

Bat's Wood Growing Space & Bike Track (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC049338

Details

Known as Bat's Wood

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2019-05-29

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 111 Lady Nairn Avenue
Kirkcaldy
Fife
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Website www.batswood.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', '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 purposes of Bat's Wood SCIO are to advance environmental protection, education, and community development by creating and maintaining woodland and outdoor learning spaces in Levenmouth. During 2024/25, our main activities included: The Willow Worlds community research and planting project. Educational collaborations with local schools and volunteers. Film-based environmental storytelling ("Levenmouth: A Climate Beacon?"). Biodiversity improvements through soil enrichment and sustainable planting.

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

Objectives: 4.1 The provision of, or organisation of, recreational facilities with the object of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended by providing a mountain bike track open to all and free to use. 4.2. The protection and improvement of the local environment by developing and maintaining the wood and growing space, developing an orchard and providing environmental education including in the practice of permaculture. 4.3 To advance the education of young people by providing construction work skills and work placements. 5. In furtherance of these purposes, the

charity seeks to. 5.1. Establish or to secure the establishment of an outdoor cycling track and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority or authorities in the maintenance and management of such a track for activities promoted by the trustees and its constituent bodies in the furtherance of the above objects or any of them

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,442	£9,054	-	0
2024-03-31	£9,621	£6,040	-	0
2023-03-31	£1,058	£1,989	-	0
2022-03-31	£4,123	£4,127	-	0
2021-03-31	£4,887	£6,557	-	0

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OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

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	01	April	2024	To	31	March	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bat's Wood, Growing Space & Bike Track (SCIO)
Other names charity is known by	Bat's Wood
Registered charity number	SC049338
Charity's principal address	111 Lady Nairn Avenue
	Kirkcaldy
	KY1 2AT

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		Chair		
2		Secretary		
3		Treasurer		
4		Trustee		
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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
None	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Trustee recruitment and appointment	New trustees are identified through local community networks, partner organisations, and word of mouth, with the aim of maintaining a balance of skills and experience in education, ecology, and community engagement. In accordance with the SCIO constitution, trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing board and confirmed at the next AGM. All new trustees receive an induction that includes OSCR guidance on trustees' duties, the SCIO constitution, and an overview of current projects such as Bat's Wood and Willow Worlds. The charity welcomes expressions of interest from individuals committed to environmental education and sustainable land use, ensuring diversity and continuity within the board.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The provision of, or organisation of, recreational facilities with the object of improving conditions of live for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended by providing a mountain bike track open to all and free to use. The protection and improvement of the local environment by developing and maintaining the wood and growing space, developing an orchard and providing environmental education including in the practice of permaculture. To advance the education of young people by providing construction work skills and work placements.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Establish or to secure the establishment of an outdoor cycling track and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority or authorities in the maintenance and management of such a track for activities promoted by the trustees and its constituent bodies in the furtherance of the above objects or any of them. Promote safe cycling as sustainable transport in the local area. Acquire the land known locally as Bat's Wood from Fife Council and return or donate the land (upon dissolution).

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Achievements and performance

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

“Levenmouth: A Climate Beacon?” film project featuring pupils and volunteers premiered at the Fife Film Festival in May 2024.

Our main focus this year was on Willow Worlds using a grant from the Royal Society of Edinburgh and a Volunteering Matters grant.

The project is exhaustively documented on our “Willow Worlds” Substack and we have attempted to incorporate our filmmaking experience into the reporting part of this community led research project.

The installation of the Willow Worlds, the development of the use of video following on from the Climate Beacon Film Project and the continual development of Bat’s Wood’s biodiversity through adding of nutrients demonstrate good progress throughout the year.

Bat’s Wood was shortlisted for Scotland’s Finest Woods Award in 2025.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Bat’s Wood SCIO aims to maintain modest unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover approximately three months of essential running costs and any unforeseen expenditure relating to project maintenance or equipment. As a small volunteer-led charity, most income is spent directly on charitable activities such as environmental education, willow planting, and community engagement. The trustees review the level of reserves annually to ensure that funds remain appropriate for the scale and sustainability of current projects. Where reserves exceed

Details of any deficit

No deficit.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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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) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g., Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	09/12/2025	09/12/2025

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - Creative Carbon SC	Restricted fund 2 - Fife Community Climate Action Network	Restricted fund 3 - Royal Society of Edinburgh " Healthy Planet, Healthy People	Restricted fund 4 - Volunteering Matters Earth Action	Restricted fund - Coalfields Regeneration Grant	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts							
Donations						-	
Legacies						-	
Grants	294	550	5,000	250		6,094	9,476
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	294	550	5,000	250	-	6,094	9,476
Receipts from asset & investment sales							
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						-	
Proceeds from sale of investments						-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	294	550	5,000	250	-	6,094	9,476
Payments							
Expenses for fundraising activities	2,677	407	5,000	170	616	8,870	5,980
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	2,677	407	5,000	170	616	8,870	5,980
Payments relating to asset and investment movements							
Purchases of fixed assets						-	
Purchase of investments						-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,677	407	5,000	170	616	8,870	5,980
Net receipts / (payments)	(2,383)	143	-	80	(616)	(2,776)	3,496
Transfers to / (from) funds						-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(2,383)	143	-	80	(616)	(2,776)	3,496
Nature and purpose of funds							

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

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	200				200	145
Legacies					-	
Grants		6,094			6,094	9,476
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	148				148	-
					-	
A1 Sub total	348	6,094	-	-	6,442	9,621
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	348	6,094	-	-	6,442	9,621
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	123	8,870			8,993	5,980
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	61				61	60
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	184	8,870	-	-	9,054	6,040
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	184	8,870	-	-	9,054	6,040
Net receipts / (payments)	164	(2,776)	-	-	(2,612)	3,581
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	164	(2,776)	-	-	(2,612)	3,581

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year					3,848	268
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	164	(2,776)			(2,612)	3,581
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	164	(2,776)	-	-	1,236	3,848
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	0

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

		10/12/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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

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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 £
St Margarets Episc	100				100	-
	100				100	-
					-	
					-	145
Total	200	-	-	-	200	145

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Creative Carbon SC - Climate Action Film for Levenmouth Project		294	294	4,147
Fife Community Climate Action Network Grant		550	550	1,000
Royal Society of Edinburgh Healthy Planet, Healthy People Fund		5,000	5,000	
Volunteering Matters Earth Action Grant		250	250	250
University of Dundee -Outdoor Kneelers			-	135
Coalfields Regeneration Grant			-	3,944
Total	-	6,094	6,094	9,476

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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 £
Jam/chutney/apple juice Sales	122				122	-
Willow Worlds Substack subscriptions	26				26	-
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	148	-	-	-	148	-

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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 £
John Muir Trust Monthly Membership Fees	61				61	60
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	61	-	-	-	61	60

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds	Unrestricted fund 1 -	Unrestricted fund 2 -	Unrestricted fund 3 -	Unrestricted fund 4 -	Unrestricted fund 5 -	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts							
Donations						200	145
Legacies						-	
Grants						-	
Receipts from fundraising activities							
Gross trading receipts						-	
buildings						-	
Rents from land & buildings						-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						148	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	348	145
						-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales							
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						-	
Proceeds from sale of investments						-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	348	145
						-	
Payments							
Expenses for fundraising activities	123					123	
Gross trading payments						-	
Investment management costs						-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	61					61	60
Grants and donations						-	
Governance costs:						-	
Audit / independent examination						-	
Preparation of annual accounts						-	
Legal costs						-	
						-	
						-	
Sub total	184	-	-	-	-	184	60
						-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements							
Purchases of fixed assets						-	
Purchase of investments						-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	184	-	-	-	-	184	60
						-	
Net receipts / (payments)	(184)	-	-	-	-	164	85
Transfers to / (from) funds						-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(184)	-	-	-	-	164	85

Nature and purpose of funds

Blackout section