



Dingwall Community Woodland

Trustees' Annual Report

27th July 2024 – 31st July 2025

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Charity Trustees

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██████████ - Treasurer

██████████ - Secretary

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Objectives and activities

Our charitable purposes are to create and manage a new Community Woodland on the edge of the town of Dingwall. The woodland will be created with the following specific objectives:

- Carbon sequestration
- Promotion of biodiversity
- Recreational activity
- Education and learning
- Community gathering place
- Green therapy
- Advancement of citizenship through volunteering opportunities

We achieve our charitable purposes as follows; Carbon sequestration will naturally result from the process of converting farmland into woodland with a much greater biomass per hectare;

The biodiversity of the area will be increased by the range of habitats created;

Recreational activity is already possible on site through volunteer planting and maintenance days, but in the future will increase once the paths are installed- well surfaced and wide enough for prams, wheelchairs, buggies and bikes to ensure social inclusion and eventually joined into the wider Dingwall paths network. The woodland itself will provide recreational possibilities for walking, playing, meeting up and relaxing;

The Community Woodland will also be a space for green therapy, activities carried out outdoors, surrounded by nature provide a boost to mental wellbeing, reduce

anxiety and provide a holistic treatment which everyone can benefit from in our busy lives;

Education and learning will be achieved through the volunteering opportunities, (which will also promote advancement of citizenship) and through providing the woodland as an outdoor educational space, both formally through curriculum-based teaching and informally through giving people a safe and welcoming space to enjoy the outdoors.

From its very inception, the Community Woodland has provided a focal point for members of the community to meet and come together. The planting days held early in 2023 attracted over 150 volunteers and have resulted in new friendships. The planned activity days around woodland maintenance, path building, habitat creation and then later on holding events which the whole community can access will achieve our charitable aim of providing a community gathering place. We are creating a beautiful, free, safe and accessible space for everyone to connect with our natural world and for all generations, now and future, to enjoy.

Structure, governance and management

Our governing document is our Constitution, which was approved by OSCR when we were accepted as a charity on 27th July 2023. The board trustees comprise the original members of the Steering Committee, established in 2021. No trustees have been recruited in the past year and although we are looking to recruit more committee members, we are not looking to increase the number of trustees.

Achievements and performance

In the past year we have had successful events meeting our charitable objectives, as follows:

2025 – Volunteer Maintenance Day

Maintaining the orchard

Tree survey

Checking fences

Weeding round trees

Open Day and Pollinator Bug Count


Pollinator Bug count with
the Highland Council
Wildlife Warden

Creation of two bug houses
to encourage wildlife

Tour of the woodland

Community day

In the Community



Attended the Dingwall Primary Summer Fayre, Dingwall Gala and the Feil Maree Street Fayre – promoting and raising the awareness of the woodland and fundraising

We also put together an end of year newsletter to keep our members up to date with events and the progress of the woodland.

Financial review

2024-2025 was our second year as a charity with fully audited accounts. We took in £2334, the majority of which was as donations from the Co-Op, Scottish Legal Aid and a generous donation from participants in the Open Garden Scheme. We also received over £250 from fundraising activities.

Our outgoings totalled £232, spent on running costs of the charity and small supplies for open days and community events.

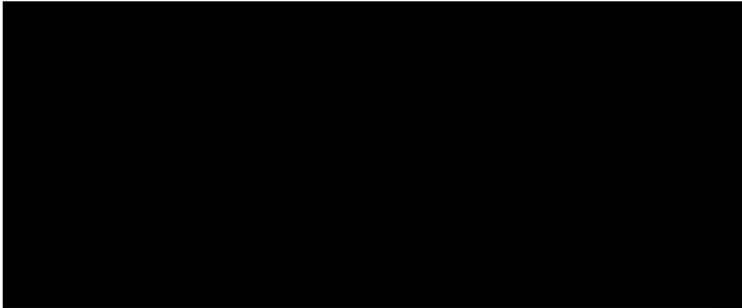
Out of the excess we have set up a separate savings account ring-fenced for saving towards building the path. Other monies are held for ongoing activities.

Future plans

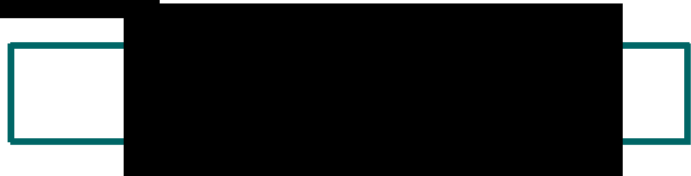
- Continue fundraising and funding applications to create all abilities path
- School and community engagement
- More wildflower planting
- More volunteer maintenance days
- Woodland ownership – moving land ownership to the community
- Open up the woodland to the public once the trees are mature enough to withstand disturbance

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name



Designation

Secretary

Date

23/01/2026

Enter charity name below

Enter SC No.

Dingwall Community Woodland

SC
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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	01	Aug	2024		31	July	2025

	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Expendable to nearest £	Permanent to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,004				2,004	2,434
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	5,550
Receipts from fundraising activities	255				255	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	15				15	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other	60				60	
					-	
A1 Sub total	2,334	-	-	-	2,334	7,984
A2 Receipts from asset &						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,334	-	-	-	2,334	7,984
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	14				14	83
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	65				65	4,922
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	153				153	133
					-	
A3 Sub total	232	-	-	-	232	5,138
A4 Payments relating to asset						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	232	-	-	-	232	5,138
Net receipts / (payments)	2,102	-	-	-	2,102	2,846
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,102	-	-	-	2,102	2,846

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Dingwall Community Woodland						
Registered charity number	SC052712						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1 st	August	2024	to	31 st	July	2025
Set out on pages							(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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed**:					Date:	5/11/2025	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Financial Adviser						
Address:							

*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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APPENDIX 3

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

- N/A