

Glasgow Natural History Society

Scotland · Charity number SC012586

Details

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| Status | Active |
| Legal form | Unincorporated association |
| Registered | 1932-11-28 |
| Register | View on the OSCR register |

Contact

Address c/o Graham Kerr Building
University Avenue
Glasgow
G12 8QQ

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: The aims of the Society shall be to foster and encourage the study of natural history, principally in the west of Scotland . 1. holding meetings for the exhibition of specimens and the interchange of information, the presentation of lectures, tutorials and illustrated talks on natural history. 2. Making excursions to areas of Natural History interest. 3. Publishing our journal 'The Glasgow Naturalist' 4. The maintenance of a library for use of members. 5. Seeking financial support for the stimulation of research. 6. Encouraging environmental awareness and promoting biodiversity 7. Contributing to natural history education

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The aims of the Society shall be to foster and encourage the study of natural history, principally in the west of Scotland

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £108,798 | £109,193 | - | 0 |
| 2023-12-31 | £76,385 | £31,976 | - | 0 |
| 2022-12-31 | £29,796 | £34,451 | - | 0 |
| 2021-12-31 | £65,030 | £65,737 | - | 0 |
| 2020-12-31 | £30,142 | £30,398 | - | 0 |

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OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

| Trustees' Annual Report for the period | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-------|------|-----------------|-----|-------|------|
| Period start date | | | | Period end date | | | |
| | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| From | 01 | 01 | 2024 | To | 31 | 12 | 2024 |

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

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| Glasgow Natural History Society |
| SC012586 |
| c/o Graham Kerr Building, University Avenue, Glasgow |
| Postcode G12 8QQ |

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 | [REDACTED] | Vice President | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | Secretary | | |
| 5 | | Treasurer | | |
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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 |
|------|-----------------------------------|
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

We are an unincorporated association, governed by a constitution, unaffiliated to any other body. The business of the Society is managed by a Council appointed annually at the AGM by the members. the constitution of the society requires a President and/or up to 3 Vice-Presidents, nine councillors, General Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and editor. The council also include, ex officio, Convenors of sections representing the various activities and interests of members.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The aims of the Society shall be to foster and encourage the study of natural history, principally in the west of Scotland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

1. Holding meetings for the exhibition of specimens and the interchange of information, the presentation of lectures, tutorials and illustrated talks on natural history.
2. Making excursions to areas of Natural History interest.
3. Publishing our journal 'The Glasgow Naturalist'
4. The maintenance of a library for use of members.
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6. Encouraging environmental awareness and promoting biodiversity
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Achievements and performance

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

During the year the society held 12 indoor meetings, all held in person rather than on zoom. the programmes included a Photographic night including the photographic competition results, joint meetings with the friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens, and Glasgow Tree Lovers Society. One of the meetings was held in the Kelvin Hall Lecture Theatre at no charge to the society.

Some meetings were preceded by opportunities to show items of interest. The Summer Social and Christmas dinner were attended by some 20 members.

Twelve field excursions were held, one of which was joint with the Paisley Natural History Society and two with the Argyll and fungus Group.

As usual the Council and the BLB executive met 3 times during the year. An additional council meeting was held to review the investment strategy for the BLB bequest.

The Glasgow Naturalist Volume GN 28 (2) was prepared and printed. Books and journal held in the library were available for members. Members were able to socialise after meetings.

Thanks go to all those who help to run the society.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The society hold funds in a current account for everyday expenses with a reserve held in a savings account for additional expenses

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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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)
OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Treasurer

Date

01/09/2025

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| Receipts and payments accounts | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|------|----|-----------|----------|------|
| For the period from | 01-Jan-24 | | | to | 31-Dec-24 | | |
| | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| | 1 | January | 2024 | | 31 | December | 2024 |

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Expendable endowment funds to nearest £ | Permanent endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds current period to nearest £ | Total funds last period to nearest £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations | 510 | | | | 510 | 560 |
| Legacies | | | | | - | |
| Grants | | | | | - | |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading receipts | | | | | - | |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | 98 | 17,700 | | | 17,798 | 16,950 |
| Rents from land & buildings | | | | | - | |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | 4,710 | 993 | | | 5,703 | 6,923 |
| A1 Sub total | 5,318 | 18,693 | - | - | 24,011 | 24,433 |
| A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | 84,787 | | | 84,787 | 51,952 |
| A2 Sub total | - | 84,787 | - | - | 84,787 | 51,952 |
| Total receipts | 5,318 | 103,480 | - | - | 108,798 | 76,385 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | | |
| Expenses for fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading payments | | | | | - | |
| Investment management costs | 60 | 3,582 | | | 3,642 | 3,570 |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | 6,738 | 3,599 | | | 10,337 | 11,941 |
| Grants and donations | | 10,619 | | | 10,619 | 16,465 |
| Governance costs: | | | | | - | |
| Audit / independent examination | | | | | - | |
| Preparation of annual accounts | | | | | - | |
| Legal costs | | | | | - | |
| Other | | | | | - | |
| A3 Sub total | 6,798 | 17,800 | - | - | 24,598 | 31,976 |
| A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements | | | | | | |
| Purchases of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Purchase of investments | | 84,595 | | | 84,595 | 52,179 |
| A4 Sub total | - | 84,595 | - | - | 84,595 | 52,179 |
| Total payments | 6,798 | 102,395 | - | - | 109,193 | 84,155 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | (1,480) | 1,085 | - | - | (395) | (7,770) |
| A5 Transfers to / (from) funds | | | | | | |
| Surplus / (deficit) for year | (1,480) | 1,085 | - | - | (395) | (7,770) |

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Expendable endowment funds to nearest £ | Permanent endowment funds to nearest £ | Total current period to nearest £ | Total last period to nearest £ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| donations & photo competition | 510 | | | | 510 | 560 |
| | | | | | - | |
| | | | | | - | |
| | | | | | - | |
| Total | 510 | - | - | - | 510 | 560 |

2 Grants

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Total current period to nearest £ | Total last period to nearest £ |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | | - | |
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| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| Total | - | - | - | - |

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Expendable endowment funds to nearest £ | Permanent endowment funds to nearest £ | Total current period to nearest £ | Total last period to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Subscriptions | 3,848 | - | | | 3,848 | 3,811 |
| Gift Aid | 827 | | | | 827 | 765 |
| Journal Sales | 35 | | | | 35 | 80 |
| Contributions to Socials | | 993 | | | 993 | 1,067 |
| Conference | | | | | - | 1,200 |
| | | | | | - | |
| | | | | | - | |
| Total | 4,710 | 993 | - | - | 5,703 | 6,923 |

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Expendable endowment funds to nearest £ | Permanent endowment funds to nearest £ | Total current period to nearest £ | Total last period to nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Journal & Newsletter costs | 3,325 | 541 | | | 3,866 | 4,490 |
| Photocompetition | 500 | | | | 500 | 760 |
| Public Liability Insurance | 329 | | | | 329 | 304 |
| Website | 375 | | | | 375 | 392 |
| | | | | | - | 433 |
| Conference | | | | | 3,681 | 3,748 |
| Lectures/Speakers | 2,159 | 1,522 | | | 150 | 100 |
| BRISC membership/ BLB writers prize | 50 | 100 | | | 1,436 | 1,714 |
| Christmas and summer Socials | | 1,436 | | | - | |
| | | | | | - | |
| | | | | | - | |
| Total | 6,738 | 3,599 | - | - | 10,337 | 11,941 |

Section B Statement of balances

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total current period | Total last period |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B1 Cash funds | Cash and bank balances at start of year | 5,369 | 10,058 | | | 15,427 | 23,197 |
| | Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account | (1,480) | 1,085 | | | (395) | (7,770) |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Cash and bank balances at end of year | 3,889 | 11,143 | - | - | 15,032 | 15,427 |

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Market valuation | Last year |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B2 Investments | Blower Clay and Bequest and Rathbones | Legacy | 392,390 | 394,978 |
| | | | | |
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| | | | | |
| | | Total | 392,390 | 394,978 |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (if available) | Current value (if available) | Last year |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B3 Other assets | | | | | |
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| | | | | | |
| | | | Total | | |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due | Last year |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B4 Liabilities | | | | |
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| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | Total | | |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (estimate) | Last year |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B5 Contingent liabilities | | | | |
| | | | | |
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| | | Total | | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of approval

[Redacted Signature and Name]

01/09/25
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| Independent examiner's report on the accounts | | | | | | | v2 |
|--|-----|---|------|----|-----------------|-------|---|
| Report to the trustees/members of | | Charity name Glasgow Natural History Society | | | | | |
| Registered charity number | | SC012586 | | | | | |
| On the accounts of the charity for the period | | Period start date | | | Period end date | | |
| | Day | Month | Year | to | Day | Month | Year |
| | 01 | 01 | 2024 | | 31 | 12 | 2024 |
| Set out on pages | | 1 - 10 | | | | | (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets) |

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
Name:
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
Address:



*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose