,418	2,970
Rent, rates & insurance	7,705	8,149
Heat & light	762	1,169
Repairs, replacements & cleaning	959	7,253
Subscriptions	1,245	839
Interest - Defined Benefit Pension	1,950	2,075
	159,470	162,998
Share of support costs (see note 6)	3,994	5,794
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	5,820	2,678
	169,284	171,470
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	131,541	131,478
Unrestricted funds - designated	6,649	-
Restricted funds	31,094	39,992
	169,284	171,470

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2026 £	Basis of allocation
Printing, postage & stationery	163	-	163	Direct
Telephone	1,088	-	1,088	Direct
Publicity and sundry office costs	2,467	-	2,467	Direct
Bank charges	81	-	81	Direct
Website costs	195	-	195	Direct
Independent Examiner's remuneration	-	2,940	2,940	Direct
Accountancy - Xero support	-	2,880	2,880	Direct
	<u>3,994</u>	<u>5,820</u>	<u>9,814</u>	

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	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	Basis of allocation
Operating lease charges	1,814	-	1,814	Direct
Printing, postage & stationery	487	-	487	Direct
Telephone	1,233	-	1,233	Direct
Publicity and sundry office costs	1,981	-	1,981	Direct
Bank charges	84	-	84	Direct
Website costs	195	-	195	Direct
Independent Examiner's remuneration	-	2,678	2,678	Direct
	<u>5,794</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>8,472</u>	

The Charity initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Refer to the table for the basis of apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Core	4	4
Projects	1	1
Total	5	5

Employment costs	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	129,679	126,075
Social security costs	6,005	6,758
Other pension costs	5,256	5,128
Pension deficit	8,612	7,124
	149,552	145,085

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees.

The total amount of employees benefits received by key management personnel is £nil (2025 - £nil).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	11,669	7,193	18,862
Additions	324	698	1,022
Disposals	(7,968)	(4,402)	(12,370)
At 31 March 2026	4,025	3,489	7,514
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2025	9,724	6,196	15,920
Depreciation charged in the year	582	478	1,060
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(7,760)	(4,402)	(12,162)
At 31 March 2026	2,546	2,272	4,818
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2026	1,479	1,217	2,696
At 31 March 2025	1,945	997	2,942

11 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	554	144

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Other taxation and social security		3,135	2,518
Deferred income	13	-	23,929
Other creditors (see below)		500	349
Accruals		2,220	2,361
		5,855	29,157

Dunfermline Advocacy continues to act as an agent for the Fife Advocacy Forum. At the start of the financial year the balance due was £349. During the year £4,999 (2025: £4,999) was received, and £4,848 (2025: £5,277) was spent. The charity will continue to administer the Fund until such time that it is either able to open a bank account in its own name or all of the money has been spent.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

13 Deferred income

	2026 £	2025 £
Other deferred income	-	23,929

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	-	23,929
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	23,929	-
Released from previous periods	(23,929)	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	23,929
Deferred income at 31 March 2026	-	23,929

14 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

Dunfermline Advocacy operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. The defined benefit scheme is closed to new members and future accrual.

Defined benefit schemes

SCHEME: The Pensions Trust – Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 77 non-associated employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore, it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

Valuation

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

14 Retirement benefit schemes

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Funding policy

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2023. This actuarial valuation was certified on 27 June 2024 and showed assets of £86.2m, liabilities of £88.2m and a deficit of £0.2m. From 1 June 2024 the majority of the employers no longer pay deficit contributions.

Some employers have agreed concessions (both past and present) with the Trustee and have contributions up to 28 February 2034.

Note that the scheme's previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £153.3m, liabilities of £160.0m and a deficit of £6.7m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions (for the Scheme as a whole)

From 1 April 2022 to 31 May 2024:	£1,473,969	per	annum
	(payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1 April)		

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Key assumptions

	2026	2025
	%	%
Rate of discount	5.14	4.98

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IMPACT

	2026	2025
	£	£
Interest expense	1,950	2,075
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	(224)	(137)
Administration costs (included in deficit contributions)	-	-
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution schedule (see below)	-	-
Contributions paid in respect of future service	-	-
Costs recognised in SOFA	1,726	1,938

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14 Retirement benefit schemes

(Continued)

PRESENT VALUE OF PROVISION

Reconciliation of opening and closing provisions

	2026 £	2025 £
Provision at start of period	41,958	45,050
Unwinding of the discount factor (interest expense)	1,950	2,075
Deficit contribution paid	(5,181)	(5,030)
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	(224)	(137)
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution schedule	-	-
Provision at end of period	38,503	41,958

The following schedule details the deficit contributions agreed between the company and the scheme at at each year end period:

Year ending	31 March 2026 £	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Year 1	5,336	5,181	5,030	4,884	4,741
Year 2	5,496	5,336	5,181	5,030	4,884
Year 3	5,661	5,496	5,336	5,181	5,030
Year 4	5,831	5,661	5,496	5,336	5,181
Year 5	6,006	5,831	5,661	5,496	5,336
Year 6	6,186	6,006	5,831	5,661	1,832
Year 7	6,372	6,186	6,006	5,831	-
Year 8	6,016	6,372	6,186	6,006	-
Year 9	-	6,016	6,372	6,186	-
Year 10	-	-	6,016	6,372	-
Year 11	-	-	-	6,016	-
Year 12	-	-	-	-	-
Year 13	-	-	-	-	-
Year 14	-	-	-	-	-
Year 15	-	-	-	-	-
Year 16	-	-	-	-	-
Year 17	-	-	-	-	-
Year 18	-	-	-	-	-
Year 19	-	-	-	-	-
Year 20	-	-	-	-	-

The company must recognise a liability measured as the present value of the contributions payable that arise from the deficit recovery agreement and the resulting expense in the income and expenditure account i.e. the unwinding of the discount rate as a finance cost in the period in which it arises.

It is these contributions that have been used to derive the company's balance sheet liability.

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15 Restricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Henry Smith - COVID19 Long Term Support Grant	12,528	-	(12,642)	698	584
Fife Voluntary Action - Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	9,100	9,352	(18,452)	-	-
	<u>21,628</u>	<u>9,352</u>	<u>(31,094)</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>584</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Henry Smith - COVID19 Long Term Support Grant	12,520	39,600	(39,592)	-	12,528
Fife Voluntary Action - Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	9,500	(400)	-	9,100
	<u>12,520</u>	<u>49,100</u>	<u>(39,992)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,628</u>

Henry Smith Covid-19 Long Term Support Grant

This funding commenced in July 2022 continuing to support an increase in the Charity's capacity by continuing the work of the Friendship Changing Lives project. This fund was fully utilised in the year and the remaining balance will be used to cover depreciation on restricted assets.

Fife Voluntary Action- Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (Community Connections)

This funding commenced in January 2025 and is supporting the Charity to increase our capacity supporting Citizen Advocacy in our communities.

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16 Unrestricted Funds

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Balance at 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2026
	£	£	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	£
			£	£	£	
General fund	42,274	138,642	(134,980)	(4,198)	-	41,738
Pension deficit reserve	(41,958)	-	3,231	-	224	(38,503)
	<u>316</u>	<u>138,642</u>	<u>(131,749)</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>3,235</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	£
			£	£	£	
General fund	56,002	157,705	(134,433)	(37,000)	-	42,274
Pension deficit reserve	(45,050)	-	2,955	-	137	(41,958)
	<u>10,952</u>	<u>157,705</u>	<u>(131,478)</u>	<u>(37,000)</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>316</u>

The General Fund includes amounts provided by funders such as NHS Fife and Fife Council, which have been given to the Charity to be used on specific projects which carry over into the following financial period and are in furtherance of the Charity's overall aims and objectives.

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17 Designated funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2025	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Closure Provision	65,000	-	-	65,000	-	3,500	68,500
Property Provision	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	10,000
IT Costs	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	2,000
People's Postcode Lottery	-	-	25,000	25,000	(6,649)	-	18,351
	<u>65,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>(6,649)</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>98,851</u>

Closure Provision - any closure costs attaching to the Charity ceasing to operate.

Property Provision - any major property repairs or maintenance.

IT Costs - any costs incurred by setting up IT systems.

People's Postcode Lottery - designated to match with and continue the project work of the grants from the Henry Smith Charity and FVA.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds	General	Designated	Pension Deficit	Total
	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2026 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	584	2,112	-	-	2,696
Net current assets	-	39,626	98,851	-	138,477
Provisions and pensions	-	-	-	(38,503)	(38,503)
	<u>584</u>	<u>41,738</u>	<u>98,851</u>	<u>(38,503)</u>	<u>102,670</u>

	Restricted Funds	General	Designated	Pension Deficit	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	209	2,733	-	-	2,942
Net current assets	21,419	39,541	102,000	-	162,960
Provisions and pensions	-	-	-	(41,958)	(41,958)
	<u>21,628</u>	<u>42,274</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>(41,958)</u>	<u>123,944</u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2025 - none).

20 Donated Services

Under Fife Council's Subsidised Lease Policy, the Charity is eligible for a 90% reduction in the rent payable on the office at 14 Halbeath Road. The valuation placed upon this support from Fife Council in the year was £5,400. The income equivalent is recognised within incoming resources as a donated service, and an equivalent charge is included within rent, rates and insurance.