

APPENDIX 1

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Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	9th	April	2024		8th	April	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Loudon Pond Volunteer Group
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC050037
Charity's principal address	16 Mountstuart Avenue
	Rigside
	Lanark
	South Lanarkshire
	Postcode ML11 9NR

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	Treasurer		
3	Secretary		
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5		March to April 2025	
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Loudon Pond Volunteer Group SCIO Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Proposed at Annual General Meeting 26/11/2024 held at Rigside Hall

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<p>The purpose of the Group is to protect and manage the Rigside and Douglas Water Community Nature Reserve at Loudon Pond for the benefit of the whole community of Rigside, Douglas Water and the Douglas Valley, and for the benefit of the wider community beyond Douglasdale, the Group's objects being the advancement of education and the creation of an environmental site for the benefit of people of all ages AND improving access to the area for the benefit of the whole community of Rigside, Douglas Water and Douglas Valley and for the benefit of the wider community beyond Douglasdale.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>Work towards the creation of an all-abilities path from Rigside to the Nature Reserve that is connected to the local and regional footpath and cycle path networks.</p> <p>Maintenance activities (invasive weed removal and rubbish clearance) for the purpose of keeping footpaths clear. Wildflower and native tree planting, maintenance of bird and bat boxes, tree pruning and coppicing, orchard tree pruning and maintenance.</p> <p>Maintain and improve access to the Reserve, reduce the amount of dog-fouling by providing a waste bag dispenser and guidance notices.</p> <p>Protect against pollution from overflowing water at surface level from old mine workings.</p>

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Achievements and performance

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

Further efforts to get and all-users footpath from Rigside to Loudon Pond, including asking our MP to contact South Lanarkshire Council, and involvement through Rigside and Douglas Water Community Council to influence South Lanarkshire Council via the Douglas Valley Advisory Group and participation in the Local Development Plan.

We are trying to ensure that the proposed Clydesdale Way link between the River Ayr Way and the Clyde Walkway passes through Loudon Pond and includes an all-users path to Rigside.

Ongoing maintenance work to keep footpaths clear, ad-hoc planting of trees, wildflowers and flower bulbs, cleaning out bird boxes ready for use next year. CCI are no longer able to help with the maintenance work we have been working to find alternative help. Community Payback has trimmed paths & orchard and cleared main paths.

Making the nature reserve more inviting to visitors with new gates and seating.

Cleared trees around the pond to open it up as advised.

Instigating an investigation into whether the water overflowing from old mine workings is polluting the Ponfeigh Burn that feeds the pond. We are getting the water tested and making plans to tackle whatever pollution there is.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserve policy is to keep funds for Public Liability Insurance and ad hoc expenses.

Details of any deficit

n/a

Donated facilities and services (if any)

n/a

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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

Treasurer

Date

22/6/2025

22/6/2025

Loudon Pond Volunteer Group (SC050037)

Accounts for the year 2024-2025

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Previous Year
Donations		-	-	-	-
Refund		24.49		24.49	-
Grants	4		13,860.00	13,860.00	-
Total receipts		24.49	13,860.00	13,884.49	757.80

Payments

Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	5	584.30	13,600.00	14,184.30	-
Governance costs	6	-	-	-	-
Total payments		584.30	13,600.00	14,184.30	425.82

Surplus/Defecit

Surplus/(Defecit) for the year	(559.81)	260.00	(299.81)	331.98
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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Opening cash at bank & in hand	-	-	983.98	-
Surplus / (Defecit) for the year	(559.81)	260.00	(299.81)	331.98
Closing cash at bank & in hand	(559.81)	260.00	684.17	331.98

The notes on page 2 form an integral part of these accounts.

Loudon Pond Volunteer Group (SC050037)

Accounts for the year 2024-2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain an unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to any trustee or connected persons during the year (previous year: ?).

No expenses were paid to trustees (previous year: ?).

4. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Previous Year
n/a	-	13,860.00	13,860.00	757.80
	24.49		24.49	
Total	24.49	13,860.00	13,884.49	757.80

5. Cost of Charitable Activities

Administration	-	-	13,600.00	-
Equipment	-	-	209.52	-
Insurance	100.80	-	100.80	-
Materials	-	-	218.29	-
Miscellaneous	24.49	-	24.49	-
Rent	31.20	-	31.20	-
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	-
Grant				
Total	156.49	-	14,184.30	376.78

6. Governance Costs

AGM	N/A	-	N/A	-
Accounts / independent examiner's fee	N/A	-	N/A	-
Total	N/A	-	N/A	N/A

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Balance at Start of Audit				Descriptions									
09/04/2024-08/04/2025													
Income		31/10/2024		Micro Grant Rigside Residents	£260.00								
		02/12/2024		Correction Erroneous Transaction	£24.49								
		04/04/2025		National Lottery Grant	£13,600.00	Pond Pollution							
				Balance B/Fwd	£983.98								
				Total Income	£14,868.47								
Expenditure		15/10/2024		Erroneous Transaction	£24.49								
				SLLC Hall Lets (2)	£31.20	4 Hall Lets							
		21/02/2025		Markel Insurance (3)	£100.80	Liability Insurance							
				Strimmer (4)	£209.52	Maintenace & Equipment							
				Flowers & Trees (1)	£218.29	Equipment							
				Grant to Savings Account	£13,600.00								
				Total Expenditure	£14,184.30								
				Balance C/FWD	£684.17								
					£14,868.47								



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Loudon Pond Volunteer Group

Registered charity number

SC050037

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
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09	04	2024	to	08	04	2025

Set out on pages

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(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 (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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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 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:

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

N/A.