

Scottish Women's Institutes

Federations Annual Reports 2025

Summary Version

During 2025, Federations across Scotland organised a wide range of shows, competitions, workshops and social events. Many welcomed new members, celebrated anniversaries and supported their local communities through fundraising and volunteering. Collaboration, learning opportunities and strong friendships remained central to Federation life, helping groups stay strong despite challenges in some areas.

The following summary of reports were prepared by Federations for the AGM in May 2026.

The following 2025 Federation Annual Reports were submitted for AGM – May 2026

Angus Federation: Charity Number SC002643

Angus Federation had a very active and successful year, with strong participation in competitions, sporting events and social activities. Membership increased across several Institutes and no groups closed, demonstrating a healthy and engaged Federation.

- 4 Executive meetings and 2 Federation meetings held
- Matter of Opinion competition introduced
- Federation Show with over 1,000 entries
- Hosted National Ruralympics with 18 teams
- Curling, indoor bowling, walking netball and pickleball
- ACWW walk raised £55

Argyll Federation: Charity Number SC004964

Argyll Federation enjoyed a varied and sociable year, with members participating in crafts, talks, outings and joint events. Collaboration between Institutes remained strong and well supported.

- Christmas events and social gatherings
- Trips to gardens, factories and meals out
- Craft workshops and demonstrations
- Talks on local topics and wellbeing
- Fitness activities and dancing
- Biennial Show planned for April 2026

Ayrshire Federation: Charity Number SC001533

Ayrshire Federation had a productive year with competitions, fundraising and recruitment activities. Successful promotion helped attract new members and support future growth.

- Carpet bowls, quiz and Ruralympics
- Fashion show and demonstrations
- Air fryer and macramé classes
- 20 new members recruited
- Summer trip and future show planned

Banffshire Federation: Charity Number SC026751

Banffshire Federation focused on creativity and community engagement. Craft days remained very popular and promotion activities helped raise awareness of the organisation.

- Monthly craft days (40+ attendees)
- Keith Show participation
- Radio interviews and promotion
- Macramé classes
- Strong Institute collaboration

Berwickshire Federation: Charity Number SC001462

Berwickshire Federation had a busy year supporting members and participating in competitions and community events. Cooperation with neighbouring Federations continued.

- Talks, demonstrations and crafts
- Curling and bowling competitions
- Christmas Carol Concert fundraising
- Federation Show planned

Dumfriesshire Federation: Charity Number SC000759

Dumfriesshire Federation experienced a busy and successful year with competitions, classes and social events. Members also celebrated milestones and achievements.

- Multiple sporting competitions
- Federation Show highlight
- Walks, quiz night and demonstrations
- Constitution updated
- Several centenary celebrations

Dunbartonshire Federation: Charity Number SC025895

Dunbartonshire Federation saw positive developments including the launch of a new Institute and a range of learning opportunities for members.

- Crochet, macramé and canvas classes
- Ruralympics event
- New Dunbarton Institute launched
- Royal Highland Show participation

East Lothian Federation: Charity Number SC022656

East Lothian Federation enjoyed a year of smaller but well-supported events including competitions, outings and classes.

- Federation quiz
- Federation Show
- Garden walk and picnic
- Macramé class

Fife Federation: Charity Number SC026364

Fife Federation remained active despite membership challenges. Financial stability and partnership working support a positive outlook.

- Fundraising and classes
- Annual show
- Partnership with neighbouring Federations

Isle of Arran Federation: Charity Number SC025734

Isle of Arran Federation celebrated its centenary year with exhibitions, social events and community promotion.

- Centenary exhibitions
- Farmers Show promotion
- Anniversary celebrations
- Social and craft activities

Lanarkshire Federation: Charity Number SC022609

Lanarkshire Federation continues to face challenges due to declining membership and ageing groups but remains committed to supporting members.

Midlothian Federation: Charity Number SC025899

Midlothian Federation had a productive year with meetings, classes and strong growth following the creation of a new Institute.

- Six meetings held
- Macramé and glass painting classes
- Three Institutes merged into new group
- Volunteering and craft events

Moray & Nairn Federation: Charity Number SC026141

Moray & Nairn Federation enjoyed a busy year with competitions, classes and celebrations, with further events planned for 2026.

- Federation quiz
- First aid course
- Art & Craft Show
- Centenary celebrations

Peeblesshire Federation: Charity Number SC025963

Peeblesshire Federation marked a milestone year with its Spring Show and 100th birthday celebrations, attended by 80 members.

Perth and Kinross Federation: Charity Number SC026428

Perth and Kinross Federation remained active with events, courses and organisational changes to improve representation.

- Federation Show and Ruralympics
- Crochet and macramé classes
- Archive cataloguing work
- Partnership working

Renfrewshire Federation: Charity Number SC025950

Renfrewshire Federation members were involved in community volunteering, Federation events and national activities.

- Charity collections
- Craft days and outings

- Agricultural show participation
- Online activities

Ross-shire and Sutherland Federation: SC025989

Ross-shire and Sutherland Federation maintained a varied programme including shows, competitions and junior activities.

- Federation meetings
- Shows and competitions
- Junior craft classes
- Quiz night

Roxburghshire Federation: Charity Number SC026273

Roxburghshire Federation held regular events and continued heritage work despite challenges including Institute closure.

- Indoor bowling and outings
- Macramé classes
- Heritage project work
- Planning for Federation Show

Stirling, Clackmannan & West Perth Charity Number: SC027052

SC&WP Federation celebrated its centenary year while reviewing sustainability and future planning.

- Centenary lunch
- Fundraising event
- Partnership development
- Sustainability consultation

Shetland Federation: Charity Number SC027471

Shetland Federation focused on social events, networking and showcasing member skills.

- Sunday teas
- Residential weekend
- Biennial show

Stewartry of Kirkcudbright Federation: Charity Number SC022319

Stewartry Federation had a successful competitive year with strong participation in events and fundraising activities.

- Ruralympics success
- Craft day
- Agricultural show participation
- Christmas events

West Lothian Federation: Charity Number SC022049

West Lothian Federation had a successful year leading up to its 90th anniversary, with new groups and learning opportunities.

- New Institute launched
- Floral workshops
- Macramé and smocking classes
- Charity fundraising

Wigtownshire Federation: Charity Number SC027880

Wigtownshire Federation enjoyed a social and active year with fundraising, sports and recruitment activities.

- Fashion show fundraiser
- Walking group
- Macramé class
- Agricultural show promotion

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