



Galanthus plicatus 'Sophie North'

ANNUAL REPORT for 2025/26

It proved to be another successful year for The Sophie North Charitable Trust

The major event was the fourth Sophie Snowdrop Raffle, which was run online through People's Fundraising. With the help of generous supporters we were able to offer a total of 20 prizes. We were delighted to include a number of custom-made prizes, and, as always, we are very grateful for all these contributions and the efforts of everyone involved in finding such wonderful snowdrop-themed items. For the third year running more than 2000 tickets were sold and a total of £2155 was raised.

The Trust also received personal donations through People's Fundraising, a number of which continue to be given on a regular monthly basis. The Trust made three donations totalling £6000 to charities.

The amount of forthcoming donations will continue to be based on the formula devised previously.

Another Sophie North Charitable Trust Christmas card was produced by the trustees, with all costs covered entirely by them.

Trustees

The Trustees were unchanged - Dr Mick North (Chair), Dr Sharon Kelly (Hon Treasurer), Gemma Baillie and McLean & Stewart, Dunblane.

Meetings

The trustees had meetings and discussions throughout the year with the Annual General Meeting held on 27 January 2026.

Donations in 2025/26

The Trust made donations of £2000 to each of three charities. Two were to organisations we've supported previously, Strathcarron Hospice (Birthday Donation) and Breast Cancer Now (Anniversary Donation). We made our first ever donation to Rainbow Valley (Barbara Donation). The donation to Strathcarron Hospice was made to mark the twentieth anniversary of the death of our dear friend Olwen Lawson and the

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donation to Breast Cancer Now was given in memory of another dear friend Lewis Stevens who died in December 2025.

Finances

There were no changes to the two bank accounts, both held with the CAF Bank. The CafCash account was used for all donations given through People's Fundraising and for the Trust's own donations to charities – there is still a monthly service charge of £5 and small charges for clearing each cheque we send. The CAFGold account holds funds not required for immediate use, and was also used by one person to make a donation.

Donations totalling £3590.73 were received directly by the Trust or through People's Fundraising - the latter also processed the receipts from the Raffle. Bank interest provided a further £215.57. A total of £6000 was donated by the Trust to UK Charities, and £63.00 was paid in bank charges, including charges for cheques.

At the end of the Trust's financial year the total assets were £12069.08, a decrease from £14325.78 at the end of 2024-25: £1994.34 was held in the CafCash Account and £10074.74 in the CAF Gold Account. Three donations of £1500 each will be made during 2026/27.

Facebook

The Facebook page continues to be used for announcements about our own donations as well alerting supporters to the Sophie Snowdrop Raffle, revealing the prizes and announcing the prize-winners. Our messages are also posted on Instagram.



Dr M J North, Chair

15 April 2026

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