



# Machars and Cree Valley Climate Action Network MAC-CAN

## A FRUITFUL YEAR

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025



***“If we look at the whole picture, we’re bound to feel hopeless and helpless. But once we realise that even small actions cumulatively make a big difference, we can start taking action to make the world a better place.”***

Dr Jane Goodall, pioneering environmentalist, who died 1st October, 2025, aged 91

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We operate throughout the DG8 postcode area of Galloway.



## **Charity Trustees**

Susan Akoya, elected 18 January 2025

Rebecca Davison, re-elected 18 January 2025

Nicola Garmory, Treasurer, re-elected 18 January 2025

Dr Scott Jones, Co-Chair, re-elected 18 January 2025

Toni Lamont, elected 18 January 2025

George Pattison, re-elected 18 January 2025

Mary Pattison, Chair until 18 January 2025, re-elected as trustee 18 January 2025

Helen Wollaston, Co-chair from 18 January 2025

## **Our charitable purpose**

To advance climate, biodiversity and environmental protection and/or improvement through positive, local education and practical action.

## **Our objects (as set out in the MAC-CAN constitution)**

To build a vibrant network that enables residents, community groups, businesses and nature to thrive by working together for the benefit of current and future generations living in, working in or visiting the Machars and Cree Valley region of Galloway, in ways that promote health, well-being, dignity, social justice, respect and care for the environment.

## **More urgently needed than ever**

This year, our communities have felt the impact of extreme weather events including damage from Storm Eowyn, a hot, dry spring, wildfires in the Galloway Forest and water supplies drying up. Despite these tangible examples of the impact of climate change, disinformation and misinformation proliferates, arguing against any further investment of time or resources in net zero activities. In this context, our work to inspire, inform and involve people in activities which will make a positive difference to the environment is more urgently needed than ever.

## **NEW THIS YEAR**

### **We've joined the Regional Climate Hub**

In April, we were proud to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere as an official partner of the Dumfries and Galloway Regional Climate Hub. This partnership gives us access to funds from the Scottish Government to support and co-ordinate community-led climate action projects across the DG8 postcode area and strengthens our links with similar projects across the region and beyond. Access to their office space in Newton Stewart for MAC-CAN trustee meetings is much appreciated too!

## **Land for the community: “Fearannach Barbara”**

We began work on an exciting new project this year thanks to a generous offer of one acre of land in North Balfern on the Machars from Glyn Jones. The offer is based on using the land for community growing on a sustainable basis. The land is presently grazed, with a mill lade running along the south side.

MAC-CAN commissioned Antoine Lemaire from the Dumfries and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere to prepare an ecological feasibility study on the land. This revealed that any planting or growing would have a positive impact on biodiversity.

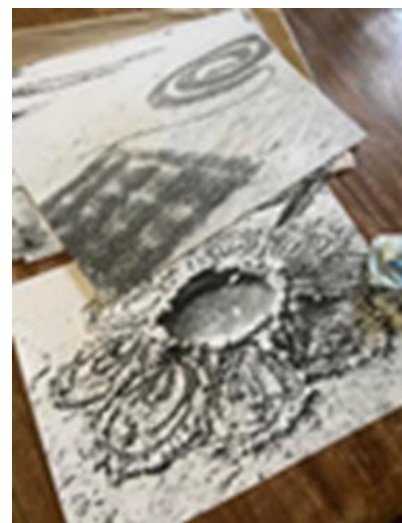
MAC-CAN has set up a working group to aid in the strategic approach to dealing with our masterplan and encouraging local community to take advantage of the land. Prior to official change of ownership, the area needs to be delineated by a fence so that the exact area can be calculated for the land registry. Once this work has been completed, we will arrange formal land transfer to MAC-CAN and write up an agreement with Glyn as to how the land will be used.

Our aim is to complete fencing and hedge planting in the winter of 2025/6 and this will depend on us securing funding. Volunteers with experience of fencing and planting will lead others and, thus, it will become an educational and training project.

## **Creative response to Climate Change - beach art and Art Exhibition**

We organised three creative events this year, based around our natural world and climate change.

Given our location, the Machars is surrounded by sea so we decided to encourage people to get outside and explore their coastline by organising a Beach Art Day in September 2024. The result was a mixture of rock and sand art created by a few hardy folk.



Photographs taken on the day will be printed as postcards

A very successful Art Exhibition was held over 4 days at the end of January 2025. We exhibited over 152 varied works of art including paintings, tapestry, textiles, photographs, poetry, sculpture, glass art and drawing. Forty-one people submitted entries, including children from the local primary school and playgroup.

Over 130 visitors came to the exhibition in Port William, welcomed with teas, coffees and cake. As well as discussion of issues relating to climate change and biodiversity loss, there was an environmental poetry reading session and a music session.



Children visiting the Art Exhibition

Based on the success of these events, MAC-CAN with Number 12 organised a second Beach Art Day in August 2025. Better weather and the presence of holiday makers made for more folk getting involved. Thirty budding beach artists and around 40 visitors attended. Prior to the art event we organised a beach clean in conjunction with 'The Green Britain Foundation' and 'Fish Net Zero'.



254 kilograms of litter collected from the beach at Port William, August 2025

The beach events were complemented by a fascinating evening presentation by a representative from 'Fish Net Zero', which was organised as a climate conversation attended by 14 people.

## Climate Conversations

We organised four climate conversations this year:

*Climate Change: What's food got to do with it?* held in Newton Stewart during Scotland's Climate Week in September 2024 and supported by the Community Health Development Practitioner based in the local Public Health Improvement Team

*Climate Justice:* Presentation by Dr Scott Jones at MAC-CAN's AGM, in Kirkinner Community Hall, January 2025

*Green waste:* 29 people came to MAC-CAN's first evening event, held at the Vault in Newton Stewart, March 2025. After a delicious supper made from foraged ingredients, speakers from Dumfries and Galloway Council updated us on the new garden waste household collection scheme, Mark Smith told us the potential applications of biochar and Sonja Brodie shared her expertise on home composting. Everyone went home with a surprise gift from the "Waste not want not" kitchen lucky dip.



Speakers at our Climate Supper included local Council officers, a spokesperson for Coventry University's urban biochar project and expert local composters

*Marine litter:* Lula De Lisle spoke about Fish Net Zero's efforts to clean ghost fishing gear from our coastline in August 2025 after a beach clean and beach art competition in Port William.

All of those who completed feedback forms expressed interest in attending similar events and suggested topics for future conversations.

"Plenty to think about"

"Combination of interesting information"

"I enjoyed the evening, and it was great to see a full house of engaged people"

## Developing projects

### Incredible Edible Whithorn

In 2024 we started work to redevelop the 'Corner Garden' in Castlehill which continues through into 2025; it's slow progress but progress all the same. We have engaged at least three regular volunteers for this which is great and in 2025 we have been able to engage and support them and others with other growing activities across the town. We are also involved in supporting the Community Composting pilot project taking place through Propagate, improving the food waste recycling facilities based (most likely) at South Machars Community Centre. In early 2025 we took over the care of the community fruit trees in the Park in Whithorn.



Incredible Edible Whithorn volunteers working in the Castlehill 'corner garden' and the local park

### Machars Abundance

In 2024 at the end of the year, we reckoned to have harvested nearly 300 kg of fruit from across the Machars and Newton Stewart areas. Funding from the Dumfries and Galloway Regional Climate Hub helped us to promote the project more widely and to purchase equipment to collect more fruit. Fruit was made use of by at least 20 individuals as well as used at several community food events. We started harvesting again in late July, as fruit came quite early this year, and we had our first pear pick! We have more people getting in touch as word gets out about what we are doing and this year we have had our first volunteer helping with harvesting and collecting fruit.



## South Machars Crop Swaps

We continue to hold at least one swap each month of the year, across the DG8 region, at stand-alone events or in addition to other larger events that are happening, like Kirkinner Cuppas and the Glentool Hive Forest Festival. These bring people together in different communities and between communities to engage them in climate action as regards sharing their excess and unwanted items within a circular economy, socialise and share experience and skills related to food growing and gardening to increase resilience.



## The Croft

The success of our weekly Wednesday sessions continues. Most weeks we see 12-16 resolute volunteers. The vision for the outdoor space changed direction in 2024. Originally intended as a learning space focussing on growing fruit and vegetables using no-dig permaculture methods, it became clear that a 3-4 hourly session once a week was not sufficient to make progress. The crofters are transforming the garden space into a forest garden with trees underplanted with perennial vegetables and herbs. The grassy areas are becoming wilder as self-seeding wildflowers gain a stronger hold and we are pleased to be seeing an increase in biodiversity, evidenced by our moth trapping in June. We created a second pond this year too which has attracted more invertebrates to the croft.



Within the garden area there was an old hen house. The crofters have converted it into a potting shed using only recycled materials. Some members prefer building work to garden work. The same volunteers spent a month building a robust outdoor pizza oven for our open day, our previous one having succumbed to the weather. It is useful to be able to offer a range of activities as it absorbs the skills and interests of our volunteers.



We are also able to make more use of our workshop space since we had the old roof replaced over the winter months. At the same time, we reorganised the indoor space so that we now have two usable workshops. It enabled us to be able to offer a wide range of activities at our midsummer open day. The spinning demonstration was very popular.

## Number 12 Port William

Although some of our rooms are not fully operational, we have had held quite a few events and had groups using the available spaces. The Men's Shed meet every Thursday. Sundays, we hold the Open House. We have run many workshops that have an upcycling vibe. The driftwood and paper folded decoration sessions are continuing to be successful. The participants are encouraged to reuse old materials destined for landfill. During these sessions, there is always room for a climate conversation. In December, we held a Jolabokaflokk for MAC-CAN with a festive jumper swap, fruit punch and making decorations from recycled materials as well as swapping books to read over the holidays.



We stepped in when the Maxwell Hall closed for repairs, and hosted the Community Council, the Gardening Group, Mochrum Guild's coffee morning, tap dancers and an art group.

The Crofters and MAC-CAN volunteers came in July and turned the garden around. We are very fortunate to have such helpful partners.



Restoring the garden at the back of Number 12

## **Bee Positive DG8**

Bee Positive held several events this year, including four 'wild' open gardens, local gardens which the owners generously opened to show how they garden with wildlife in mind. They proved very popular with visitors who gained inspiration for their own gardens. We also attended the GSAB Green Fayre in May and seemed to generate a lot more interest than last year, including our ever popular 'We're leaving these for the bees' signs.

We also worked with Port William Primary school, and Wigtown Brownies and Guides to plant a hedge and some wildflowers respectively and to talk with the children about pollinators. We continue to work with D&G Council and they are adopting a more pollinator friendly approach to verge cutting as a result. They also supplied a sign for the Kirkinner Triangle, which is a collaborative venture developing a wildflower meadow with Kilsture Forest Community Group. A similar project is beginning in Port William with members of the local community group behind the community hall. Other collaborations include with the road maintenance group Amey looking at 'rewilding' the section of the A75 that covers the DG8 area, and with local farmers who are exploring bio-grazing trials. We end the year with a successful project offering local people the chance to grow plug plants of wildflowers over the winter to be planted in local projects of their choice, or in their own gardens.



Wild garden open day at Seymour House, Port William

## Clothes swaps

Clothes swaps were held at various locations including Creetown, Newton Stewart, Port William and Kirkiner – often alongside other events.



Clothes swaps and crop swaps are often combined

“Many thanks to Fiona for bringing the clothes swap to Kirkiner Hall. There were some very happy people parting with outfits they didn’t wear and going home with things they definitely will!”

## Celebrating soil

A group of 11 volunteers from the Croft and MAC-CAN members went on a visit to Glasgow which was organised to continue with our ‘Celebrating Soil’ theme. The Hidden Gardens in Glasgow is a citizen science project based around composting

which is linked to GALLANT, an environmental research project at Glasgow University trialling new sustainable solutions. We had a guided tour around the garden, discussed various aspects for gardening with the Head Gardener and had a chance to see the Glasgow Seed Library.



## Learning Exchanges

MAC-CAN has been fortunate to have had the support of the Dumfries and Galloway Regional Climate Hub over the past couple of years. Our local officer, Sarah Thomas, has matched us, in imaginative ways, with local groups that we might otherwise not have had the opportunity to work with. One particular matching created a memorable experience for all involved.

In October 2024 a visit to projects in our South Machars area was arranged for a group of asylum seekers from Dumfries. The leader for this visit was Tamara Colchester of *Plant Listening* who had been working with these remarkable young men on other projects during 2024. If we had known of the earlier background work we wouldn't have been so surprised by the young men's plant knowledge. Their first stop on the South Machars tour was MAC-CAN Croft.



Dumfries asylum seekers enjoying MAC-CAN Croft orchard

Their visit was reported in Dumfries and Galloway Life magazine:

One particular day out was a trip down to the South Machars to meet growers, crofters and smallholders, and then on to the Isle of Whithorn to meet a lobster fisherman who taught them about fishing, winkle picking and shore-gathering.

It was eye-opening for all concerned. As George and Mary of The Croft in the South Machars said: “We were very nervous about the event and didn’t know what to expect. But having met all the young men, and heard their stories, we were simply blown away by their lovely manners, their interest in the croft, and also their courage. We’d do it all again in a minute.”

The project Tamara has set her heart on is transformative. And the benefits of these days out are mutual: “Volunteers and local attendees have the chance to learn more about the refugees and asylum seekers living in the area, while each of the refugees and asylum seekers has the chance to meet and learn with local people, as well as spending time with fellow travellers from different countries, often speaking different languages. In this context, the landscape of Galloway becomes our common language.”

Our second Climate Hub assisted exchange was with a neighbouring climate action group *Auchencairn Climate Transition (ACT)*. The definition of ‘neighbour’ in our remote region is relative. Auchencairn is 50 miles from MAC-CAN’s base so we are grateful that we had Sarah’s support to make this exchange happen.

ACT visited the South Machars in early February and enjoyed a tour of MAC-CAN Croft, lunch at our local community centre, along with a discussion about all the creative use that is made of its multi-functional space. The afternoon was spent exploring the ever-expanding activities taking place at Number 12.



Late winter hügelkultur beds at MAC-CAN Croft

In mid-March our MAC-CAN volunteers enjoyed their visit to Auchencairn on a warm, sunny day. ACT is a well-established climate action group and fortunate to have attracted a healthy number of skilled trustees and volunteers over the years. We began our tour with coffee and discussion at the community owned shop and Post Office. Afterwards we visited the primary school with its very productive growing space, then on to the e-bike hire project and finishing the morning session at the community allotments and inspiring park. After lunch at the local community centre we spent the afternoon with a local farmer who has provided space for bringing on trees for planting out around the community.



Members of MAC-CAN Croft were given a lovely welcome by the Auchencairn Climate Transition group yesterday. What a day, a great chance to see the wonderful things they have achieved and exchange ideas. Great lunch too!

Both groups benefited from the exchange with new ideas shared and a commitment to support each other's projects whenever we can.

In between the MAC-CAN/ACT visits four of our members made a trip to the Stove Network's monthly climate café in Dumfries. We took part in small group discussions about the components of two common everyday commodities – a sachet of tomato sauce and a printed tee shirt – to assess their environmental impact. We came away with clearer ideas on how to plan our own wider climate conversations.

In March, some of our members participated in a Community Food Network event at the Vibe75 hub in Newton Stewart. The event was organised by the Dumfries and Sustainable Food Partnership, a sub-group of Propagate Scotland, and Dumfries and Galloway Regional Climate Hub.

## **Sharing ideas and learning with farmers in Kenya**

MAC-CAN has continued to strengthen its cross-cultural partnership with farmers in Likia, a rural, largely subsistence farming community at 2,600m in Kenya's Rift Valley. This collaboration began with shared concerns about the climate crisis, soil health and the future of small-scale farming. It has grown into exchange of knowledge, practices and how to build community. The partnership has further led to friendship, solidarity and joy through sharing ideas and learning. The two

communities have exchanged practical ideas about building local resilience in the face of the climate and nature crisis and, also, how locally developed, sustainable practices can connect people and ideas across continents to tackle global challenges.



Crops growing in a subsistence farm in Likia, Kenya

A series of **Farmer-to-Farmer Climate Conversations** using simple smart phone and projector technology has brought farmers in Likia and Scotland together in a live, virtual space. In these conversations, part funded by the Dumfries and Galloway Regional Climate Hub, people have shared experiences on soil health, water management, crop diversification and adapting to unpredictable rainfall. These conversations created an exciting and mutually beneficial space for learning for both parties.

The farmer-to-farmer conversations have also facilitated **local seed exchange**, enabling farmers to diversify crops, and share food and traditional varieties. MAC-CAN friends gifted the Likia community several books on sustainable farming, climate action, soil health and composting. In a plant swap in Newton Stewart in May, we sold bean plants grown from seed saved in Likia to raise money or a youth project in Kenya.



Books from Galloway appreciated by the African farmers

This ongoing collaboration between MAC-CAN and Likia demonstrates the power of dialogue, practical exchange, and community-led innovation in shaping responses to climate change and building resilience.

## Potato Day

For the past four years MAC-CAN has facilitated a 'Potato Day' to raise funds for our local Food Train charity - we purchase seed potatoes at wholesale prices and on event day sell at a reasonable retail price. We offer a broad range of varieties and our customers can pre-order their favourites. This year we introduced a range of blight resistant varieties to trial varieties that might be more resilient to climate change. Alongside the potato sales Food Train volunteers provide lunches and hold a raffle so that we usually raise more than £1000 on the day. We also provide exhibition space for local food-related groups to showcase their activities.

This year we encountered a couple of challenges. Our usual venue had closed for essential repairs but the wonderful volunteers at Kirkinner Hall stepped in to rescue the situation. A couple of days before the event we had a warning that Storm Eowyn was on its way. With roads closed due to fallen trees, Food Train volunteers were unable to travel to the event. Our 'Tattie Team' pulled out all the stops and we had an amazing day. Kirkinner Hall was one of the few local public buildings in the area with power on 25<sup>th</sup> January, so it became a very lively event with visitors enjoying the warmth and hot drinks.

## Apple Days – Never a scrap of waste

MAC-CAN's reporting year begins with the harvest season, as we look forward to networking and celebrating with our local communities during September and October. In 2024 we visited:

- Glentool Hive – our second time there and one of our favourite venues
- New Luce – we had low turnout but it was great to have made our first contact with their community
- Newton Stewart – our venue was The Vault where we have held several crop swaps and clothes swaps over the past couple of years and have always been made very welcome
- Sorbie Tower – a local medieval tower house. We facilitated the event for another local group, the Galloway Apple Project. It was a lovely event in fair weather with lots of visitors
- Kirkinner and Port Willam primary schools - over 100 children, their teachers and classroom assistants enjoyed two days of apple pressing and making memories.



There is never a scrap of waste from our apple days. For making the juice, whole apples are used, including peel and pips. Wonky windfalls are chopped and pressed along with the rest. Badly bruised parts are cut out and mixed into the pomace (waste leftover from the scrapper). We usually leave an event with anything up to four bags of pomace which we could compost but we prefer to let our friends' pigs enjoy their share.

## **Getting the word out**

Dreaming of a Green Christmas – Dumfries and Galloway Life featured MAC-CAN activities with pictures of Christmas stars made at Number 12 out of magazines and hymn books - “a great way to be sustainably festive at zero cost.”



MAC-CAN events were included a booklet produced by Newton Stewart Initiative which went through the post to every local household as well as being available to visitors at local libraries, shops and community venues.

We have begun to post videos on YouTube, as well as continuing to share information, resources and events on Facebook.

Funds from Awards for All and the Dumfries and Galloway Community Led Local Development Fund have been used to support our communications and promotional activity this year.

## **Achievements and performance**

At our AGM in January 2025, we asked our members what they wanted us to prioritise over the coming year. We chose waste as the theme of an evening climate conversation in Newton Stewart. Energy will be the topic of a future event. We have strengthened our communications activity to get the word out more widely and make new links with other community groups to share knowledge, ideas and mutual support.

PRIORITY AREA	TICK x 3
① WASTE + RECYCLING - council links - buy in - embrace waste	 16
② COMMUNICATION STRATEGY → messaging, education - helping people "care"	 14
③ YOUNG PEOPLE - engage + ...	 11
④ GLYN'S LAND PROJECT	 11
⑤ COMMUNITY COMPOSTING + FARMS	 5
⑥ ADVOCACY FOR TRANSPORT	 3

Themes prioritised by members at our AGM in January 2025

The social benefits of bringing people together are important to the local community, particularly in a rural area. "Meeting like-minded folk" is a common theme in the feedback from all MAC-CAN events. Sharing food, stories, music and art, all linked to climate change, nature and the environment, have characterised our activities this year and will continue to do so in years to come.

<b>Plans from last year</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Next steps</b>
Climate connections: Share information and ideas on climate change, climate justice, biodiversity, composting & waste, energy and transport	4 specific Climate Conversations held. Evening event with supper in Newton Stewart attracted the most people.	Speakers invited to AGM in November and 2 further events planned for 2026
Develop a communications strategy	Drafted and shared with trustees	To be published on new website
Develop relationships with local schools and youth groups	Primary schools and playgroup involved in Art Exhibition. Apple pressing delivered in schools, families attend plant swaps and the Croft Open Day	Develop further activities to engage young people
Global connections: Explore further links with Kenya and beyond to develop mutual understanding and support of climate challenges and opportunities to make a difference	Climate Justice theme for 2025 AGM  Seeds and books exchanged	Further online links and video to share at Climate Conversations
Evidence base: A theory of change model to be developed in 2025	We have not yet managed to set this up due to limited time available within the trustee group	Roll forward to next year when new trustees recruited
Develop future funding strategy  Identify sustainable source of income to cover running costs	A second Awards for All grant funds our ongoing running costs until May 2026.	Ongoing funding applications to secure future running costs

To find out more, join our Facebook group @Members of Machars and Cree Valley Climate Action Network

## Treasurer's report

This report covers the financial period 01/09/2024 and then considers the current financial year until 31/08/2025.

For full details of the funding categories and figures mentioned, please refer to the accompanying OSCAR Annual receipt and payment accounts.

### Report to 31/08/2025

- 1) We have continued putting sound financial controls in place: two authorised trustee signatories are required for outbound cheques, authorised trustees hold bank cards and paying-in books and financial spreadsheets held on a secure cloud-based platform.
- 2) Funds received, including successful funding applications of :-
  - a) £16,500.00 from The National Lottery Community Fund 'Awards for All' programme as Restricted Funds for the Project Co-ordinator, Digital Co-ordinator, bookkeeper and printing costs over 24 months.
  - b) £1,200.00 from the Dumfries and Galloway Climate Hub Seed Fund for Climate Conversations and The Croft workspace improvements
  - c) £1,753.35 from the Kilgallioch Windfarm Foundation Scotland award for Croft tools, a digital camera and pond liner.
  - d) £5,000.00 from Dumfries and Galloway Community Led Local development fund for organising Climate conversations, promotion and associated costs.
  - e) £500 from the Co-op community fund for Climate conversation, beach art event, promotion and associated costs

And donations of :-

  - f) £147.00 GSA Biosphere for travel expenses to our Auchencairn exchange
  - g) £77.00 Cash donations at Croft Open day and visit to Croft
  - h) £20.00 'Just Giving'
- 3) We paid out roughly £1,470.00 unrestricted funds, £14,675.00 restricted funds, totalling £16,146.00. This has included fees for our co-ordinator, hall hire for events, refreshments, speakers, Public Liability insurance, plants, seeds and equipment for the Croft and bookkeepers fee and a digital camera to record events and Croft activities.
- 4) Our surplus for the period to 31 August and, therefore, our cash balance is £20,843.71. Of this, £1,324.91 is in Unrestricted Funds. Restricted Funds include £117.00 - Clothes Swap, £616.42 -Croft, £5,320.00 - Co-ordinator, £7,000
- 5) Our other assets comprise roughly £2,979.00 in Croft equipment and £360.00 in miscellaneous equipment. Most of our assets are gifted, swaps or second hand and we only buy new when absolutely necessary.

- 6) We had no liabilities at the end of the financial year.
- 7) As yet we have not set up a reserves policy as we do not have any employees and can exist without large funds. Once we become more established and if we take on any staff, we will agree a reserves policy.

#### The current financial year and future plans

- 1) Since financial year end, we have applied for further funding and are aware that we will receive another contribution from the Co-op Community fund.
- 2) We are also holding funds for Bee Positive, Incredible Edible Whithorn, No 12 Port William and South Machars Plant / Crop Swaps. All organisations with a community focus on climate change and Biodiversity awareness. MAC-CAN acts as an agency receiving their funds and passes them onto them through 'Holding' accounts. We have no control over these funds apart from banking and holding the funds for them.
- 3) Financial work
  - a) Our small-scale donors and large-scale funders entrust MAC-CAN to spend their money wisely and to account for it thoroughly. We are continuing to adapt and improve our financial governance and controls to make processes as user-friendly and compliant as possible, especially in light of this year's much greater funds. On that basis we have funds to employ a book keeper who reports back to us each month and ensures accurate and up to date financial records.
  - b) The long-term impacts of this will be to support our work in fulfilment of our charitable purpose and enhance our reputation. It will also make drawing up the financial sections of the Trustees' Annual Report much more straight forward, leaving more time for focus on the narrative element about our achievements and challenges.

We have also arranged for a separate independent financial audit which is required by OSCR.

If you have any questions or suggestions about record-keeping, potential funding sources or fundraising activities, or anything else related to finances, then please contact the Treasurer.

Nicola Garmory, Treasurer of Machars and Cree Valley Climate Action Network, certifies that this report and the accompanying financial statements and notes have been prepared by us and that they accurately reflect the financial position relating to the period 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025



October 2025



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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Septembe	2024		31	August	2025

**Section A Statement of receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations of pre-SCIO funds					-	
Donations	20	250			270	700
Grants	1,200	24,253			25,453	12,439
Hosting Fees					-	300
Petty Cash		77			77	56
Other - Reimbursement for travel	147				147	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>24,580</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,948</b>	<b>13,495</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>24,580</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,948</b>	<b>13,495</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Equipment	394	1,256			1,650	
Insurance	181				181	131
Plants, seeds, compost		732			732	191
Printing & Digital Services		582			582	705
Catering		250			250	60
Venue hire	60	198			258	163
Presenters					-	530
Travel		70			70	
Donations Made		180			180	
Bookkeeping & Finance Review	175	11			187	28
Co-Ordinator	600	11,192			11,792	3,913
General Expenses		205			205	118
Training	60				60	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>14,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,146</b>	<b>5,839</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>14,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,146</b>	<b>5,839</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,802</b>	<b>7,656</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,802</b>	<b>7,656</b>



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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Machars & Cree Valley Climate Action Network (MAC-CAN)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

#### **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 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 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.

Signed:

Print name: Sara Matchett

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:  
Associate Member of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers

Date: 3/11/25

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees  
Signature(s) OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Wollaston". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Full name:** Helen Wollaston

**Position:** Co-chair

**Date:** 18 November 2025