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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	23	09	2023	To	28	09	2024

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

SC052028

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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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

The Woodland Group is a charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administrative arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All of the Woodland Group Trustees are Members, with the Board being appointed or re-appointed yearly by those Member present at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment at Newton Hill community woodland. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Newton Hill and its environs without distinction of gender, sexuality, political, religious or other opinions by associating the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities, or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interest of social welfare, for recreation and other leisure-time occupations so that their conditions of life may be improved. 4.2 To advance public education in environmental matters and in the conservation, protection and improvement of the same wheresoever.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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" The beneficiaries to be: "No specific group, or for the benefit of the community"

APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

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

2024 is the first full year under SCIO status.

During springtime members, volunteers and a few of the general public, planted, guarded and staked 700+ varied natural species trees and shrubs. To date these are growing very well with extremely high survival rate. In addition, there have been further extensions to the wild meadow areas providing more biodiversity and habitat for insects and pollinators. The trees and shrubs have grown well with many being tree tubes being removed.

Cottage lets have continued at a similar level to the previous year.

Other works on the site included path upgrades and drainage, tree guard removal, peatland restoration. 2000 Volunteer hours were clocked up by committee, helpers and volunteers.

A significant upgrade to the access road was completed in January 2024.

Successful public events also took place in 2024, with further plans to expand on these in 2025.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees aim to retain between 12 to 24 months of funds to cover the basic operating costs of the Group and running of the Cottage. This is done by fundraising activities and letting of the cottage to users of the woodland.

Funding by Grants and/or Donating Bodies are sought for any projects and all funds are used against that specified.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

It carries out activities or services itself.

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)	Treasurer	
Date	28/06/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from	Financial year ends			to	Reporting year	
	Month	Day	Year		Month	Year
	23	09	2023		28	09 2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	544				544	1,310
Memberships	67				67	82
Grants		2,500			2,500	445
Receipts from fundraising activities	3,357				3,357	3,067
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	1,108				1,108	871
					-	
A1 Sub total	5,076	2,500	-	-	7,576	5,775
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,076	2,500	-	-	7,576	5,775
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	2,209				2,209	2,142
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,499				2,499	1,307
Grants and donations		1,298			1,298	448
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	80				80	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	879				879	618
					-	
A3 Sub total	5,667	1,298	-	-	6,965	4,515
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,667	1,298	-	-	6,965	4,515
Net receipts / (payments)	(591)	1,202	-	-	611	1,260
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(591)	1,202	-	-	611	1,260

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	16,030	-	-	-	16,030	14,770
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(591)	1,202	-	-	611	1,260
	FRIENDS OF NEWTONHILL WOODLAND SC033538 -A/C CLOSED	-	-	-	-	-	(16,030)
	FRIENDS OF NEWTON HILL WOODLAND (SCIO) SC052028 - A/C	-	-	-	-	-	16,030
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	15,439	1,202	-	-	16,641	16,030
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Insurance Paid In Advance	MAIN UNRESTRICTED A/C	587	587	466
	Let Monies to Sept 2024 (Late Banking)	MAIN UNRESTRICTED A/C	125	125	74
	Honda Mower & Trailer	ATRICE RESRICTED/UNRESTRIC	3,881	3,881	4,366
		Total	4,593	4,593	4,906

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Electricity Due to 28/09/2024	MAIN UNRESTRICTED A/C	41	66
	Late Sundry Costs to Sept 2024	MAIN UNRESTRICTED A/C	24	131
		Total	65	197

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

			22/04/25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Our main source of funds are from Grants awarded, Fund Raising Activities and Letting of the cottage for activities to promote Health, Education and well being of the local community. The grants are sought for suitable projects to enhance the site and are for the users benefits. Fund raising activities are for the unrestricted general funds which may be used at the discretion of the committee and to meet the general running costs of the charity.

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

THIS IS OUR FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATIONS AS AN SCIO.

FRIENDS OF NEWTON HILL WOODLAND (SCIO)

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Additional analysis (1)

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 £
THURSO 999 SERVICES/ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	-				-	700
VARIOUS OTHERS	544				544	610
					-	
					-	
Total	544	-	-	-	544	1,310

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL		-	-	445
BEATRICE OFFSHORE/SSE			-	
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND-COMMUNITY EVENTS		2,000	2,000	
WICK GALA COMMITTEE - FAIRY DELL PROJECT		500	500	
Total	-	2,500	2,500	445

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 £
COTTAGE LETS	400				400	722
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC SSE/CREDIT	500				500	149
RETURN OF MONIES	208				208	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	1,108	-	-	-	1,108	871

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 £
PLANT & EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT	451				451	118
COTTAGE MAINTENANCE	445				445	59
COTTAGE SERVICING	759				759	707
PLANT & EQUIPMENT RUNNING COSTS	186				186	142
PAT TESTING & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	252				252	105
SMALL PROJECTS	408				408	176
					-	-
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	2,501	-	-	-	2,501	1,307

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - other name of fund where Operating General Fund	Unrestricted fund 2 - other name of fund where	Unrestricted fund 3 - other name of fund where	Unrestricted fund 4 - other name of fund where	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	544				544	1,310
Memberships	67				67	82
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	3,357				3,357	3,067
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	1,108				1,108	871
Sub total	5,076	-	-	-	5,076	5,330
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,076	-	-	-	5,076	5,330
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	2,209				2,209	2,142
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,599				2,599	1,307
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	80				80	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Insurance Costs	779				779	618
Sub total	5,667	-	-	-	5,667	4,067
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,667	-	-	-	5,667	4,067
Net receipts / (payments)	(591)	-	-	-	(591)	1,263
Transfers to / (from) funds	-				-	(3)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(591)	-	-	-	(591)	1,260
Nature and purpose of funds						

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - other than off fund below	Restricted fund 2 - other than off fund below	Restricted fund 3 - other than off fund below	Restricted fund 4 - other than off fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	MICRO GRANT - TANNACH & DISTRICT CC	FOUNDATIONS SCOTLAND - COMMUNITY EVENT	WICK GALA COMMITTEE - FAIRY DELL PROJECT			
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants		2,000	500		2,500	445
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	-	2,000	500	-	2,500	445
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	2,000	500	-	2,500	445
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	448
Grants and donations		1,298			1,298	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination		-			-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	1,298	-	-	1,298	448
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	1,298	-	-	1,298	448
Net receipts / (payments)	-	702	500	-	1,202	(3)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	3
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	702	500	-	1,202	-

Nature and purpose of funds

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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FRIENDS OF NEWTON HILL WOODLAND (SCIO)

SC052028

Period start date

Day Month Year
29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

to

Period end date

Day Month Year
28TH SEPTEMBER 2024

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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.

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.

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:

Date:

07-05-25

APPENDIX 3

Signed: 
Name: 
1. Relevant
professional
qualification(s) or
body (if any):
Address:

12/5/25

*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