

Balbirnie's Future Foundation

Scotland · Charity number SC052285

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-01-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 45 Victoria Terrace
Markinch
Fife
KY7 6AF

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', '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: Balbirnie's Future Foundation supports community wellbeing and environmental stewardship through outdoor activity in Balbirnie Park. We deliver regular sessions for young people, families and the wider community, with a focus on those experiencing disadvantage, including mental health challenges, social isolation, or barriers to engagement in traditional settings. Our activities include outdoor wellbeing sessions, conservation work such as litter reduction and planting, and opportunities to learn practical skills in a supportive environment. We work in partnership with local organisations, schools and council services, and involve volunteers and young people in shaping and delivering activity. Our aim is to improve wellbeing, build confidence and skills, and support long-term care and positive use of the park as a shared community asset.

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

Objectives: 3.1 Provide for the advancement of citizenship and community development within the Balbirnie Park, Markinch and surrounding areas. 3.2 Provide and organise recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. 3.3 Bring together voluntary organisations, local authorities and the community in a common effort to advance education and leisure time activities for all and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation of the community. 3.4 Advance environmental protection through the improvement and protection of green spaces in Balbirnie and surrounding parks and sustaining the management of natural resources in the parks

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Fife
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-01-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-01-31	£13,200	£26,718	-	0
2024-01-31	£55,160	£31,294	-	0

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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				To			

Reference and administration details

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

SC	
	Postcode

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				
2				
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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

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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Achievements and performance

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

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any 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)		
Date		

APPENDIX 3

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Balbirnie's Future Foundation					
Registered charity number	SC502285					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month
	01	February	2024		31	January
Set out on pages	Pages 1 to 2 IE Report P1 and attached accounts P2					(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	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 					
Signed**:	David Thomson			Date:	24 October 2025	
Name:	George David Andrew Thomson					
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CGMA CIMA – Chartered Institute of Global Management Accountants					
Address:	15 Fernhill Drive					
	Windygates					
	Leven					
	FIFE KY8 5ED					

*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**

BALBIRNIE'S FUTURE TRUST

Profit & Loss Account 2024/25

INCOME	£
Large Grants	0.00
Small Grants	12,128.71
Donations	1,071.17
Other Income	0.00
Total Income	<u>13,199.88</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Subcontractor payments	20,375.59
Rent	0.00
Purchase of Equipment	3,234.77
Printing & Stationery	696.10
Travel Expenses	75.30
Protective Workwear	182.88
Volunteer expense/refreshments	1,165.39
Memberships & Insurance	987.54
Miscellaneous costs	0.00
Total Expenditure	<u>26,717.57</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u>-13,517.69</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2025

	£
Fixtures & Fittings	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>0.00</u>
Cash in Hand	11.67
Cash at Bank	8,714.89
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>8,726.56</u>
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>
Creditors - Amy Thomson	0.00
Other Creditors	0.00
Total Creditors	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>8,726.56</u>
Retained Earnings	22,244.25
Surplus / Deficit (-)	-13,517.69
Charity Funds	<u>8,726.56</u>

Balbirnie's Future Foundation (BFF) SC052285 Chair Report - Year End 31 January 2025

I write on behalf of the Chair and Trustees as the Overseer and Youth Mentor of BFF. This year marked steady growth, reflection, and reconnection - a time of consolidating our programmes, nurturing young leaders, and strengthening our community roots.

Overview

BFF remains a youth-led, community project linking people of all ages through practical action, shared learning, and care for Balbirnie Park.

Our focus has been stability, partnership-building, and creating consistent opportunities for young people to gain confidence, skills, and belonging.

Delivery Summary

From February 2024 to January 2025, BFF delivered over 120 sessions, including:

- 20+ school sessions across local primaries and Balbirnie Park
- 34 community sessions and 12+ youth-led tree plantings • 44 tree aftercare sessions
- 7 monthly youth litter-picks plus several holiday clean-ups
- 16 weekday "Wellness" sessions with outdoor arts, crafts, and wellbeing walks
- The Golden Orchard Fruit Tree Planting event with Tree Wardens and Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

More than 180 participants - young people, families, and community members - engaged through volunteering, leadership, and partnership activities.

Key Outcomes

- 6 young people supported into employment, college, or training via BFF mentoring
- Strengthened relationships with schools, councillors, and Markinch Forum
- Young Leaders gained accredited youth work and outdoor leadership awards

Finance & Governance

Accounts have been independently verified and meet OSCR standards. Expenditure aligned with project outcomes, funders and community benefit. Charity Funds Closing Balance as at Year End 2025 was £8,726.56. Trustees continued to review governance, budgets and policies while embedding a shared-leadership model for resilience and continuity.

Looking Ahead

The coming year focuses on:

- Expanding the Brighter Fairer Futures - Young Leader Programme
- Deepening school and community partnerships and deliver a Balbirnie whole park plan
- Securing sustainable funding towards April 2026

BFF will continue to root local action in purpose and inclusion - enabling young people to lead, adults to mentor, and community and nature to thrive together.

With thanks to our young people, trustees, and partners,

Amy Thomson
BFF Overseer & Youth Mentor
(On behalf of the Chair and Trustees)
Balbirnie's Future Foundation - SC052285

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REPORT FOR OSCR

OCTOBER 2024

BALBIRNIE'S FUTURE FOUNDATION (SCIO SC052285)

Balbirmie's Future Foundation: Nature Pioneers based in Balbirmie Park, Markinch, Glenrothes, Fife. This youth-led community project is founded upon local teen initiatives: Markinch litter picker warriors & Markinch youth project.

The project's nature education sessions for children, delivering bulb, tree planting, and wildflower meadow planting through the seasons; and opportunities for youth & adults in outdoor leisure activities, volunteering, new skills & friendship using the vehicle of outdoor projects (as above) to help improve local greenspaces for nature and for people, has had a positive impact on the local area, people and park environments, highlighting the importance of local grassroots action. This project combines harnessing the energy of youth, learning new skills, carrying out activities to create a sense of belonging and accomplishment thus positively impacting mental health and wellbeing. People all ages have opportunity to come together in a common goal for the community in caring for and conserving our local environment/greenspaces whilst also supporting outdoor nature education for children.

The Achievements from October 2023 - June 2024 culminated in: 21 School sessions with Markinch Primary, 39 community sessions, 358 man hours removing ponticum, 475 trees planted, over 1000 bulbs planted and 10 fruit trees planted during the Golden Orchard event hosted by the Nature Pioneers with Markinch Primary School to celebrate 50 years of the Tree Council. Youth continue to carry out tree care over the summer months and apply for further funding to continue their sessions with the school and community for people and for nature. See image below for Achievements to May 2023.

Balbirmie's Future Foundation: Nature Pioneers has been shortlisted in the Youth Action category at RSPB Scotland's prestigious Nature of Scotland Awards 2024.

We are thankful for all the support and funding we have had to date and moving forward we aim to secure more funds to continue this good work. It is incredible what the youth and everyone involved in this grassroots youth-led project has achieved, planting nearly 500 trees and being committed to caring for them for 2 years! Their passion for nature, wildlife, Balbirmie Park shines through and their want to teach younger youth how to look after their environment is inspirational! It is amazing for these youth role models, a generation of new teachers, to be recognised by the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards 2024!

– The BFF Board.



Trustee
Balbirmie's Future Foundation



ACHIEVEMENTS

BUILDING COMMUNITY LEISURE &
VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES
MAY 2022 - MAY 2023



TOTAL
182 SESSIONS
2181 PEOPLE REACHED
IN ONE YEAR



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Financial Activities



February 2023 - January 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	54,037.51
Sales	1,122.00
Total Income	£55,159.51
TOTAL	£55,159.51
Expenditures	
Activities	304.50
Advertising/Promotional	490.00
Flower Baskets	1,990.75
Insurances	348.04
Materials	1,785.60
Meetings	166.53
Office/General Administrative Expenses	22.00
Other Professional Services	80.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery	40.49
Sessional Workers	3,201.70
Subscriptions	176.10
Youth leader	21,509.25
Youth worker	1,179.00
Total Expenditures	£31,293.96
NET OPERATING INCOME	£23,865.55
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£23,865.55

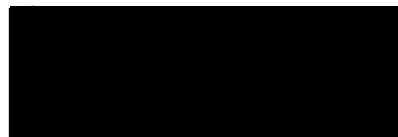
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Balance Sheet

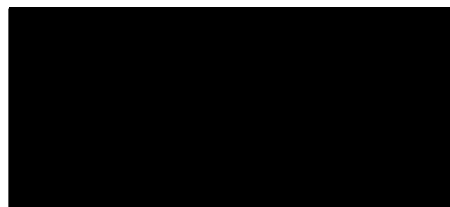
As of January 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Fixtures and Fittings Cost	329.00
Total Tangible assets	£329.00
Total Fixed Asset	£329.00
Cash at bank and in hand	
Cash on hand	11.67
Nat West bank account	24,714.05
	-209.49
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£24,516.23
Debtors	
Debtors	0.00
Total Debtors	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£24,516.23
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
737 Creditors	1,686.69
Total Trade Creditors	£1,686.69
*Credit Cards	
	914.29
Total Credit Cards	£914.29
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£2,600.98
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£21,915.25
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£22,244.25
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£22,244.25
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Charity funds	
Retained Earnings	-1,621.30
Surplus/(Deficit)	23,865.55
Total Charity funds	£22,244.25

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TRUSTEE



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Balbirnie's Future Foundation

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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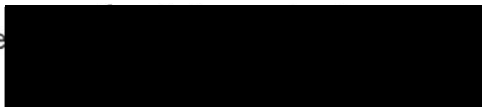
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

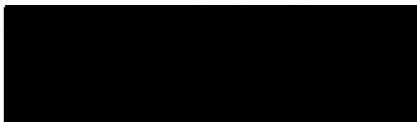
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Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Address:



Date:

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