

Planet Sutherland
Annual Report
SC050376

Trustees' Annual Report
&
Receipts & Payments Accounts

1/4/2024 – 31/3/25

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
For the year from 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, along with the independent examiner's report.

Introduction

Planet Sutherland is a small charity that aims to help us all take steps to do more for the climate and environmental and crises. We do this by running various meetings, taking part in collaborative ventures, engaging people through social media, and organising events and sharing educational information.

Our Focus

Planet Sutherland main charitable purpose is noted as:

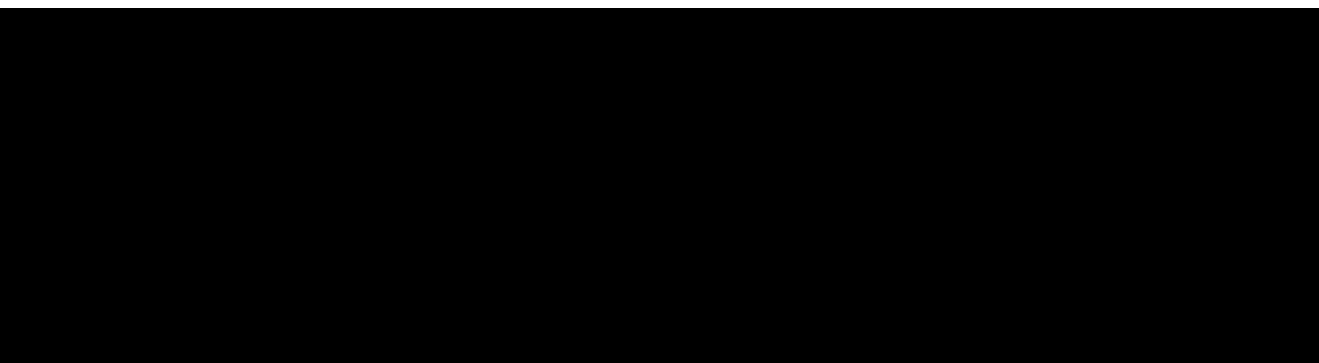
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

Reference and Administration Details

The charity is registered as Planet Sutherland. It became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 14th Aug 2020.

The principal office and operating address of the charity is a private trustee address.

The following served as charity trustees during the year, inclusive of the dates of this report:-



Structure Governance and Management

Planet Sutherland is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution. All of Ardgay Public Hall's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which we aim to hold in October each year.

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Objectives and Activities

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

The SCIO will promote, advance and further charitable purposes. The charity holds no assets.

Summary of Activities

Our directors continue to be busy with individual local projects all with a climate and environmental focus, happening in Ardgay, Rosehall, Lairg and Rogart.

We have variously attended and taken part in discussion as follows:

- the Green Health workshops in April and May and supported the Highlands & Islands Climate Charter Relaunch.
- we ran several Repair Cafes in collaboration with Re:Circulate Sutherland and Ardgay Hall.
- the working group organising the Highlands & Islands Climate Festival (2024)
- a discussion with the NHS regarding using their facilities to develop orchard projects.

Sadly, this proved to be challenging for several reasons.

- discussions with the KoS Fisheries Trust regarding community composting.

Additionally

- we ran two climate cafes in February, in Ardgay and Rosehall. The latter instigated a Rosehall Community Growing group.
- organised three Garden Swap Events at Ardgay Hall in collaboration with the KoS Growing Group and Ardgay Hall.
- our "Orchard Sutherland" project continued, this year with 35 fruit trees being privately purchased and planted in Feb 2024.
- we encouraged the use of peat free compost by placing a 2 pallet bulk order to share out.

Sadly, the Future Communities Highland & Islands had a few meetings at the beginning of the year, but has now stopped.

However, our various Facebook chat groups, including the key Planet Sutherland group, enabling ongoing discussion and promotion of related topics, thus keeping the conversations alive and growing.

We would like to thank everyone who takes part in and helps out with our activities and conversations, and all the other groups we work with and support.

Charity promotions

Website: planetsutherland.com

Social Media: We primarily use facebook for this purpose and have a main page and several groups.

Notice Boards: Our events are advertised on the web site, social media with posters in local shops notice boards

Kyle Chronicle: we have a regular article in the local magazine.

Financial Summary

1. Grants: We received a small grant from Creich Community Council xx for use with the Veg at The Edge project. Thank you.
2. The financial transactions this year have been minimal with 2 climate cafes and the support of the Veg at The Edge project.

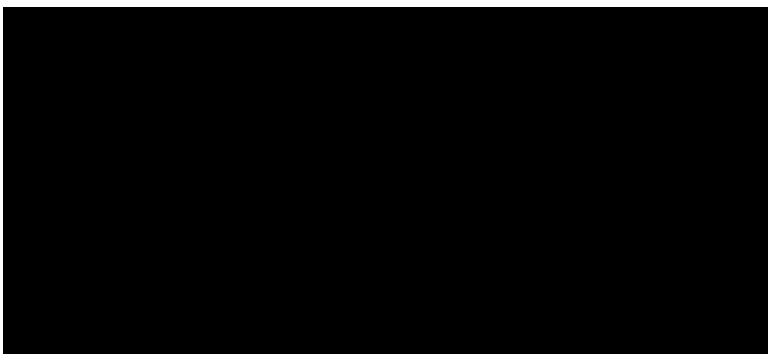
Gratitude

Thank you to all who have worked with us or attended any events which we've organised been involved with.

Outlook for 2025-2026

We would hope to re-group and run a few carbon cafes looking at particular topics such as home and car electrical use with Solar, Battery and Heat Pumps. And our food focus will continue, particularly working in Rosehall and Lairg.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year from 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Planet Sutherland, registered charity number SC008669.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, set out on pages 6-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 :-
 - 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.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
For the year from 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Statement of financial Activities including income and expenditure account
For the year ending 31st March 2025

	-----2025-----			---2024---
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>funds</i>	<i>funds</i>		
	£	£	£	£
Income from :				
Donations & Grants	79.86	250.00	329.86	392.77
Income from activities	0	0	0	0
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Total Income	79.86	250.00	329.86	392.77
Expenditure on				
Charitable Activities	(16.00)	0	(16.00)	(298.45)
Governance	0	0		(50.00)
Net Income /(expenditure)	63.86	250.00	313.86	44.32
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	547.52	294.66	842.18	797.86
Total Funds Carried Forward	611.38	544.66	1,156.04	

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	-----2025-----		-----2024-----	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible		0		0
Current Assets				
Debtors	0		0	
Cash at Bank	1,156.04		842.18	
Creditors falling due within 1 year	0			
Net current Assets		<u>1,156.04</u>		<u>842.18</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		1,156.04		842.18
Charity Funds				
Restricted income Funds		544.66		294.66
Unrestricted income Funds		611.38		547.52
		1,156.04		842.18

Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31st March 2025

1 Basis of accounting These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and 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 a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. These funds are shown in the notes to financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ending 31st March 2025

Restricted Funds

Carbon Café and Film Nights

	2024/25	2023/24
Lairg	£48.67	£48.67
Ardgay	£0	£0
Creich	£83.00	£83.00
Total	£131.67	£131.67

Ardgay PT	£0	£0
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North Highland Climate Festival	£162.99	£162.99
Veg at the the Edge (Lairg)	£250.00	£0

Total (restricted)	£544.66	£294.66
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Income Analysis

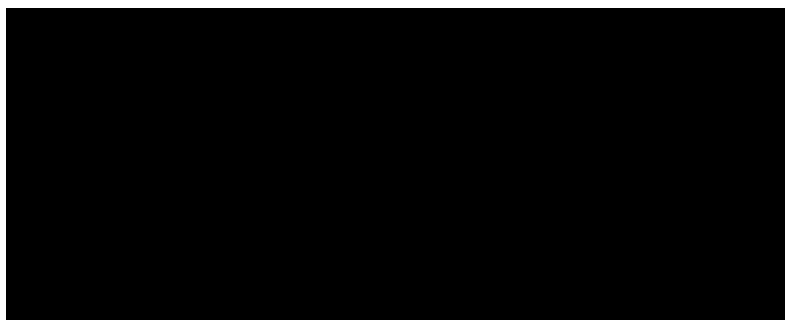
Date	Source	Amount (£)	Fund
06/08/2024	Patfield - Donation	£79.86	Unrestricted
18/03/25	Lairg Wind Farm – Veg at the Edge	£250.00	Restricted
31/03/25	Total	£329.86	

Expenditure Analysis

Date	Details	Amount (£)	Fund
18/12/2024	Lairg Community Hall	16.00	Unrestricted
31/03/2025	Total	16.00	

The average number of employees in the year were zero
No trustee received any remuneration or benefits from Planet Sutherland

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Appendix 1: Membership Interest in Numbers (as of Nov25)

(Numbers in brackets are as at Nov 23)

Planet Sutherland Facebook Group: 550 (534)

Planet Sutherland Local Food Group: 145 (142)

Hghland Polytunnel Chat Group: 1500 (1400)

Highlands & Islands Mushroom Group: 47(40)

HI Orchard Network: 57 (52)

Newsletter Distribution: 0 (1213) (currently stopped)

Twitter: closed

Appendix 2: Summary of work carried out between 31/3/25 and xx/2025

We co-designed and organised the Kyle of Sutherland Food Convention. This was a hugely successful event covering a wide range of topics and attended by a wide and diverse range of delegates interested in increasing food production here. Discussions are ongoing regarding the next steps and include community gardening in Rosehall.

Promoting the concept of environmentally friendly gardening was helped with a focussed discussion on no-dig gardening at the Kyle or Sutherland Growing Group.

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