

Rhins and Luce Red Squirrel Network SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC052717

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2023-07-31

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address Parkneuk
Dunragit
DG9 8PJ

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: We are set up to conserve the remaining native red squirrel population in the Rhins and Luce area of Dumfries and Galloway. We achieve this by controlling the non-native grey squirrel population through trapping and humane dispatch as allowed by law. In addition we raise funds for our activities through applying for grants and selling merchandise on our squirrel stall. We also raise awareness about red squirrel conservation by public engagement and giving educational talks to schools and interested local groups.

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

Objectives: 4 The organisation's purposes are: A. Promote the conservation of the native red squirrel population in its natural habitat within the Rhins & Luce area. B. Advance the education of the general public in the subject of red squirrel conservation. C. Promote the control of grey squirrels in the Rhins & Luce area using legal, recognized and established techniques. D. Encourage the general public to report sightings of red and grey squirrels. E. Engage with the general public and schools to educate residents of the Rhins & Luce area about the plight of the red squirrel and conservation actions that need to be undertaken. F. Liaise with other environmental groups within the Rhins & Luce area to further promote red squirrel conservation activities. G. Recruit, organize, encourage and support volunteers to undertake grey squirrel control in the Rhins & Luce area. H. Organise training for volunteers I. Build up a network of dispatchers to cover the Rhins & Luce area J. Carry out surveying, monitoring and recording. K. Raise funds and invite or receive contributions to cover the costs of the group's activities.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-07-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-07-31	£157,382	£266,971	-	0
2024-07-31	£9,073	£4,247	-	0

Accounts

Rhins and Luce Red Squirrel Network SCIO

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

Charity No: SC052717

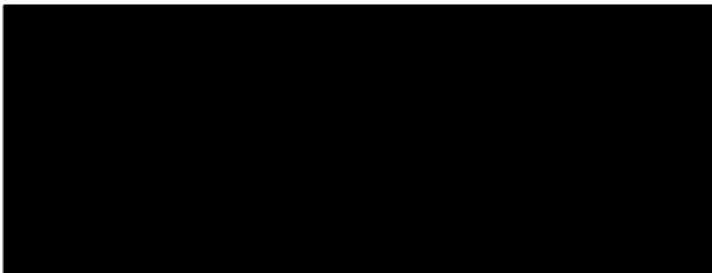
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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Rhins and Luce Red Squirrel Network SCIO

Charity Registration Number: SC052717

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Stranraer
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Trustees



Independent Examiner



McMillan Bain & Company

27 High Park Avenue

Stranraer

DG9 0DE

Bankers

Bank of Scotland,
64-66 George Street
Stranraer
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Rhins and Luce Red Squirrel Network SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 July 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charity. It was registered in its current legal form on 31 July 2023. It has a two tier structure and as such the trustees make up only some of the members of the charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed for a one year term by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement and the advancement of education.

Activities

The charity aims to promote the conservation of the native red squirrel in its natural habitat in the Rhins & Luce area by promoting the control of the grey squirrels using legal, recognised and

The charity also aims to advance the education of the general public in the subject of red squirrel conservation by engaging with the general public and schools to educate residents of the Rhins & Luce area about the plight of the red squirrel and conservation actions that need to be undertaken.

The charity will also endeavour to liaise with other environmental groups within the Rhins & Luce area to further promote red squirrel conservation activities as well as recruit, organise, encourage and support volunteers to undertake grey squirrel control.

The charity will organise training for volunteers, build up a network of dispatches to cover the Rhins & Luce area as well as carry out surveys and monitor and record their actions.

Achievements and Performance

Our activities this year have included an increased amount of community engagement and public education on the conservation of red squirrels. We have attended schools and community group meetings to give informational talks about conservation, the environment, and the work we do in grey squirrel control. In addition we have set-up our squirrel stall at every community event where they could make room for us.

At these local events we engage with the public to hand out information on how they can help make a difference in saving our environment and native species. We talk with locals and visitors alike on all things squirrel, signpost them to additional resources, recruit volunteers, and sell merchandise to raise money for our work. Members of our community have generously donated produce, plants, homemade jam, concrete garden ornaments, knitwear and handmade jewellery and crafts for us to sell. Our volunteers have been hard at work making squirrel feeders and bird boxes.

In addition to this we have continued our work on grey squirrel control, monitoring and recording the presence of both reds and greys using nature cameras, worked with landowners to gain permission to access their land, run a trap loan program, and attended training with Forestry Land Scotland to allow us to access their forests to assist them with their grey squirrel control.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)
Year ended 31 July 2024

Financial Review

The principle source of income is through successful funding applications.

The surplus for the year was £4,826

Reserves Policy

At present there are no salaries to be paid or payments for property so the trustees see no requirement for a high level of reserves.

Plans for the Future

We will continue our work on grey squirrel control, community engagement and public education to advance our mission of red squirrel conservation. We will continue to recruit and train volunteers, raise funds, and liaise with landowners and managers to allow us to access areas in need of help with the control of the grey squirrel population. We are currently engaged in setting up a website to raise awareness of the work we do and hopefully recruit new volunteers to the cause.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Leswalt Community Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 particular matters have come to my attention.

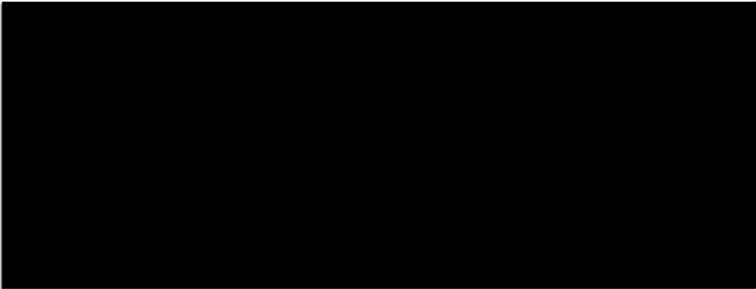
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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, 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.



Date: 16 May 2025

Rhins and Luce Red Squirrel Network SCIO
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 July 2024

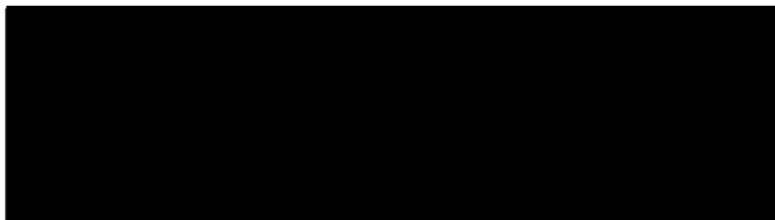
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>	Note				
Donations	3	2,630	3,343	5,973	-
Grants	4	-	3,100	3,100	-
Charitable activities	5	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	6	-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-
		2,630	6,443	9,073	-
Other		-	-	-	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		2,630	6,443	9,073	-
<u>Payments</u>	7				
Costs of generating funds		298	-	298	-
Charitable activities		1,698	2,251	3,949	-
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Other Payments		-	-	-	-
<u>Total Payments</u>		1,996	2,251	4,247	-
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year before transfers		634	4,192	4,826	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year		634	4,192	4,826	-

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Statement of Balances
At 31 July 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 Note £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>				
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	-	-	-	-
Movement in year:				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	634	4,192	4,826	-
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	634	4,192	4,826	-
<u>Investments at market value</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Assets</u>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Cost of expenses not yet paid/cashed:	-	-	-	-

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 16 May 2025.

For and on behalf of the trustees



Rhins and Luce Red Squirrel Network SCIO

Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 July 2024

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & 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 objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

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. Related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4. Analysis of Donations & Sponsorship				
Rhins & Luce Red Squirrel Club	1,418	3,343	4,761	-
Oyster Festival	772	-	772	-
Green Valley Fair	269	-	269	-
Various	172	-	172	-
	<u>2,630</u>	<u>3,343</u>	<u>5,973</u>	<u>-</u>
5. Analysis of Grants				
Kilgallioch Windfarm	-	2,000	2,000	-
Galloway Association of Galloway	-	1,100	1,100	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>-</u>
5. Income from Charitable Activities				
	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Income from Other Trading Activities				
	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Accounts (Cont.)
Year ended 31 July 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
7. Analysis of Payments				
Costs of generating funds				
Insurance	150	-	150	-
Marque & Tables	148	-	148	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	<u>298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>-</u>
Charitable activities				
Mileage	1,124	1,071	2,195	-
Taxidermised Squirrel	-	350	350	-
Peanuts	-	171	171	-
Squirrel Feeders	201	-	201	-
Consumables	-	272	272	-
Stranraer Show - Craft Entry	30	-	30	-
Sailflags	169	-	169	-
Stock for Resale	174	388	562	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,698</u>	<u>2,251</u>	<u>3,949</u>	<u>-</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examiner	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other payments				
Purchase of assets	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>