

The Winton Foundation For The Welfare Of Bears SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC042614

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2011-09-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	54 West Windygoul Gardens Tranent East Lothian EH33 2LA
Website	www.wintonbearfoundation.org

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of animal welfare'

What the charity does: The Foundation is working through fund and awareness raising to assist with new and established projects around the world to help rescue and protect bears from abuse and exploitation

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4 The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the object is to advance animal welfare. The organisation:- 4.1 Will undertake work to raise awareness, through educational and informative means, of the eight main species of bear and the threats and abuses they face 4.2 Will undertake work that will be instrumental in the fight to end the cruelty to, abuse of and exploitation of wild and captive bears 4.3 Will research bear related projects and campaigns throughout the world to ensure they are suitable recipients or candidates for funds from the association 4.4 Will assist with and contribute to projects worldwide undertaking work with similar aims and objectives

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£26,968	£14,374	-	0
2024-12-31	£27,066	£5,658	-	0
2023-12-31	£1,807	£2,228	-	0
2022-12-31	£2,926	£3,136	-	0
2021-12-31	£3,382	£1,358	-	0
2020-12-31	£1,900	£3,307	-	0

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Report to the trustees/members of	The Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears						
Registered charity number	SC042614						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025	to	31	12	2025
Set out on pages	1					(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. 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 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 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

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

29/04/2026

Name:

Krzysztof Ciesielka

Relevant professional

Address:

51 Adam Drive

East Calder

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*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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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

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

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

Reference and administration details

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

The Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears S.C.I.O
SC042614

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				
2				
3				
4				
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6				
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears was launched as a voluntary association on the 10th of October 2010. It became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on the 27th of September 2011 and is governed by a constitution. The Trustees are the only members and they make up the Board.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Charity Trusteeship is open to; any person aged 16 or over; and/or any individual who has been nominated for membership by an unincorporated organisation; and/or any corporate body who subscribes to the purposes of the organisation and wishes to see them fulfilled.

Applications must be in writing and will be considered at the subsequent board meetings. All Trustees step down at the annual AGM but are eligible to be re-elected.

Objectives and activities**Charitable purposes**

The organisation's objective is to advance animal welfare. The organisation:-

- 1) Will undertake work through the 'Fostering Compassion' project and other methods to encourage children to see animals as sentient beings and raise awareness, through educational and informative events, of the eight main species of bear and the threats and abuses they face
- 2) Will undertake work that will be instrumental in the fight to end the cruelty to, abuse of and exploitation of wild and captive bears
- 3) Will research bear related projects and campaigns throughout the world to ensure they are suitable recipients or candidates for funds from the association
- 4) Will assist with and contribute to projects worldwide undertaking work with similar aims and objectives.

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Achievements and performance

We continued supporting individuals and organisations rescuing and protecting bears globally throughout 2024 and are now supporting over 40 organisations in 19 countries. We were lucky to again be chosen as the nominated charity of the Scottish Bear Fair organisers, attending their fair in November. This allowed us to raise just under £300 and spread the word of the work of the Charity. They have also nominated us again for 2025

The Advancing Bear Care Conference took place again, this time in person, in California USA in May. It was the 10th conference and we were delighted to once again sponsor them which is a great way to raise awareness for the Winton Bear Foundation and reach an international audience.

We were incredibly fortunate to receive a significant legacy in 2024 which gave our funds a much needed boost and enabled us to support new projects for existing beneficiaries. This included helping fund a year's supply of medicine for Ganuk the Polar Bear living in the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat in Canada, to treat his complicated allergies. The dermatologist developed a special serum for him which cost \$500 per so we funded it for 1 year.


The legacy also allowed us to support a new beneficiary - the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, based on the Isle of Wight. They are currently working hard to rescue two European Brown Bears, Balu and Benji, who have only ever known a life of misery, living off scraps on the side of a restaurant in Azerbaijan. We donated £800 to cover the cost of two floating cylinders for water based enrichment and a set of heavy duty weighing scales critical for regularly monitoring the bears weights, so their condition can be assessed throughout the season leading into torpor.

We were also able to support a second new beneficiary - the Arosa Bear Sanctuary in Switzerland. Arosa welcomes bears that have been rescued from very bad conditions by working with UK animal welfare organization FOUR PAWS. We were delighted to donate £1800 to fund environmental enrichment for their current bears for a full year. We were then able to donate £1000 to the Libearty Bear Sanctuary in Zarnesti, Romania - the biggest Brown Bear Sanctuary in the world. It is home to over 130 bears rescued from miserable living conditions and abuse in captivity. Our funding will be used for the repair of their trap cage, needed whenever it comes to rescuing injured bears from the wild, mothers with cubs and animals in danger of being shot. It will also help fund reparation of the quarantine area where all bears stay on arrival as the shelters need to be improved for welcoming new bears in the future. Any leftover funds will be used to buy toys for the baby bears' new swimming pool.

One of our most special donations of the year was to fund a new zip wire for Boki the rescued brown bear currently living at Wildwood Trust in Kent. Boki recently developed a rare condition that meant he had to have extremely complex brain surgery to save his life. It is thought that he is only one of two bears in the world who have undergone this surgery. He has done really well and to help with his recovery and after discussions with his keepers, the Winton Bear Foundation have paid for a brand new zip wire which will provide hours of entertainment and enrichment. Thanks to the legacy we have been able to support many more projects during 2024

Whenever potential new beneficiaries are brought to our attention, we exercise due diligence and research them thoroughly to ensure they are suitable recipients of funding from the Winton Bear Foundation and meet our ethos and values. We take time to build a relationship with new beneficiaries to ensure we can support them in the best way possible. We continue to support organisations working to rescue and protect bears in the following countries Cambodia, Canada, China, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam.

Throughout 2024 we were able to continue our 'Bears Matter Month' annual event through our Social Media platform and also celebrated our 14th birthday. In addition to this, we have continued our educational work via our Facebook page and newsletter 'Bears Matter' which is produced each year.

 Chairperson 15th February 2025

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity always ensures there is always a minimum of £500 in the bank account. This ensures we have sufficient to cover our annual financial commitments and running costs as well as any unexpected costs.

Details of any deficit

We made an income this year of £27,066 compared to £1,807 last year. Our expenditure this year increased from £2,228 in the previous financial year to £5,658 this year due to an increase in donations to our bear projects. We had a surplus of £21,408 compared to a deficit of £421 in the previous year due to the generous legacy we received.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

Future Plans

Moving forward and looking towards 2025 we are very excited about celebrating our 15th birthday and have many plans in the pipeline to mark this significant milestone. We will continue to work with our partners around the world to help rescue bears from abuse and exploitation. We are also implementing a new Grant Application process for small and large grants and to enable us to distribute the legacy funding most effectively.

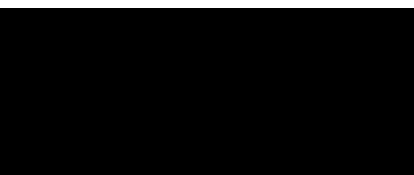
We will continue to bring news of the work of the Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears to our supporters via our Bears Matter newsletter and our Facebook page.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for their loyalty through ongoing challenging times with increasing financial difficulties for many and we look forward to continuing to work together in the years to come, to help bears around the world and protect them from suffering.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 15th February 2025



Chairperson

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	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	1,060				1,060	1,352
Legacies	24,500				24,500	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	454				454	455
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Gift Aid	1,052				1,052	
A1 Sub total	27,066	-	-	-	27,066	1,807
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,066	-	-	-	27,066	1,807
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,383				5,383	2,153
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	75				75	75
Preparation of annual accounts	200				200	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	5,658	-	-	-	5,658	2,228
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,658	-	-	-	5,658	2,228
Net receipts / (payments)	21,408	-	-	-	21,408	(421)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	21,408	-	-	-	21,408	(421)

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	6,458				6,458	6,879
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	21,408				21,408	(421)
	Paypal balance	230				230	216
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	28,096	-	-	-	28,096	6,674
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities			
Independent Examiner		75	75
Preparation of accounts		200	
	Total	275	75

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Opening balances have been re-stated as closing balances did not include pay pal balance
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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 £
Individual donations	1,060				1,060	1,248
Charity Payments					-	104
					-	
					-	
Total	1,060	-	-	-	1,060	1,352

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2 Grants

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

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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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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 £
Support for Bear Projects	5,112				5,112	1,777
Insurance /fees	21				21	279
Zoo vist	250				250	
Website					-	29
					-	
					-	
Total	5,383	-	-	-	5,383	2,085

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	

Nature and purpose of funds

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds