

Reforestation Scotland

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year Ended 31 March 2018

Achievements and performance

Projects

Thousand Huts

- Full planning permission secured for Carnock Hutting Site;
- Site visit to Carnock site as part of Reforestation Scotland's Annual Gathering;
- Continued community engagement via Saline & Steelend Community newsletter;
- Seminar at Falkland for landowners interested in developing hutting sites;
- Change of Building Regulations legislation with regard to huts;
- Ongoing briefing of planners;
- Writing of draft Good Practice Guide on Building Regulations;
- Ongoing media coverage of Carnock Hutting Site including press, radio and television;
- Hutterers' Rally in Edinburgh;
- Register of Interest for opportunity to have a hut site at Carnock;
- Booking of venue in Dunfermline for those on Register of Interest;
- Wide coverage on social media- nearly 6000 followers on Facebook;
- Support for individual hutterers and hut site owners;
- Liaison with Forest Enterprise Scotland;
- Reporting, planning, liaising & networking.

Startree

- Completion of startree pages on RS website.

Scotland's Land Revival

- Recruitment of Land Revival (LR) Assistant Project Officer (Alison Averis);
- Formation of Advisory Group;
- Identification of potential projects in northern Cairngorms (NC) area;
- Identification of potential projects in south Scotland (SS);
- Identification of potential projects in central Scotland (CS);
- Booking venues in NC & SS areas;
- Identification of key experts & invitations to them;
- Identification of organisations to invite;
- Discussion of site visits with colleges;
- Communications Plan;
- Development of ideas for brand and social media;
- Fixing of dates for all 3 clusters of visits;
- Communication of project details with Reforestation Directors and members.

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

- Report completed.

Nature of Manor - a natural history of the Manor valley

- Book published during the year, with financial support from Reforestation Scotland.

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Coppicing

- Work with others to establish a coppicing group / run a coppicing event during the year.

Tree planting grants

- Seven grants of £100 each offered, one claimed and paid during the year.

Trees for life / The Big Picture

- Agreed to provide £3000 funding towards book on rewilding.

Communications and Networking

Two journals were produced during the year - issue number 56; "Wild again" and issue number 57; "A place to be". Two "Radical Rowan" newsletters were produced and distributed to members.

A successful members gathering / AGM was held at Comrie Croft, 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;

- Reforestation Scotland (2584 members)
- Rewilding Scotland (4802 members)
- Thousand Huts (5895 members)
- Wood Stove Owners Club (345 members)

Other matters

RS membership continues growing slowly for the past couple of years and this year has grown by 12%. Membership is now 622 (553 last year).

Financial review

Income for the year was £81,129 and expenditure £72,993 leaving a surplus of £8,196.

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 £62,778, £14,699 of this has been designated to support the delivery of the projects noted above.

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Plans for future periods

Thousand Huts

- Continuing work towards the establishment of Forest Enterprise Scotland pilot site at Carnock wood;
- Continuing support of hutters and hut site owners;
- Publication of Good Practice Guide.

Scotland's Land Revival

- Delivery of site visits.

Nature of Manor - a natural history of the Manor valley

- Support the sales and distribution of the book.

Coppicing

- Work with others to establish a coppicing group / run a coppicing event during the year.

Tree planting grants

- Continue to offer small sums of money to support small tree planting schemes in Scotland.

Trees for life book

- Support the sales and distribution of the book.

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 March 2018

		2018		2017	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	38,757	870	39,627	43,365
Charitable activities	6	11,256	30,150	41,406	71,047
Investment income	7	96	–	96	79
Total income		<u>50,109</u>	<u>31,020</u>	<u>81,129</u>	<u>114,491</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	54,316	18,617	72,933	82,419
Total expenditure		<u>54,316</u>	<u>18,617</u>	<u>72,933</u>	<u>82,419</u>
Net income		<u>(4,207)</u>	<u>12,403</u>	<u>8,196</u>	<u>32,072</u>
Transfers between funds		19,944	(19,944)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>15,737</u>	<u>(7,541)</u>	<u>8,196</u>	<u>32,072</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>47,041</u>	<u>31,677</u>	<u>78,718</u>	<u>46,646</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>62,778</u></u>	<u><u>24,136</u></u>	<u><u>86,914</u></u>	<u><u>78,718</u></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 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2018

	Note	2018 £	£	2017 £
Current Assets				
Debtors	14	6,079		41,328
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>90,794</u>		<u>51,723</u>
		96,873		93,051
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>9,959</u>		<u>14,333</u>
Net Current Assets			86,914	78,718
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			86,914	78,718
Net Assets			86,914	78,718
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			24,136	31,677
Unrestricted funds			62,778	47,041
Total charity funds	16		86,914	78,718

For the year ending 31 March 2018 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 company 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 25 June 2018, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Ninian Stuart
Director

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