

Report on WFWG achievements during the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

During 2024/2025 WFWG undertook more than 1,800 hours of volunteer work. This was mainly undertaken on F&LS Muirside, Valleyfield Woodland Park (VWP), the Fife Council Bing sites, a water meadow and on private land. It also undertook work to support local community councils by utilising the skills we possess.

This volunteer work was usually undertaken on Monday mornings from 09:30 to 12:30. Additional work was undertaken when circumstances required. Some of the additional works have required the hire of machinery and its utilisation for a few days at a time. Well done to the team of volunteers, especially [REDACTED] who put in the extra hours.

During the spring, summer and autumn the vegetation and grass on the path network, plus the grass in the orchard grow continuously resulting in multiple visits to maintain control. All of this means that our machinery and tools require regular maintenance by some of our dedicated volunteers with the aptitude and enthusiasm to undertake this work. Thanks to [REDACTED] for their continuing maintenance to machines and trailers.

So, we are delighted that our "band" of volunteers keeps expanding. New blood reduces the age profile of the group and gives us additional experience, skills, and enthusiasm. On volunteer Mondays it is sometimes necessary to distribute volunteers to different locations to make best use of the "human resources" for the workload to be undertaken. At 11:00 we all get together for a coffee and social catch up. The group provides a social function as well as environmental work.

WFWG has a highly active Facebook page where members of the group and local people record their wildlife sightings, and experiences in the West Fife area. The site has more than 12,500 + Followers.

Regular activities and events:

- The annual Snowdrop Walks were held in February and early March. Once again the numbers were disappointing, and the general feeling was that volunteer led walks should be discontinued. However, the trail will still be maintained so self-guided walks can be undertaken. Many visitors do follow the trail independently using the leaflets available at the STRC car park. After the Snowdrops die back the group replant some of them to improve the display for the following years.
- The West Fife Woodland Way continued to be used by both local and regional visitors to West Fife. Another 1000 trifold leaflets had to be printed to cope with demand. We also purchased additional way-marker discs to replace those that were damaged or missing. The foliage on the old drove road from Muirhead to Devilla has to be cut back on a regular basis and sections of this path near to the Walled Garden have been upgraded. Users of the WFWW always comment on how it is well maintained and waymarked.
- The four gates that were delivered during the year have been installed both by [REDACTED] where the West Fife Woodland Way crosses his land near the Plague Graves; and at either end of the link from the Alloa to Dunfermline cycle route to the sand quarry road. [REDACTED] have also created the path between the two over [REDACTED] field. Fencing to separate the path from the field is still required.
- The community orchard in Valleyfield Woodland Park absorbs some of the groups efforts pruning the trees and occasionally replacing ones that have died. The surrounding hedge was thickened by the planting of whips.

- Valleyfield Woodland Park and in particular the area around the walled garden has been a focus with the installation of a table and benches as well as keeping the paths clear and foliage cut back. This will be ongoing work.
- Work by Fife Council to stabilise the stonework of the West Kirk at Culross has been completed and it is anticipated that the same team will then be employed on "Tam's Cottage" adjacent to the Valleyfield orchard.
- Other path maintenance has been undertaken in the area surrounding Culross including the little-known Newgate which was becoming impassible between the village and the Abbey.
- The woodland group undertook several other projects for local communities and community councils. They include –
 - Following funding from Dunfermline Green Space and Paton's of Dunfermline work was done on Woovers alley from the back of Tesco's store to the Glen Burn this included grading of the path removing tree stumps and new steps.
 - The carpark at Shiresmill has been resurfaced using quarry materials and road planings, other works were also undertaken in Valleyfield woods to improve drainage and path quality,
 - The path from Bickramside to the White Gates pub in Comrie has been opened by installing the Rainbow bridge near to the White Gates which acts as a memorial to pets that have passed away. On the section of the path that ran along the old railway line foliage was cut back to improve access. Permission was granted for a path to be created between Bickramside and the old rail line to White Gates. [REDACTED] did sterling work over many shifts to create the path utilising machinery. A lot of stock proof fencing was used to separate the path from the adjacent field. Work at the rear of the White Gates was also undertaken to remove a portacabin.
 - NB the route from Bickramside to Muirside/Saline over Forestry and Land Scotland property is still only partially complete.
 - Following a request from a local councillor access from the White Gates to the Alloa Dunfermline cycle path has been improved.
 - The path from Dunfermline William Street to the Urquhart cut via Berry Law has been improved.
 - More work was undertaken on path improvements at Crossford.
 - Handrails and steps were installed at Limekilns and the war memorial were tidied and aggregate laid.
 - Assistance was given to the Duloch Path Group, which has received funds to improve its path network,
 - [REDACTED] was visited and improvements made to the path through the glen.
- Bird, Bat, Owl, and Pine Marten boxes were installed and sometimes re positioned in local woodlands.
- Regular litter picks took place and fallen trees blocking paths removed as required. Litter picks in Torryburn, Oakley and Valleyfield woods. There were a lot of fallen trees in this year.
- Volunteers from outside organisations have also helped with the ongoing maintenance of various sites. These have included volunteers from FMC, Fife College and the Scouts.

- We were once again able to hold a Christmas meal for the group's volunteers. Thanks to [REDACTED] for organising this event at the Adamson Hotel in Crossford.

We are a group of 25 to 35 enthusiastic volunteers with a wide assortment of skills and expertise. We get very positive feedback from the local community and visitors from further afield. We hope to continue our works in years to come.

WFWG Trustees.

West Fife Woodlands - Management Accounts

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
Financial Statement

Income	
Opening Balance	£25,030.99
Donations	
Gifts and Donations	£1,418.48
Sales and Services	
Grass cutting at Daley Gardens	£20.00
Subtotal for Donations, Gifts Sales and Services	£1,438.48
Grant Income	
Patons of Dunfermline and Dunfermline Greenspace funding for Woosers Alley Works	£1,800.00
Coop funds raised for the WFWG	£1,279.29

Limekilns and Charlestown Community Council for War Memorial Works	£100.00
Fife Council grant for RDA Car Park improvement	£700.00
Limekilns and Crossford Community Councils for pathworks	£600.00
Saline and Steelend CC payment for railway fencing. SMRT monies.	£30,000.00
Subtotal for Grant income	£34,479.29
Refunds for Payments not accepted.	
Total refunds	£771.43
Subtotal for refunds	£771.43
Total Income	£36,689.20
Expenditure	
Projects and Construction Materials	

Comrie to Bickramside pathworks	£16,168.83
Rainbow Bridge	£10,911.96
Four Smaller Projects for Limekilns, Crossford and Wooers Alley	£1,493.22
Construction materials, Pedestrian Gates and seeds.	2,456.50
Sub Total for Project Construction Materials	£31,030.51
Tools and Clothing	
Tools and Clothing	£1,209.08
Subtotal for Tools and Clothing	£1,209.08
Running Costs	
Fuel	£434.41
Tools Maintenance	£2,576.18
Sub Total for Running Costs	£3,010.59
Administrative Items	
Insurance	£906.47

Insurance	£4,908.41
Administrative items	
Sub Total for running costs	£3,010.28
Room rental	£166.90
Stationery	£167.88
West Fife Woodlands Way Leaflets, discs and STRC.	£628.00
Training	£510.00
Transfer to Reserve account	£1,000.00
Subtotal for tools and clothing	£1,508.08
Sub Total for Administrative items	£3,379.25
Total Expenditure	£38,629.43
Balance Carried Forward	-£1,940.23
Balance in accounts at 31/03/2025 Charity and reserve.	25,090.76
Charity £23,090.76 Reserve £2,000.00	
Four smaller projects for Limekilns, Crossford and Wothers Alley	£2,483.55
Rainbow Bridge	£10,811.86
Comrie to Bickramside bathworks	£18,128.83

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Date	Expenditure £	Credit £	Balance £	Transaction
01/04/2024			25,030.99	Opening Balance
02/04/2024	35.20		24,995.79	Blairhall Community Centre
02/04/2024	28.34		24,967.45	
03/04/2024	163.20		24,804.25	
03/04/2024	83.01		24,721.24	Zurich Insurance
05/04/2024	4,725.85		19,995.39	Secure a field Ltd (Bridge)
08/04/2024	95.49		19,899.90	GT Towing Company
15/04/2024	27.24		19,872.66	GT Towing Company
16/04/2024	171.58		19,701.08	Agri-gem
17/04/2024	263.04		19,438.04	MGM Timber
22/04/2024	106.65		19,331.39	Towsure Ltd
23/04/2024	63.50		19,267.89	Amazon Fastenings and Paint
24/04/2024	112.45		19,155.44	Trailertek
25/04/2024	198.91		18,956.53	AB Tools online
26/04/2024	140.46		18,816.07	Amazon Jockey Wheel
01/05/2024	25.17		18,790.90	Amazon Wiring Block and Cable
02/05/2024	643.00		18,147.90	Colliers Quarries material for Car Park
07/05/2024	31.21		18,116.69	Fuel for Machinery
09/05/2024	199.63		17,917.06	Amazon 6 x loppers
09/05/2024	35.29		17,881.77	Gibbs and Beveridge Gloves, goggles and first aid kit.
13/05/2024	4,725.84		13,155.93	Secure a field Ltd (Bridge) Second payment
15/05/2024	90.40		13,065.53	Amazon Stationary
20/05/2024	30.31		13,035.22	Tesco Fuel for Machinery
20/05/2024	22.80		13,012.42	Blairhall Community Centre
20/05/2024	14.30		12,998.12	
21/05/2024	4.88		12,993.24	Engineering Agencies Nuts bolts split pins
21/05/2024	7.01		12,986.23	Engineering Agencies Nuts bolts split pins
21/05/2024	18.96		12,967.27	AA New V belt two invoices!

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22/05/2024	36.03		12,931.24	Cairneyhill Service Station Fuel Diesel
23/05/2024	40.00		12,891.24	Shiresmill Therapy Riding Centre Gift to support ponies
23/05/2024	135.00		12,756.24	DAC Security CCTV Monitor
24/05/2024	38.95		12,717.29	SP Yellow Shield Oil Spill Kit
28/05/2024	24.68		12,692.61	Screwfix refunded 3/6/24
29/05/2024	9.99		12,682.62	Amazon Maypole Wiring Block
03/06/2024		24.68	12,707.30	Screwfix Refunded 28/5/24
03/06/2024		700.00	13,407.30	Fife Council Grant for Materials for Car Park
05/06/2024	246.00		13,161.30	Multiprint WFWW 1000 leaflets
17/06/2024	30.09		13,131.21	Tesco Fuel for Machinery
20/06/2024		30,000.00	43,131.21	Grant from S&SCDT/SMRT
26/06/2024	51.97		43,079.24	RC bought a hard drive using wrong card.Error rectified.
05/07/2024	29.15		43,050.09	Tesco Fuel for Machinery No Receipt
10/07/2024	30.15		43,019.94	Cairneyhill Services Diesel for machines Rainbow Bridge
11/07/2024	39.49		42,980.45	Cairneyhill Services Diesel for machines Rainbow Bridge
11/07/2024	420.00		42,560.45	Dynamic Woods Timber for Rainbow Bridge
12/07/2024	57.76		42,502.69	Screwfix fixings for Rainbow Bridge
17/07/2024	38.26		42,464.43	Travis Perkins cutting tool for Rainbow Bridge
17/07/2024	38.30		42,426.13	Cairneyhill Services Diesel for machines Rainbow Bridge
19/07/2024	1,795.20		40,630.93	McVeigh Parker 4 x Gates for path access.
23/07/2024		200.49	40,831.42	Donation Dunimarle Castle Scottish Garden Scheme
23/07/2024		24.38	40,855.80	Donation tin
31/07/2024	510.00		40,345.80	McGhee Training Excavator training for Dougie Haddow.
01/08/2024	392.70		39,953.10	Dynamic Woods Timber for Limekilns Works
07/08/2024		51.97	40,005.07	
08/08/2024	37.00		39,968.07	Tesco diesel for Rainbow Bridge
12/08/2024	115.20		39,852.87	Dynamic Wood Timber for Wooers Alley Pathworks and steps
12/08/2024	772.44		39,080.43	Travis Perkins Excavator hire for Rainbow Bridge
12/08/2024	26.87		39,053.56	Travis Perkins Disc cutter for Rainbow Bridge
15/08/2024		400.00	39,453.56	Limekilns and Charlestown CC grant for works
19/08/2024	59.58		39,393.98	MGM Timber Limekilns Pathworks
19/08/2024	28.90		39,365.08	Tesco Fuel no receipt

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21/08/2024		1,500.00	40,865.08	Dunfermline Greenspace grant for work on Wooers Alley
29/08/2024	243.20		40,621.88	Campbell Engineering Shiresmill Replace solenoids
10/09/2024	823.46		39,798.42	Zurich Insurance
11/09/2024	23.00		39,775.42	DAS Hendry Puncture Repair
18/09/2024	38.00		39,737.42	Cairneyhill Service Station Fuel Diesel
19/09/2024	38.00		39,699.42	Cairneyhill Service Station Fuel Diesel
20/09/2024	38.00		39,661.42	Cairneyhill Service Station Fuel Diesel
23/09/2024	38.00		39,623.42	Cairneyhill Service Station Fuel Diesel
23/09/2024		300.00	39,923.42	The Patons of Dunfermline Wooers Alley Funding
30/09/2024		200.00	40,123.42	Limekilns and Charlestown CC grant for works
02/10/2024	1,317.60		38,805.82	Travis Perkins Digger and Dumper
07/10/2024	124.00		38,681.82	DAS Hendry V belt for sit on mower
21/10/2024	25.61		38,656.21	
21/10/2024	52.44		38,603.77	Travis Perkins Dumper Hire
23/10/2024	84.71		38,519.06	Amazon fixings for VWP project
28/10/2024		50.00	38,569.06	Limekilns and Charlestown CC grant for works on War Memorial
29/10/2024		50.00	38,619.06	Limekilns and Charlestown CC grant for works on War Memorial
30/10/2024	85.19		38,533.87	MKM decking screws bought in error. Refund in cash to follow
01/11/2024		1,279.29	39,813.16	Coop Community fund grant from members
05/11/2024	14,588.00		25,225.16	G Mentiplay fencing Bickramside through Comrie Opencast to old railway
13/11/2024	59.32		25,165.84	Shell Camdean petrol
13/11/2024	77.48		25,088.36	Amazon Printer Cartidges for Chris S.
15/11/2024	219.51		24,868.85	Euvevor new leaf blower
15/11/2024		20.00	24,888.85	Donation from a lady in Oakley
15/11/2024		20.00	24,908.85	Grass cutting by J Thompson House with the Evil Eyes Culross
18/11/2024	50.01		24,858.84	Cairneyhill Service Station Diesel for Ronnie Collins Travels
22/11/2024	61.22		24,797.62	Cairneyhill Service Station fuel Petrol for Dougie Haddow's travels
04/12/2024	35.07		24,762.55	Tesco pay at the pump diesel
17/12/2024	1,000.00		23,762.55	Transfer to WFW reserve account.
17/12/2024	58.35		23,704.20	DAS Henry ATS Euromaster new trailer tyre
23/12/2024		250.00	23,954.20	Donation by Jacqueline Mackenzie
06/01/2025	68.99		23,885.21	Euro Car Parts Battery for Digger

Date	Expenditure £	Credit £	Balance £	Transaction
08/01/2025	342.00		23,543.21	Shelly signs new discs for WFWW
14/01/2025	69.55		23,473.66	Shell Camdean petrol
20/01/2025	544.73		22,928.93	Ali express Grass cutter
28/01/2025		544.73	23,473.66	Ali Express grass cutter refund
05/02/2025		50.00	23,523.66	
05/02/2025		10.00	23,533.66	
05/02/2025		23.00	23,556.66	Snowdrop walk donations
05/02/2025		85.19	23,641.85	MKM decking screws bought in error. Refund in cash received
05/02/2025		10.61	23,652.46	Donations received in cash in November 2024
10/02/2025	16.53		23,635.93	BP Garage Fuel for machinery
14/02/2025		30.00	23,665.93	
17/02/2025	97.50		23,568.43	Blairhall CC Room rental
18/02/2025		200.00	23,768.43	Matthew Styles footpath repairs
18/02/2025		200.00	23,968.43	Mountain Technology Limited footpath repairs
19/02/2025	51.60		23,916.83	Chris Souden 2 x Chainsaw chains for RC and JT. Tree removal in West Fife following storm
24/02/2025	237.96		23,678.87	Colliers Quarrying material for works at Crossford
10/03/2025	54.17		23,624.70	Ali Express Chainsaw blades and an other item
17/03/2025	36.53		23,588.17	Ali Express Purchase in Error (See 27 Mar entry for refund)
17/03/2025		300.00	23,888.17	Peter Hart Kirklands Saline Donation.
18/03/2025		100.00	23,988.17	Saline and Steelend CC or CDT donation for tools used in Saline Glen
24/03/2025	0.99		23,987.18	Amazon Prime ?
24/03/2025	329.50		23,657.68	Amazon Spear and Jackson Loppers x 10
25/03/2025	100.00		23,557.68	Engineering Agencies Fan Housing
25/03/2025	360.00		23,197.68	I-deal Seeds Clover Seeds x 3
26/03/2025		28.33	23,226.01	Ali Express refund from Purchase on 10 March less delivery charge £3.27
26/03/2025	11.40		23,214.61	Blairhall Community Centre
27/03/2025	27.65		23,186.96	
27/03/2025		36.53	23,223.49	Ali Express for Refund(see 17 Mar Entry
27/03/2025	44.78		23,178.71	Colliers Quarrying material for works at Crossford
27/03/2025	78.96		23,099.75	MGM Timber Post Mix x 14
31/03/2025	8.99		23,090.76	Amazon Subscription. Error.

Date	Expenditure £	Credit £	Balance £	Transaction
Totals	38,629.43	36,689.20	-1,940.23	Total Income - Total Expenditure.
Balance in accounts on 31/03/2025			25,090.76	Both charity (23,090.76) and reserve account (2,000.00).

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the West Hill Woodlands Group and find the information and explanations given to me, the accounts have been properly prepared from the records of the West Hill Woodlands Group and are in agreement with these records.

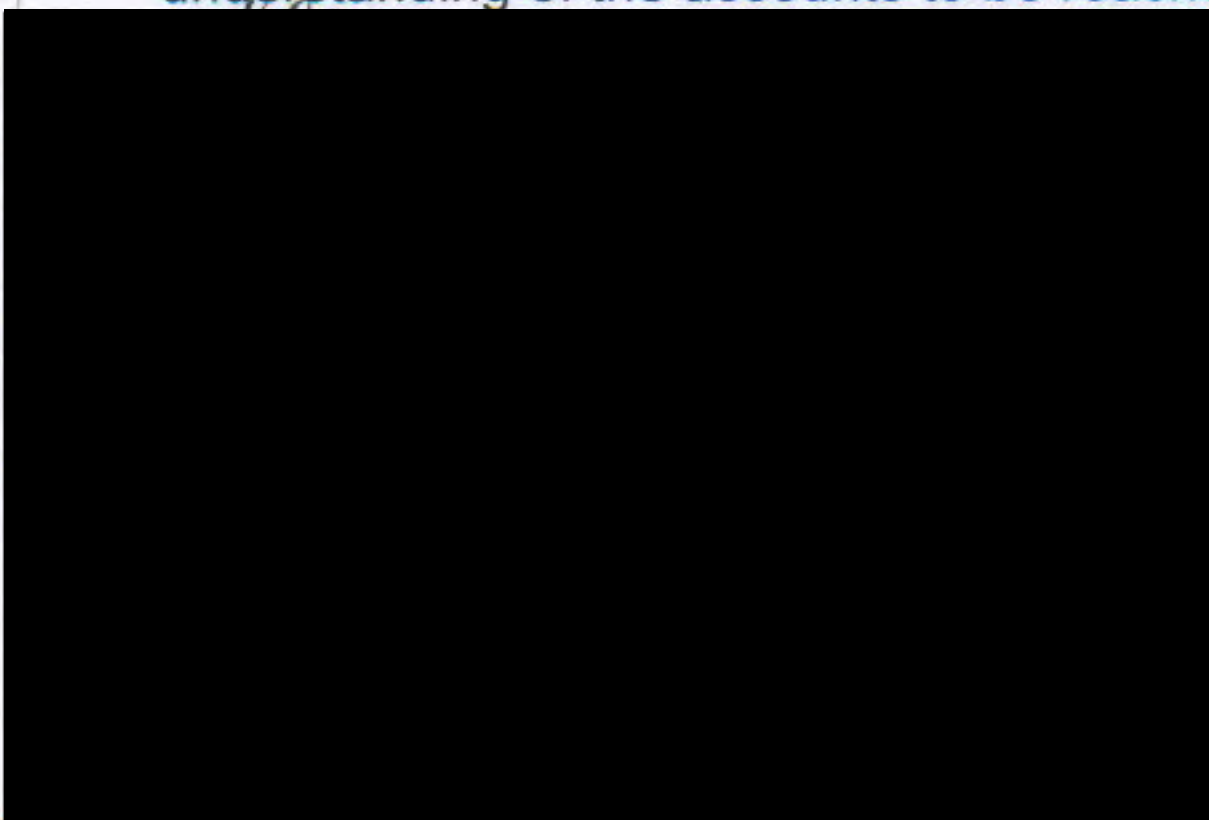
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date 8/8/25

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	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name West Fife Woodlands Group						
Registered charity number	SC 048093						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	April	2024	To	31st	March	2025
Set out on pages	I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 st March 2025, set out on pages						(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:						
	<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						
	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:	08/08/2025	
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.

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

<p>Report to the trustees of West Hill Woodlands Group</p> <p>Registered charity number SC 048023</p> <p>On the accounts of the charity for the period</p> <p>Set out on pages</p> <p>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</p> <p>Basis of independent examiner's statement</p> <p>Independent examiner's statement</p>		<p>Period start date</p> <p>Period end date</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p>
<p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <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 2005 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2005 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>	<p>08/08/2025</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Senior Development Officer</p> <p>(Community Education)</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>High Valleyfield</p> <p>Dunmilline, Fife</p> <p>KY12 8RY</p>