CREE WOODLAND VOLUNTEERS

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

05 April 2026

Scottish Charity No SC050154

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
For the Year Ended 05 April 2026

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 05 April 2026.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name
Cree Woodland Volunteers

Charity No
SC050154

Address
c/o Miln of Barley, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas. DG7 2BD

Current Trustees

Pete Robinson	-	Chair
Chris Barratt	-	Treasurer
Kirsty Robinson		
Tops Vickers		

Other trustees who served throughout the year
Peter Buxton – resigned August 2025
Edna Elliot McColl – resigned August 2025

Bankers
Virgin Money plc (formerly Clydesdale Bank plc)
177 Bothwell Street,
Glasgow
G2 7ER

Structure Governance & Management

Constitution
Cree Woodland Volunteers is an unincorporated organisation. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted in 2020. The organisation has been a recognised charity since 13 May 2020 and is recognised in Scotland with a charity number SC050154.

Appointment of Trustees
As set out in the constitution, the trustees shall conduct and manage the business of the charity, and there shall be no less than 3 and no more than 10 trustees at any one time. At the AGM, all the charity's trustees shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election. Potential trustees should have been an active member for at least 6 months.

There shall be officers in position for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable purposes

Our charity, as recorded in our constitution, was formed for the advancement of environmental protection and improvement of the environment to include:

- The preservation and conservation of native broad-leaved woodland habitats in Wigtownshire, primarily within the Cree river basin and its surrounds.
- The management of woodlands in the Cree Valley to benefit the local community and the general public who use them for recreational and well-being purposes.
- The further advancement of wooded areas through the collecting of seed and growing of native tree species at the Cree Woodland Volunteers tree nursery, and the planting of these trees.
- The wider advancement of wooded areas and hedgerows through the supply of nursery grown species to other charities, conservation bodies, Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS), farmers, and private landowners.
- To further environmental protection through the reduction in pollution (greenhouse gases) by planting trees and supplying trees for planting.

Achievements & Performance

During the year, we continued to collect seed and grow trees from local sources, many from Barcly itself.

Our annual sales of montane willow to Border Forest Trust were lower than usual because of inappropriate compost, excessive heat and irregular watering. However, having successfully grown their Betula Nana (mountain birch) seed to suitably sized plants, they were given back to them for planting out on their hillsides.

We discovered that our agreement with Forestry and Land Scotland to collect seed and care for previous plantings, had lapsed. Meetings to remedy this situation are ongoing.

Despite making a loss this year, we have increased out smaller sales to individuals for domestic planting schemes.

Our strimmers and lawn mowers were serviced by a paid professional this year for the first time, many thanks to Steve for his previous hard work. Also, thanks to Heather for production of an excellent publicity leaflet.

We have had a welcome increase in our volunteer numbers, namely Debbie, Nick, Giles and Philip who bring their own individual talents to the group.

Thanks go to Edna for her previous good work as Treasurer.

Financial Review

Income throughout the year came from the sales of trees, a small donation from U3A and bank interest. Expenditure cost were predominantly for nursery supplies and general running costs for the charity.

All funds held are unrestricted.

Receipts for the year totalled £1,667 (2025: £3,614) and payments for the year were £2,429 (2025: £1,838), resulting in a deficit for the year of £762 (2025 £1,776).

Approved by the Trustees on 28/10/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Pete Robinson

Peter Robinson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
For the Year Ended 05 April 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cree Woodland Volunteers
I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2026, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective Responsibility 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 accounts.

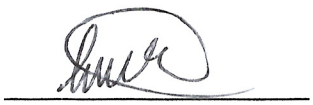
Independent Examiner's Statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

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.



Louise McCulloch
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Whithorn
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended 05 April 2026

Receipts	**Notes**	**2026**	2025
Sales		**1,493**	3,382
Donations		**47**	3
Interest		**126**	229
Total Receipts		**1,667**	3,614
Payments *(relating to charitable activities)*			
Nursery Supplies		**1,386**	1,121
Other Expenses		**1,043**	717
Total Payments		**2,429**	1,838
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**(762)**	1,776

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES
As at 05 April 2026

Funds Reconciliation	**Note**	**2026**	2025
Cash at Bank & In Hand – 06/04/2025		**15,394**	13,618
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		**(762)**	1,776
Cash at Bank & In Hand – 05/04/2026		**14,632**	15,394

Bank & Cash Balances		
Bank Deposit Account	**14,556**	15,374
Cash in Hand	**76**	20
	14,632	15,394

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

Peter Robinson Pete Robinson

28/10/2026 Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the Year Ended 05 April 2026

1. **Basis of Accounting**
   These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis on accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. **Nature and purpose of funds**
   Unrestricted funds are those that can be used by the trustees for the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for day to day running of the charity. All funds are unrestricted.

3. **Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties**
   a) Remuneration was paid to three trustees totalling £150 during the year. Whilst trustees do not claim expenses or are paid for services, some do attend outings on behalf of the charity such as site visits and the annual Christmas Lunch alongside other charity volunteers, which is paid by the charity (2025: Nil)
   b) No expenses were paid to trustees during the year (2025: Nil)
   c) There were no transactions with related parties (2025: Nil)