

# Tayside Woodland Partnerships

Charity Number SC051345

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period

1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

## Trustees Annual Report

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Achievements and Performance

1. Spittalfield (now Alastair's Wood). Sadly, the founder of TWP passed away in September 2023. In remembrance of his vision and enthusiasm, the landowners and TWP have agreed to rename this first venture of TWP in his memory. During the financial period in question, the charity maintained the community woodland planted in Spittalfield during 2022-23. There are around 550 trees, and ongoing replanting of failing trees continues. In this reporting period TWP members undertook 2 replanting sessions - 30 trees were replaced, new tree guards were fitted and old guards removed, grass in the tubes was cleared and a number of trees that were leaning over were re-staked.
2. Protracted negotiations continued with a view to TWP assuming the lease on a community wood in Coupar Angus. Unfortunately, an agreement was unable to be reached with PKC and we have had to withdraw from this project. The lease that we were being offered put TWP at too much financial risk and it was unanimously decided that it was unwise to proceed.
3. TWP have entered into an agreement with a local landowner in Pitlochry to manage a small piece of land for the purpose of establishing a tree nursery, to provide trees for our other projects. The landowner has been keen to plant trees on the remaining land and TWP have been able to help with this. In collaboration with The Royal Botanical gardens in Edinburgh planted 30 heritage trees along with approximately 200 from Carbon Footprint Ltd. In addition, sporadic plantings of hedging and replacements have taken place bringing the total number of planted trees to about 300. It is beginning to look like a woodland! The Tradecoaters Field Tree Nursery Project saw its first infrastructure built in 2025, thanks to the successful efforts of the TWP team, who constructed two essential sheds: a metal one for tool storage and a larger, multipurpose wooden one. The wooden shed is notably large enough to fit ten people and will function as a multipurpose workspace. The construction was facilitated by the Nature Restoration Fund, which required the TWP members, [REDACTED] to initially front £4000 each for the build before being reimbursed in the following financial year, a process that went smoothly. [REDACTED] went on to donate £1500 and £1000 respectively after being reimbursed for the loan and their time building the shed. Simultaneously, the team has invested considerable time in understanding the requirements for a mains water connection to ensure water security. Although this was initially planned as a separate TWP project, the landowner has recently decided to install a mains supply for her adjacent properties, meaning the nursery is now awaiting the next stages of that wider installation to fall into place, with the tentative plan being that the tree nursery will achieve its secure water supply in due course.
4. Black Spout woods is a local project that is adjacent to Tradecoaters Field. It is approximately 130-acre public asset managed by Perth & Kinross Council (PKC). PKC have given TWP permission to develop its species and age diversity. The site is dominated by century old Oaks with some large 200+ year old Scots Pine. Aspen, Rowan, Willows, Holly, Hazel, Alder and other natives present. The wood is mostly oak which is all of a similar age, and so last year approximately 200 trees were planting within in its many acres with the aim, being to

- improving age diversity. This year, 2025, has seen another round of planting, with more than 200 trees, donated by The Woodland Trust, already planted.
5. TWP members joined forces with local volunteers from groups such as the Climate Cafe to plant 10 fruit trees in the Delta Park in Pitlochry. The park is near the part of town with the greatest population density and this project aims to provide free fruit to anyone who wants it, to take some pressure off the food bank, to show children how fruit grows, to encourage people to enjoy spending more time outdoors and to provide food which does not involve plastic packaging or 'food miles'. 10 more fruit trees will be added this autumn to provide a greater variety of fruit. Perth and Kinross Council now mow some areas of the Delta Park only once a year and have agreed that volunteers can plant a selection of trees and shrubs in these parts of the park. These will be provided by TWP and include oak, holly, hawthorn, blackthorn and rowan. TWP will monitor growth and replant when required.
  6. The charity has run a programme of events through the year including a workshop on grafting, public talk on community woodlands and guided walks around local woods. The aim is to encourage interest in trees and an appreciation of the value of woodland areas in reversing the general decline in wildlife.

In the 2024 AGM held in August, a new Treasurer was appointed, [REDACTED]. Unfortunately, [REDACTED] has had to stand down as chairman due to ill health and at an EGM in March 2025, [REDACTED] was appointed temporary chairman.

TWP received a very generous £61,750 from [REDACTED] estate, which was paid into the bank account of TWP in April 2025. This will ensure the prosperity of TWP in the years to come.

Sadly, one of our Trustees, [REDACTED] passed away on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Tayside Woodland Partnership

Registered Charity Number: SC051345

Principal Address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Current Trustees:

Name	Office held	Date appointed	Date resigned (if applicable)
[REDACTED]	Acting Chair	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	Secretary	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	Acting Chair	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	
[REDACTED]		14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025 (passed away)



Membership  
Secretary

9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## Structure, Governance & Management

### Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation formed on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and is governed by its Constitution. The Charity has a two tier structure with a membership from which Trustees are elected to the Board of Trustees.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Charity trustees are appointed by election by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The members may elect any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 58 of the Constitution) to be a charity trustee.

The Board may at any time appoint any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 58 of the Constitution) to be a charity trustee.

### Organisational Structure

Tayside Woodland Partnerships is governed by its members with the management of the organisation and its assets being delegated to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may, when quorate, exercise all the powers of the Charity. As per the Constitution, the Board of Trustees must consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 Trustees. The Trustees must elect, from among themselves a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

The members may, by way of a resolution passed in compliance with the requirement for two-thirds majority, direct the board to take any particular step or direct the board not to take any particular step; and the board shall give effect to any such direction accordingly.

## Objectives and Activities

### Charitable Purposes

The organisation's purpose is:

The advancement of environmental protection and improvement by:

- establishing and managing new woodlands
- acquiring and, in partnerships, managing established woodlands in Tayside.
- connecting with other groups, communities and landowners across Tayside and beyond to form a network in which each can give and receive support, information, advice and collective strength from each other.
- through the above, the organisation will:
  - a) enhance biodiversity,
  - b) improve the landscape ecology,
  - c) where relevant, create natural flood defences
  - d) provide opportunities for enjoyment of the countryside for communities
  - e) sequester carbon dioxide to offset emissions as a contribution to achieving the national target of zero net emissions by 2045.

## Financial Review

The charity will seek funding from appropriate sources as and when necessary. It will also seek to keep its expenses to a minimum. There are no paid staff and all activities are carried out on a voluntary basis.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted funds to meet essential operating costs and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

Reserves at the end of the period were £2,380 which the trustees consider to be sufficient.

## Plans for future period

The charity will continue to develop the tree nursery in Pitlochry, which will be it's main aim over the next year or two. It will require a lot of time and effort. The other projects outlined at the start of this report are expected to be able to continue with the help of our group of volunteers

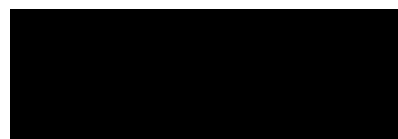
The charity will continue to look for other opportunities to create woodland across the Tayside area. One possibility will be to contribute to the national programme to create wildlife corridors.

Approved by the Charity's Trustees on

15/12/2025

and signed on their behalf by

 Treasurer:



## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tayside Woodland Partnership

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

### 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 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

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
  - 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 Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
		£	£	£	£
Grant funding	4	-	17,218	<b>17,218</b>	-
Donations	5	-	-	-	305
Fundraising	6	316	-	<b>316</b>	-
Total Receipts		316	17,218	<b>17,534</b>	305
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	7	1,629	15,018	<b>16,647</b>	1248
Total Payments		1,629	15,018	<b>16,647</b>	1248
Surplus/Deficit for the period		-1,312	2,200	<b>887</b>	-943

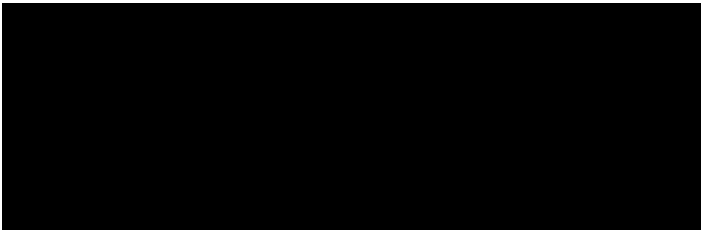
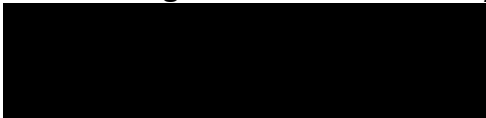
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Statement of Balances  
For the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and in hand – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	1,593	-	1,593	2,536
Surplus/Deficit for year	-1,312	2,100	887	-943
Cash at Bank and In Hand - 31st March 2025	281	2,100	2,481	1,593
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Account	281	2,200	2,481	1,593
Cash	-	-	-	-
Liabilities				
Governance Costs	-			

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Approved by the Charity’s Trustees on 15/12/2025  
and signed on their behalf by





## Notes to the Accounts

For the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### 1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and 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 Charity's objects. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for 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.

### 3 Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the period.

	Unrestricte d	Restricted	2025	2024
4 Grants Received				
Enchanted Forest	0	4,800	4,800	0
Nature Restoration Fund	0	12,418	12,418	0
	0	17,218	17,218	0

	Unrestricte d	Restricted	2025	2024
5 Donations				
Berry Picking/Match Funding	316	-	316	305

	Unrestricte d	Restricted	2025	2024
6 Fundraising				
Membership	0	-	0	0
Sponsorship	0	-	0	0
	0	-	0	0

	Unrestricte d	Restricted	2025	2024
7 Charitable Activities				
Memberships/subscriptions	30	-	30	30
Capital Expenditure	-	12,318	12,318	0
Venue hire	50	-	50	0
Development Officer	-	2,700	2,700	0
Insurance	539	-	539	514
Website & advertising	210	-	210	120
Finance support/Solicitors	200	-	200	664

Other	600	-	600	-
	1,629	15,018	16,647	1,248