

Aldouran Wetland Garden

Scotland · Charity number SC043559

Details

Known as	Leswalt Wetland Garden
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2012-11-13
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	c/o Kirkland Bank Leswalt Stranraer DG9 0LJ
Website	www.aldouran.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', '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', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: The charity is set up to care for Aldouran Wetland Garden, which includes a community garden, wetland area and woodland walk. We also organise outdoor activities aimed at young people from schools and other organisations and run at times by qualified Forest School leaders. We promote biodiversity in all we do and also promote social interaction between all ages.

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

Objectives: 4. The organisation's purposes are to benefit the inhabitants of Leswalt Parish and its environs without distinction of gender, sexuality, political, religious or other opinions by: 4.1 The advancement of education 4.2 The advancement of citizenship and community development 4.3 The provision of recreational facilities and the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended 4.4 The advancement of environmental protection and improvement

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£11,330	£5,968	-	0
2024-12-31	£5,385	£4,663	-	0
2023-12-31	£5,385	£4,462	-	0
2022-12-31	£5,497	£4,663	-	0
2021-12-31	£5,080	£3,980	-	0

Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Aldouran Wetland Garden

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out the subsequent 3 pages.

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) (a) to (c) 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 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 reached.

C. S. Wilson

Colin S. Wilson
33 Lewis Street
Stranraer
DG9 7LB

21st April 2026

Accounts

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts					
Donations		645	500		1,610
Grants			875		1,125
Receipts from fundraising	3	1,234			943
Bank interest		132			91
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4	1,543			1,616
Total receipts		3,554	1,375	4,929	5,385
Payments					
Fundraising expenses					
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5	3,334	1,400		4,663
<u>Governance costs:</u>					
AGM costs					
Legal fees re lease renewal					
Independent examination of accounts					
Sub total		3,334	1,400	4,734	4,663
Purchase of assets					
Well		3,275		3,275	
Total payments		6,609	1,400	8,009	4,663
Net receipts/(payments)		(3,055)	(25)	-3,080	834
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-		-

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Statement of Balances for the Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
Cash & bank balances at start of year		8,269		7,346
Surplus/(deficit)		(3,080)		923
Cash & bank balances at year end		<u>5,189</u>		<u>8,269</u>

	Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
OTHER ASSETS				
Picnic tables (at cost)	726			726
Shelter/classroom (at cost)	7,800			7,800
Tool container (at cost)	2,820			2,820
Compostable toilet (at cost)	6,805			6,805
Well	3,275			
	<u>21,426</u>			<u>18,151</u>

LIABILITIES

The charity has no material liabilities, contingent liabilities or obligations.

The notes on the following page form an integral part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:



SECRETARY. 15. April 2025.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**1 Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds that the charity may use freely in furtherance of its objects and derive mainly from donations and fundraising events.

2 Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year

The Trustees did not receive any expenses during the year

There were no transactions with Trustees or connected persons

RECEIPTS**3 Fundraising activities**

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Open Days	279			854
Coffee Morning	468			
Sale of promotional items				54
Plant sales	421			
Others	65			35
			1,233	943

4 Receipts from charitable activities

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Entrance gate	1,398			1,416
Squirrel box	145			200
Other				0
Grants				0
		0	1,543	1,616

PAYMENTS**5 Payments for charitable activities**

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Garden costs	1,562	1,400		260
Squirrel feed	292			179
Insurance	356			334
Printing, postage & stationery	369			290
Subscriptions and fees				
Other expenses	537			618
Clothing purchases	173			
Award night				
Events and activities	45			
Donation				
Fundraising expenses				17
Boardwalk				2,764
Well	3,275			
	6,609	1,400	8,009	4,462

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signed:

Name:

Address:

Date: 24.2.25

Aldouran Wetland Garden Annual Report

This year was notable for wet and stormy weather which impacted on the vegetation and paths in the garden and woodland areas, the consequences of which are only now being put right. That aside, we have had a busy year with many willing volunteers helping to nurture the garden and encourage visitors of all ages to enjoy the area.

We have repaired and painted the bird hide and built a wishing well. New sculptures of owls and bears have been added to the sculpture trail. We became 'Proud Supporters' of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere from whom we received funding to create a bog garden in the wetland area.. All these improvements have helped to sustain and develop the project for the future.

. Our annual plant sale attracted many visitors and raised valuable funds as did the Easter Monday Fun Day. We held three outdoor activities days led by qualified Forest School Leaders. These attracted a maximum number of participants on each occasion and are promised again for the summer of 2025.

Despite the theft of our honesty box at one point, voluntary donations continue to be very generous. We held a coffee morning with display of miniatures made by one of our volunteers to raise funds and donations at our annual Easter Monday Fun Day were also generous.

We have a healthy number of adult volunteers and our young Wetland Watchers group numbered around 9 this season. We will continue to encourage them to come in the next season to help us whilst learning about the environment in the process.

The adult volunteers take turns throughout the season at being on-the-spot wardens for the project, ensuring everything is in good order, that records of sightings in the bird hide are kept and talking to visitors.

All in all, we continue to care for Aldouran Wetland Garden and encourage biodiversity there whilst enjoying the social contact which inevitably accompanies it.