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Dronley Community Woodland SCIO SC047582

Annual Report & Accounts

Period: 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024



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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	Jan	2024	To	1	Dec	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Dronley Community Woodland SCIO
Other names charity is known by	DCW
Registered charity number	SC047582
Charity's principal address	Scotston Farm
	Auchterhouse
	Angus
Postcode DD3 0QT	

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	Treasurer		DCW membership
2	Chair		DCW membership
3			DCW membership
4			DCW membership
5			DCW membership
6			DCW membership
7			DCW membership
8			DCW membership
9			
10			

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 Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered on 14 July 2017. It has a 2 tier structure following Scottish Government Model for CATS.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are nominated and appointed at the annual general meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of environmental protection and improvement.

To manage and improve Dronley Community Woodland for the benefit of the "Community" and wildlife through the promotion of the principles of sustainable development of Scotland's natural environment including social and economic development.

The advancement of education.

To inspire and educate the "Community" about the biodiversity and protected species of the woodland. To facilitate and encourage the use of Dronley Community Woodland for educational purposes, including raising awareness of the environment, culture and history of the woodland.

The advancement of citizenship and community development.

To promote the development and civic amenity of the "Community" by providing workspace and land to encourage skills development, training and employment opportunities.

The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the quality of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

To provide and facilitate greater opportunities for recreational activities (both individual or group) which aim to contribute to the physical mental and social health of the "Community" and other users of Dronley Community Woodland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The main activities were:

1. Maintaining a safe woodland for all users
2. Clearing damage area of windblown trees.
3. Surveying the wood and marking trees for thinning.
4. Planting about 1,000 trees
5. Carrying out the felling of trees (from thinning) and extracting them to the stacks at the forest road.
6. Opening up timber extraction racks.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Over the last year we have continued to manage and improve Dronley Community Woodland for the benefit of the Community. We have made good progress towards our charitable objectives as outlined below:

- Advancement of environmental protection and improvement – through the application of Continuous Cover forestry approach
- Advancement of education - through the engagement of Auchterhouse Primary School
- Advancement of citizenship and community development – through the creation of work parties, chainsaw training and local employment
- Provision of recreation facilities – through the construction and maintenance of the All-abilities path and shelter

Woodlands Assistant:

We appointed a woodland assistant who supports us by carrying out practical woodland management work like tree planting and weeding and helps the woodland manager during surveys, volunteer days, events and education visits. The woodland assistant has become an essential part of our woodland management at Dronley Wood and is very popular with our volunteers and schools.

Angus Rural Partnership Fund- Community Engagement Officer:

During the late summer, we successfully applied for funding support for community engagement from the Angus Rural Partnership with funding from the Scottish Government's Rural Community-Led Local Development Fund, part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme. The funding allowed us to increase our community engagement and education work at Dronley Wood (part-time Community Engagement Officer) and purchase tools and materials to offer longer educational visits to schools.

Volunteer Days:

During the last year, we have organised over 30 volunteer days and education days (attended by more than 30 people) to help us transform Dronley Community Woodland into a resilient mixed wood for the benefit of future generations. Our small group of very committed volunteers helped us enormously during the last year.

The funding support from the Angus Rural Partnership allowed us to carry out a lot of volunteer days. Many volunteer days have focused on protecting more than 3200 planted trees from browsing damage by setting up tree shelters. We planted approximately 1000 trees, including Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Red Oak, Silver Birch, and Sycamore, in areas damaged by recent storms. The funding support also enabled us to purchase an additional 800 trees and tree shelters, which we will use during the next planting season.

During the community engagement project, we also wanted to involve more people in our ecological woodland transformation project at Dronley Wood. We have altogether 5 new volunteers who have joined us and are looking forward to becoming involved in our woodland transformation project at Dronley Wood.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy on reserves to be held will be drawn up in 2025

Details of any deficit	There were no deficit
Donated facilities and services (if any)	Scotston Farm have made a tractor and trailer available for moving cut logs.

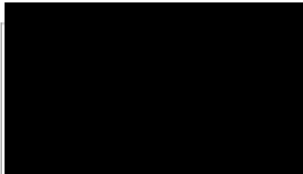

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	20/06/25	

Dronley Wood Accounts 2024 OSCR Registration Number

SC047582

				Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	TOTAL Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023
RECEIPTS							
	notes						
Grants restricted	1			-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Other Grants	2			40,553.13		40,553.13	-
Charitable Activities	3			7,306.55		7,306.55	25,588.01
Local Fund Raising				-		-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS				47,859.68	15,000.00	62,859.68	25,588.01
PAYMENTS							
Restricted Salary/Machine Hire	4				15,000.00	15,000.00	
Other Costs	5			148.04		148.04	187.04
Charitable Activities	6			30,448.49		30,448.49	17,218.28
				-		-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS				30,596.53	15,000.00	45,596.53	17,405.32
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year				17,263.15	-	17,263.15	8,182.69

STATEMENT of BALANCES as at 31st December 2024

Bank and Cash in hand

Opening balances b/f	29,057.02		29,057.02	20,874.33
Surplus / (Deficit)	17,263.15	-	17,263.15	8,182.69
Cash and Bank Balance	46,320.17	-	46,320.17	29,057.02

Other Assets	The land of Dronley Wood (Transfer value 2022)			£359,000
Liabilities:				

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Treasurer:

Date: 26/08/2025

Receipts Note 1
Grants Restricted
2024**2023**

Angus Council - machinery hire for rack proj
 Chainsaw work rack clearing rack project
 Project Management for mgr salary

11,100.00
3,200.00
700.00
15,000.00

-
-
-
-

Total

Receipts Note 2
Other Grants Unrestricted
2024**2023**

FC(S) for
 Other Grants - Climate change fund

40,553.13
40,553.13

-
-

Total

Receipts Note 3
Charitable Activities

Rent Wayleave Towers/Poles
 Donations
 Timber sale
 Gift Aid Reimbursement

273.31
-
7,033.24
-
7,306.55

273.31
19,953.26
5,361.44
-
-
25,588.01

Total

Payment Note 4
Restricted

Manager Salary from grant
 Machinery hire rack project
 Contractor cost clearing racks chainsaw

700.00
11,100.00
3,200.00
-
15,000.00

-
-
-
-
-

Total

Payments Note 5
Other Activities

Ins Prem
 Bank charges
 W/site Host & domain

131.04
-
17.00
148.04

187.04
-
187.04

Total

Payments Note 6
Charitable Activities

Manager's salary
 Forester Salary
 Misc purchases/wages
 CWA Subs
 Equip Hire (back dated from 2021)
 Tools Purchased

13,812.00
7,743.85
769.64
60.00
8,063.00
30,448.49

10,942.50
4,915.00
1,360.78
-
-
17,218.28

Total

Note 7

Bank & Cash Balances

Closing

BoS Bank
In Cash

46,320.17
-
46,320.17

Closing

BoS Bank
In Cash

29,057.02
-
29,057.02

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	DRONLEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND SCIO						
	Registered charity number	SC047582						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	Jan	2024	to	31	Dec	2024	
Set out on pages								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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 (as amended). 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.</p>							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts 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 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.</p>							
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper 							
Signed								
Name								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)								
Address								

*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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