



## REPORT FOR OSCR

OCTOBER 2024

### BALBIRNIE'S FUTURE FOUNDATION (SCIO SC052285)

Balbirnie's Future Foundation: Nature Pioneers based in Balbirnie 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.**

**Balbirnie'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, Balbirnie Park shines through and their want to teach younger youth how to look after their environment is inspirational! It is amazing for these youth roles models, a generation of new teachers, to be recognised by the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards 2024!

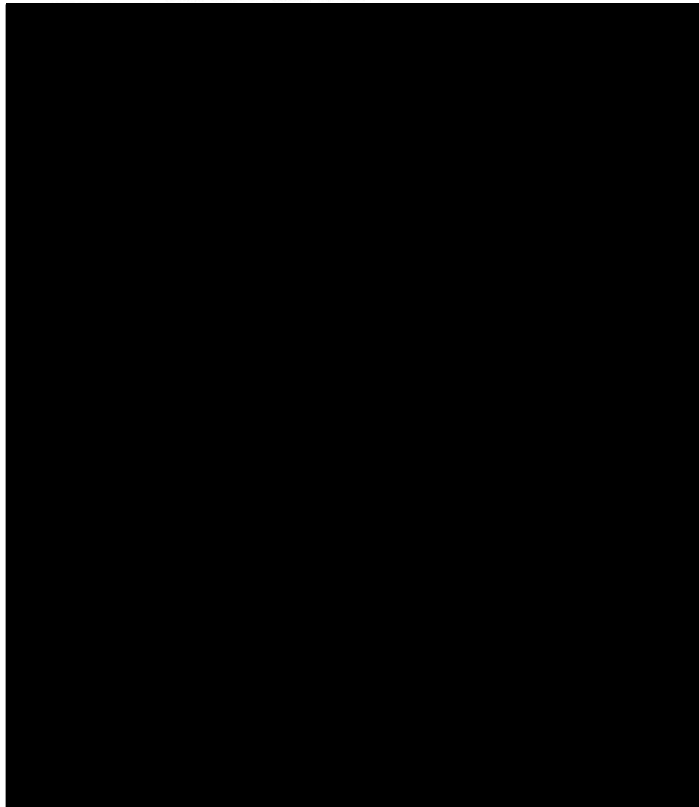
— The BFF Board.

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Balbirnie'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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# Balbirnie's Future Foundation

## Financial Activities



February 2023 - January 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	54,037.51
Sales	1,122.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£55,159.51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£55,159.51</b>
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
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£31,293.96</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£23,865.55</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£23,865.55</b>

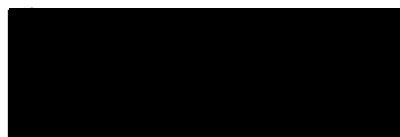
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## Balance Sheet

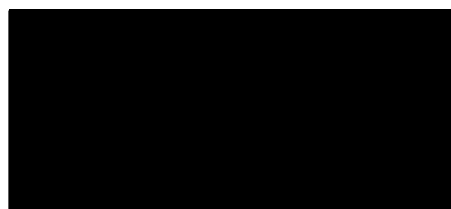
As of January 31, 2024

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

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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

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) (a) to (c) 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 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

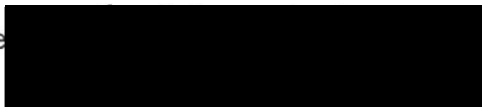
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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 8 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.

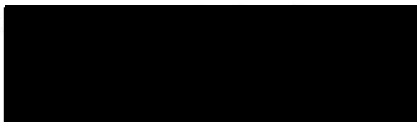
Name



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Address:



Date:

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