

Reforestation Scotland

Company Limited by Guarantee

Directors' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2017

Achievements and performance

Projects

Thousand Huts

- Scottish Government undertook a formal consultation about the possibility of exempting huts from the need for a building warrant. Following a positive response to the consultation, Scottish Government announced their intention to create a new building type for huts up to 3 square meters that would help lower costs and make huts more affordable. Formal confirmation of this is expected in mid 2017;
- The good practice guide is approaching completion. Final discussions with consultants and the Scottish Government are underway;
- A planning application has been submitted for Forest Enterprise Scotland pilot site in Fife;
- A successful hutters rally was held in Kirkcaldy;
- There is ongoing work maintaining the thousand huts website and dealing with queries from potential hutters and hut site owners.

Startree

- Successful completion of the final few months of the project including uploading of information to the Reforestation Scotland website. Submission of necessary paperwork/final claim to funding body.

Doreen MacIntyre Paper Saving

- A number of small donations have been given to organisations. In most cases these have been to purchase iPads/double sided printers and have resulted in noticeable reductions in paper use. This project is now complete.

Forest Movement Europe Conference

- Following a discussion at the 2015 gathering it was agreed that Reforestation Scotland would host this annual conference in 2016. A small team developed the programme, selected a venue and provided admin support for the participants from around the world - a very successful conference ensued.

Technical Review Report on progress of upland woodland and scrub habitat restoration

- Reforestation Scotland is part funding this report - which is being produced by Dr. Scott McG Wilson. Work is underway and will be concluded in 2017/18.

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Communications and Networking

Two journals were produced during the year - issue number 54 "Upstream, Downstream" and issue number 55 on "Wild Harvests". Two "Radical Rowan" newsletters were also produced and distributed to members.

A successful members' gathering/AGM was held in Moffat, with visits to a variety of inspiring projects in the area along with the usual good conversations, food and ceilidh.

Four Facebook groups are active, and being moderated by RS:

- Reforesting Scotland (2355 members)
- Rewilding Scotland (3650 members)
- Thousand Huts (4765 members)
- Wood Stove Owners Club (266 members)

Other matters

RS membership continues growing slowly and is now 553 (542 last year).

Financial review

Income for the year was £114,491 and expenditure £82,419 leaving a surplus of £32,072.

The board reviewed its financial reserves policy in 2015/16 and concluded that it would aim to hold unrestricted funds of between £20,000 and £30,000 to allow it to run projects where grant funding is receivable in arrears and to cope with sudden changes to significant income streams. Unrestricted funds ended the year at £47,041, which is well above target. Plans are afoot to begin spending the excess.

Plans for future periods

The coming year will see more action on the 1000 huts front including running a seminar in April to support hutters and hut site owners, continued work on Forest Enterprise Scotland pilot support and completion of the Good Practice Guide. We intend to complete the development and fundraising for Scotland Land Revival project and begin the delivery of the project. We will also aim to launch a scheme offering small sums of money to support tree planting schemes in Scotland. There will be work with others to establish a coppicing group/run a coppicing event during the year.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

31 March 2017

		2017		2016	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	37,240	6,125	43,365	47,381
Charitable activities	6	16,875	54,172	71,047	34,764
Investment income	7	79	–	79	74
Total income		<u>54,194</u>	<u>60,297</u>	<u>114,491</u>	<u>82,219</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	42,442	39,977	82,419	92,425
Total expenditure		<u>42,442</u>	<u>39,977</u>	<u>82,419</u>	<u>92,425</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>11,752</u>	<u>20,320</u>	<u>32,072</u>	<u>(10,206)</u>
Transfers between funds		(121)	121	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>11,631</u>	<u>20,441</u>	<u>32,072</u>	<u>(10,206)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		35,168	11,478	46,646	56,852
Total funds carried forward		<u>46,799</u>	<u>31,919</u>	<u>78,718</u>	<u>46,646</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2017

		2017	2016
		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	14	41,328	6,588
Cash at bank and in hand		51,723	47,758
		<u>93,051</u>	<u>54,346</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>14,333</u>	<u>7,700</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>78,718</u>	<u>46,646</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>78,718</u>	<u>46,646</u>
Net Assets		<u>78,718</u>	<u>46,646</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		31,677	11,478
Unrestricted funds		47,041	35,168
Total charity funds	16	<u>78,718</u>	<u>46,646</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2017 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11 July 2017, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Ninian Stuart
Director

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