

Chair of Trustees report to OSCAR on 2024.

2024 saw steady progress in realising our objectives for our charity MacDiarmid,'s Brownsbank in relation to the restoration of Brownsbank Cottage. We were awarded £21630 from the Quarry Trust administered by South Lanarkshire Council and £15000 form the Pilgrims Trust. This enables us to instigate the re-tendering process to establish the contemporary cost of the work to upgrade the building. Thereafter we can apply for the capital costs needed for the restoration.

We also continued to broaden our contact base with much positive input from individuals and organisations supportive of our campaign. At the Biggar Little festival in October we gave a presentation called 'Hugh MacDiarmid and Scotland Now'. This will be given at the Scottish Parliament on 18/03/25.

Following a lean period in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic we are optimistic about continuing progress through 2025.

 Chair Trustees MacDiarmid's Brownsbank.

15/01/2025

MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Trust (SC045987)								
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31st October								
	2024		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Scottish Power	335.83		102.68	321.00	408.00	336.00	366.00	
Water	120.00		120.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Property & Contents insurance	1,501.43		1,325.01	1,240.41	967.33	927.92	1,228.33	
Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	44.15	0.00	
Monthly Bank Charges	60.00		60.00	82.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	
Bank Commission	4.48		52.72	83.41	34.32	31.44	0.00	
Website Annual Maintenance Charge	93.15		1,038.44	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	
Survey Fees	0.00		0.00	778.80	0.00	0.00	7,440.00	
Heritage Trust	0.00		0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
Expenditure met from William Grant Foundation Grant	0.00		0.00	0.00	3,371.32	0.00	0.00	
Expenditure met from SSE Clyde Windfarm No 1 Grant - See Appendix 1 Note 1	0.00		0.00	9,223.93	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	
Expenditure met from SSE Clyde Windfarm No 2 Grant - See Appendix 1 Note 2	0.00		0.00	7,916.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Expenditure met from Architectural Heritage Society Grant - See App 1 Note 3	0.00		0.00	7,917.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Expenditure met from Trustees Loan - See App 1 note 4	0.00		0.00	12,686.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Balance of Architects Fees	0.00		3,172.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Repair of water supply pipeline	0.00		0.00	0.00	418.00	0.00	0.00	
Scottish Storytelling Centre (Yon Antrin Thing)	0.00		1,210.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Furniture removal from Loaningdale & ongoing storage	364.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00		72.00	50.00	0.00	7.92	0.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		2,478.89	7,153.45	40,479.55	7,308.97	1,527.43	9,214.33	
<b>INCOME</b>								
Donations	732.27		1,556.00	2,226.50	1,074.70	1,182.88	1,114.85	
Bank Interest	5.57		5.74	1.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	
M&G Investment Inc	586.47		572.91	535.62	461.04	545.79	552.57	
Infinity Fund	898.53		780.69	684.94	567.11	515.56	294.60	
RSA Flying	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Biggar Little Festival	140.79		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Biggar & Upperclyde Museum Exhibition - book sales	0.00		0.00	1,291.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Scottish Storytelling Centre (Yon Antrin Thing)	0.00		2,425.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gift Aid received	193.37		370.25	164.63	228.75	55.77	0.00	
Grants received towards Surveys	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,062.50	
William Grant Foundation Grant	0.00		0.00	0.00	3,825.00	0.00	0.00	
SSE Clyde Windfarm No 1 Grant	0.00		0.00	0.00	10,626.95	0.00	0.00	
SSE Clyde Windfarm No 2 Grant	0.00		0.00	7,690.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Trustees Loan	0.00		0.00	12,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Architectural Heritage Society Grant	0.00		0.00	7,698.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		2,557.00	5,710.59	32,892.72	16,783.55	2,300.00	8,024.52	
<b>Net Surplus / (- Deficit) for Year</b>		78.11	-1,442.86	-7,586.83	9,474.58	772.57	-1,189.81	
<b>BALANCE SHEET as at 31st October 2024</b>								
<b>Opening Balances</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Opening Bank Balance as at 1st November 2023	2,477.02		3,919.88	11,234.21	1,759.63	987.06		
M&G Investment Fund 678 units as at 31st Oct 2023	9,963.00		10,772.00	10,357.00	10,772.74	10,772.74		
31 Group PLC 1473 Ordinary shares as at 31st Oct 2023	28,487.82		16,615.00	19,311.00	16,615.44	16,615.44		
Less Trustees Loan outstanding	-12,600.00		-12,600.00					
		28,327.84	18,706.88	40,902.21	29,147.81	28,375.24		
<b>Movements during Year</b>								
Add Net Deficit for Year (from I & E A/c above)	78.11		-1,442.86	-7,586.83	9,474.58	772.57		
Less M&G Drop in Value during 2024	334.00		-809.00	415.00	-415.74	-2,611.74		
Add 31 Group PLC Increase in Value during 2024	18,235.74		11,872.82	-2,696.00	2,695.56	-236.44		
Less Trustees Loan	0.00		0.00	-12,600.00				
		18,647.85	9,620.96	-22,467.83	11,754.40	-2,075.61		
<b>Opening Balances + Movements During Year</b>		46,975.69	28,327.84	18,434.38	40,902.21	26,299.63		
<b>Closing Balances</b>								
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st October 2024	2,555.13		2,477.02	3,647.38	11,234.21	1,759.63		
M&G Investment Fund 678 units as at 31st Oct 2024	10,297.00		9,963.00	10,772.00	10,357.00	8,161.00		
31 Group PLC 1473 Ordinary shares as at 31st Oct 2024	46,723.56		28,487.82	16,615.00	19,311.00	16,379.00		
Less Trustees Loan outstanding	-12,600.00		-12,600.00	-12,600.00	0.00	0.00		
		46,975.69	28,327.84	18,434.38	40,902.21	26,299.63		

Approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2025 and signed in their behalf by :-

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Convenor

Treasurer



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of the MacDiarmid Brownsbank Trust**

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 which are set out on the previous page.

### **Retrospective 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 Trustees Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Regulations').

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under section 44 (1) © of the 2005 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 2006 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 NO 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 connection with 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 Regulations and
- to prepare Accounts which accord with the Accounting Records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.



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