

Helensburgh & District Access Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC031468

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2001-03-29
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	14 Albert Drive Helensburgh G84 7HF
Website	www.threelochsway.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The Trust's objective is to defend, restore, conserve and acquire rights of access over land in Helensburgh and District and to promote and assist in the development, maintenance and responsible use of a network of paths for public benefit.

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

Objectives: The Trust's purposes are, for the public benefit, to defend, restore, conserve and acquire rights of access over land in the designated district, including rights of way, paths and routes of access

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Argyll And Bute
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-05	£22,184	£780	-	0
2024-05-05	£7,668	£2,890	-	0
2023-05-05	£80,157	£82,876	-	0
2022-05-05	£58,624	£63,303	-	0
2021-05-05	£47,885	£45,035	-	0

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Accounts

Helensburgh and District Access Trust

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 5th May 2025.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	6 th	May	2024	To	5 th	May	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Helensburgh and District Access Trust
Registered charity number	SC031468
Charity's principal address	Barremman, 24 Straid A Cnoc, Clynder. Postcode G84 0QX

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	Convenor		
2	Vice-Convenor		
3	Secretary		
4	Treasurer		
5	Minute Secretary		
6			
7			
8			
9			

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
None	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is Governed by a constitution adopted on 28 th November 2012.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	All Trustees are elected-re-elected by the members at the Trust's Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Board may at any time co-opt any member to be a Trustee.

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Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Trust's objective is to defend, restore, conserve and acquire rights of access over land in Helensburgh and District and to promote and assist in the development, maintenance and responsible use of a network of paths for public benefit.

Summary of the main activities In relation to these objects.

The Trust's objectives comprise ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the existing path network, the development of major routes and associated sources of information, planning of future development, applying for and negotiating grant funding and general fund raising.

Achievements and performance

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In another successful year the Trust has continued in its core purpose of improving countryside access around Helensburgh. Projects have included the repair of eroded section of the Highlandman's Road path in Glen Fruin and the infilling of a low area on the reservoir path subject to flooding. Both of these jobs were carried out by [REDACTED].

A lot of time and effort went into keeping people informed about the diversion of the Three Lochs Way due to storm damage on the Killoeter escarpment. This included email and telephone responses to many enquiries, the preparation and fixing of signage and the extensive use of Social Media. A major clearance of the fallen timber finally re-opened up the route in March, the work being carried out by persons unknown, to whom the Trust is most grateful.

We took part in a site visit to Glen Loin with representatives of Scottish and Southern Electricity to discuss our aspirations for community benefit stemming from their pylon upgrade work there. Hopes are high that ultimately this will yield fruit in the form of a better quality Three Lochs Way route through the glen.

After the severe winter storms, using only bow saws, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did some amazing work clearing 3 substantial fallen trees which were blocking the route linking Garelochhead to the Yankee Road.

Funded by Paths for All, a number of rotten wooden signposts were upgraded with aluminium and steel replacements.

A grant for £20k has been obtained for the upgrade of paths by the Glennan Burn and in Ardencaple Wood. The work is expected to start within the next few weeks.

We continue to enjoy small regular donations and in some case more substantial sums from local residents. A particularly generous donation has again been received from a couple who come to stay at Cameron House and who walk our paths. Support from Argyll and Bute Local Lottery is growing and once again, we have been given a substantial sum by a Cardross based charity. Clearly all of these people and bodies value the work we do and we in turn greatly appreciate their support.

Many of our Trustees contributed to a substantial number of community consultations and took part in an awareness raising event held by Helensburgh Community Council.

Thanks are due to [REDACTED] for his huge input into the Trust's PE1967 petition to the Scottish Parliament with regard to the A82 trunk road upgrade.

In delivering all of these projects the Trust exercised all due diligence and provided in kind services including survey work, tendering, project management, supervision, accounting and promotion using social media platforms as well as local and national media.

Thanks are due to the many trustees and volunteers who have turned out to help over the past year and a special thanks are due to HADAT Secretary [REDACTED] and Treasurer [REDACTED]. Once again a special thanks is due to Pete Ashton for fulfilling guidebook orders and Dave Peck for regularly providing statistical information from our path user counters.

[REDACTED] Convener.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust aims to hold a reserve sufficient to make payments when they fall due without recourse to borrowing. The Board reviews the appropriate level of the Trust's uncommitted funds regularly in the light of the Trust's ongoing and anticipated future activities.

Details of any deficit

None

Declaration

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

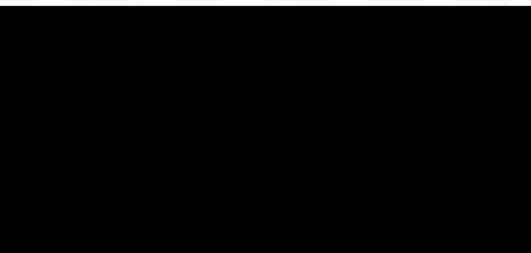
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Date



Trustee/Treasurer

15th May 2025

Helensburgh and District Access Trust

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Financial year			to	Financial year		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	6th	May	2024		5th	May	2025

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	21,634				21,634	6,635
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	1,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	530				530	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	20				20	33
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	22,184	-	-	-	22,184	7,668
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,184	-	-	-	22,184	7,668
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	303				303	571
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	477				477	2,319
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	780	-	-	-	780	2,890
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	780	-	-	-	780	2,890
Net receipts / (payments)	21,404	-	-	-	21,404	4,778
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	21,404	-	-	-	21,404	4,778

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	5,968				5,968	1,190
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	21,404				21,404	4,778
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	27,372	-	-	-	27,372	5,968

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
		15 May 2025

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed*

Name

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

Address

Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Charity name							
Helensburgh and District Access Trust							
Registered charity number							
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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.

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.

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.

Date: 09/05/25

*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.

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