

Dunbar Community Woodland Group

Scotland · Charity number SC034990

Details

Status Active

Legal form Unincorporated association

Part of Dunbar Community Development and Heritage Trust (SC028313)

Registered 2003-09-29

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

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Belhaven
Dunbar
East Lothian
East Lothian
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Website www.dunbarwoods.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: The Dunbar Community Woodland Group's principle activities include the management of Lochend Woods to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment for the benefit of the flora and fauna, and the community. To maximise the woodland's potential for educational and recreational use. To encourage users to treat all flora and fauna with respect.

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

Objectives: To manage Loochend Wood (and such other woodland as may become available in the Dunbar area in the future) as a 'Community Woodland', so as to conserve, preserve and protect this woodland for the benefit of the public, and the inhabitants of Dunbar in particular. To conserve, preserve and protect the wildlife, flora and fauna of this woodland

To advance the education of the public in the use of the woodland, and to provide facilities, or assist in the provision of facilities within the woodland, in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation with a view to improving the aforesaid persons condition of life.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£2,714	£6,530	-	0
2024-09-30	£1,648	£2,636	-	0
2023-09-30	£11,756	£10,914	-	0
2022-09-30	£9,737	£6,383	-	0
2021-09-30	£5,697	£6,669	-	0
2020-09-30	£871	£2,022	-	0

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Accounts

DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP

CHARITY REFERENCE NUMBER SC034990

YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

CHARITY TRUSTEES- Members of the committee

Convenor	Thomas Ozers
Secretary:	Angela McLeman
Treasurer:	Isobel Knox

Committee Members:-

Craig Stebbing	Eva Hurley	Robert Fleet	Diane Christopherson
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

J A Sparksman
Accountant
18 Kings Court
Dunbar
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BANKERS

Bank of Scotland
95 High Street
Dunbar
EH42 1ER

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Secretary
Angela McLeman

DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

The members of the Committee present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2025.

Structure and Governance

In terms of the Charities and trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006, the Council reports to the organisation as follows: -

1. Dunbar Community Woodland Group is a registered Scottish Charity (SC034990).
2. All of its affairs are governed by the committee in accordance with its constitution.

Our parent organisation is the Dunbar Community Development Company, which is registered in Scotland (SC028313)

Appointment of Council members

Council members are elected at the Annual General Meeting or by majority vote at committee meeting to fill a vacancy. There is no formal induction programme but ongoing guidance is given to ensure that Council members are familiar with the organisations values and aims and their responsibilities as the designated trustees of a charity.

The trustees who served during the year and were in office at the year end are shown on page 1. No trustees resigned and there were no other appointments.

Administrative Structure

It is the duty of the Council to manage the affairs of the organisation with responsibility to look after its finances.

Statement of Risk

The Council keeps under review the major risks to which the organisation could be exposed and has established procedures to mitigate any risks identified. The organisation is included in its parent organisation public liability insurance, although a copy of the policy has not been exhibited to us, we have been assured by the directors of our parent organisation that it covers all activities undertaken in the woodlands

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The organisations principal activities include the management of Lochend Woods to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment for the benefit of the flora and fauna and the community. To maximise the woodland's potential for educational and recreational use. To encourage all users to treat all flora and fauna with respect.

Achievements and Performance

We have benefitted from several grants this year. A Dunbar Community Council grant paid for the creation of booklets to compliment the Lochend stones which were installed the year before. We had hoped to gain grant funding for interpretive board but were unsuccessful. We continue to look for other grant funding to achieve this. Community Windpower also supplied funding to create a hard stand area in front of the woodland storage containers to allow better access all year round. We have been active in the woods with maintenance groups on the last Sunday of each month and have been working hard to combat invasive species as well as general maintenance and upkeep of the woodland. We have engaged with Treelines, a woodland management company with regards to creating a woodland management plan and more action shall be happening in the future with this relationship.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the Council members received remuneration or expenses in respect of their position as Council members. However, committee members are reimbursed travelling expenses.

Financial Review

The financial statement is prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis. The organisation is primarily funded by subscriptions from members, timber sales and grants. Total receipts for the year amounted to £2,714 (2024 £1648) and total payments were £6,530 (2024 £2,636) giving rise to a net deficit of £3,816 (2024 deficit £988). The net deficit has decreased reserves carried forward to £16,777 (2024 to £20,593).

Plans for the Future

Continue to improve, maintain and stimulate interest in the woodland and its use as a community resource.

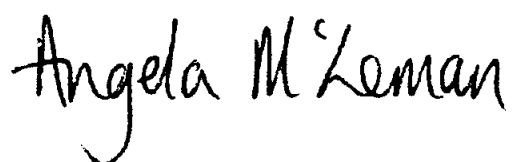
Reserves

The committee does not maintain any reserves other than to maintain a minimum balance of £1,000 in the bank.

Statement of Council Member's Responsibilities

The members of the committee must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Organisation during the financial year. The members of the Council are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the current financial position of the Organisation at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Trust Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Organisation and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Committee



30.06.26

Secretary

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND
GROUP**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025 which are set out on pages 5 & 6.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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

1. 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 accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

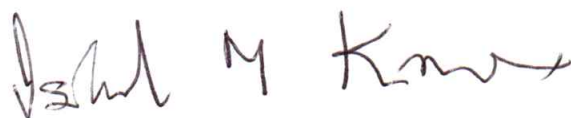
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Date: June 2026

DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	note				
<u>RECEIPTS</u> (unrestricted funds)					
Subscriptions	1	375		345	
Donations	2	823		6	
lottery		347		374	
Woodland	3	390		923	
Grants	4	779		-	
			2,714		1,648
<u>PAYMENTS</u> (unrestricted funds)					
Equipment purchased		-		-	
Equipment maintenance		505		41	
Estate maintenance		3,150		950	
Training (Inc Travel Expenses)		-		-	
Insurance - Woods		1,594		1,552	
CWA Membership		15		30	
Gifts				63	
Hall hire		130			
Booklets and Board Creation		1,136		-	
			6,530		2,636
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS			(-3,816)		(-988)
STATEMENT OF BALANCES					
<u>MONIES IN BANK</u>					
Balance at start of year (reserves) B/Fwd			20,593		21,581
Total Receipts		2,714		1,648	
Total payments		6,530		2,636	
			(-3,816)		(-988)
Balance at end of year (reserves) C/Fwd			16,777		20,593

Approved at Council Meeting and signed on their behalf.



Isobel Knox
Treasurer

Date: 30/06/26

DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOTES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

	2025		2024
	£		£
1. SUBSCRIPTIONS		1. SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Current year 35 Family	350	Current year 32 Family	320
5 single	25	5 single	25
	<u>375</u>		<u>345</u>
2. DONATIONS		2. DONATIONS	
Members	74	Members	6
Cala Annual Donation	750		
	<u>824</u>		<u>6</u>
3. WOODLAND		3. WOODLAND	
Forest School	390	Forest School	440
	<u>390</u>		<u>440</u>
Timber Sales - Planks	-	Timber Sales - Planks	-
Firewood		Firewood	483
	<u>390</u>		<u>923</u>
4. Grants and Gifts		4. Grants and Gifts	
DCC - Booklets and Board Creation	220		
Community Windpower - hardstand	559		
	<u>779</u>		<u>0</u>