



Footprint East Neuk

Trustees' Annual Report

Period From 1 June 2023 to Period End 31 May
2024



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Scottish Charity Number: SC050194

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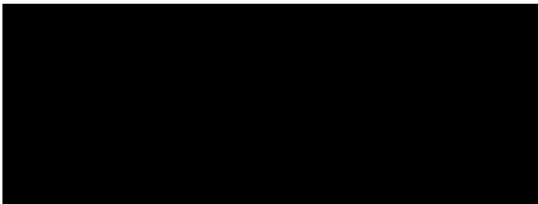
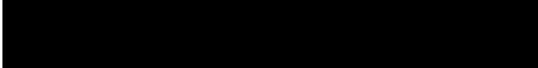
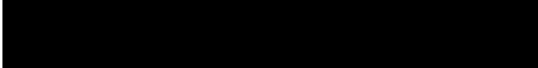




Website: <https://www.footprinteastneuk.com/>

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Charity Trustees

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Objectives and activities

The organisation's purposes are:

Overall: To reduce the ecological footprint of the East Neuk of Fife, and connect people with nature.

Public benefit: Protecting and restoring the natural world, particularly through mitigation of the climate crisis and reducing waste, are fundamental to preserving a healthy global ecosystem upon which the survival of the human race depends. In addition, connecting communities with nature enriches the lives of many people.

Specific purposes:

To advance environmental protection and improvement in the East Neuk of Fife and surrounding areas, in particular, but not exclusively by

- a. promoting methods by which local people can reduce their carbon emissions.
- b. promoting energy-saving measures and the use of renewable energy.
- c. organizing and promoting tree planting.
- d. restoring natural vegetation (eg. wildflowers) that will be beneficial to species on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.
- e. creating wildlife corridors to connect patches of existing wild habitat.
- f. promoting sustainable development; including sustainable travel, recycling facilities, reusable packaging and reducing excessive consumerism.
- g. building partnerships between local environmental groups, community groups and public sector bodies that contribute to local decision making on environmental issues.
- h. building a community website focusing on local environmental initiatives.

To advance public understanding and enjoyment of science and the natural world, in particular, but not exclusively by

- a. organizing an annual Science and Nature Festival in the East Neuk of Fife.
- b. interactive workshops and public engagement events.
- c. making scientific evidence on the climate crisis and other environmental issues more accessible and readable for the communities of the East Neuk.
- d. organizing a regular Climate Café.
- e. conducting appropriate research projects.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), It was registered in its current legal form on 1st June 2020.

The charity was a single tier structure until October 2022 when it became a two tier. Currently, we have 37 members.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

In the summer of 2024 Amanda Roots resigned from the Board.

Organisation

Footprint East Neuk is completely organised and run by the Trustees and an amazing team of volunteers.

Achievements and performance

Over the past year, We had an incredible journey with Footprint East. Our commitment to enhancing biodiversity and promoting environmental education has led to a series of successful events and collaborations.

1. Biodiversity Initiatives:

- Our workshop focused on local plant and moth species in the woods was well-received, providing a great platform for educating our community.
- Volunteers and trustees have been actively involved in butterfly and bee transacts, contributing to our conservation efforts in Dreelside Woods.
- The Botanics conducted a biodiversity survey confirming an increase in local biodiversity.

2. Community Events:

- The "Young Zoologists Day," led by Wildside Nature, successfully engaged 25 children in hands-on ecological learning. Activities included building a beaver dam and exploring the woods with a bat expert.
- We've had some amazing tree planting events - from the crisp snowy days at Alpaca Farm where over 130 families and kids and students from the college and the university joined us, to our collaboration with Balcormo Farm, Balcaskie Wetland Project, and Forth Rivers Trust, resulting in the planting of 2000 trees in this financial year. What a team effort! We've also been

busy replacing 30 Scottish Pine trees along the shared path in Anstruther and sowing wildflowers.

3. Community Engagement:

- Our event “Motorbikes, Mushrooms, and Roots” featured insightful lectures and practical activities that strengthened connections among nature enthusiasts.

- Participation in green markets at Cambo allowed us to distribute free trees and promote our initiatives, increasing awareness of our mission.

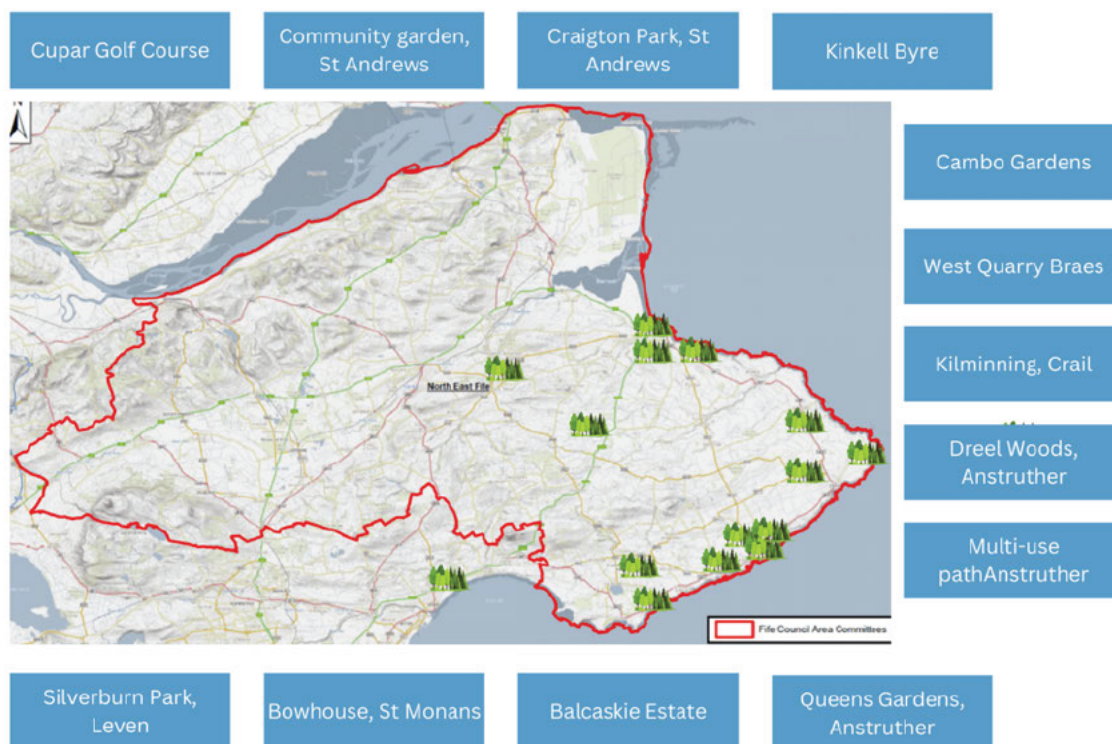
4. Networking & Collaboration:

- We have engaged with the interdisciplinary biodiversity research group at the University of St Andrews, which has opened doors for potential future collaborations.

- Our role within the Fife Communities Climate Network and on the Board of Directors for the Fife Climate Hub has enhanced our visibility and community impact.

Acknowledgements:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers, members, trustees, funders, and collaborators. Your continuous support is invaluable to our mission and the success we have achieved in North East Fife. Thank you for being part of Footprint's journey.



Map of the areas where we have planted trees

Dreelside Woods - Asset Transfer

All the documentation has been signed by Footprint Trustees to permit the conveyance. Fife Council signatures are awaited. Thorntons have undertaken the conveyancing at a greatly reduced fee, which will be funded by Anstruther Community Kist and Community Ownership Support Scotland.

It will be the end of a process started in July 2021 and agreed by Fife Council December 2022.

Volunteer work

- Volunteers have undertaken woodland maintenance – cutting back the scrubby growth and starting a dead hedge alongside the allotments.
- The fruit trees on the edible walkway were spring pruned.

- Two donated oaks and a yew have been planted and some maintenance of trees planted in 2022/3 undertaken.
- Snowdrops donated by Cambo have been planted.
- Himalayan balsam pulled up.
- Giant hogweed, which initially we cut on flowering is now tackled by digging the roots in early spring. This has been remarkably successful.
- Weekly butterfly monitoring along transects set out in 2023 has continued this summer.
- The boundary fence along Flemings has been cleared
- The grassland maintenance has continued with scything in late summer and raking of arisings. Volunteers also sowed seed from several sources late summer 2023, including yellow rattle.
- Fourteen bat boxes have been installed.
- Several litter picks, organized by Anstruther Improvement Association, have been done.

Huge thanks to the volunteers who have undertaken these tasks.

Sadly [REDACTED], who was an active volunteer, died this year. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Monitoring of wildlife

- St Andrews Botanics curator, [REDACTED], updated the plant monitoring in the quadrats set out last year. An increase in the number of species was recorded.
- Moth trapping was undertaken by [REDACTED] again this year with power supplied by Metaflake. The weather was again poor, but there was a big turn out to see the moths released.
- Red Squirrel people gave a workshop. Possibly red squirrels feed in the conifer by the old railway bridge.
- Bats were monitored in the Woods autumn 2023 and a repeat workshop will take place in September 2024
- There are two regular birders in the Woods. They are keen to see bird cover introduced upstream from the Woods.

Thanks to the individuals and organisations that supported this work.

Path and access upgrade

A small working group has worked really hard to secure funding and design contractors to upgrade the path through the Woods and the access – ramping and level gradients of the eastern access and part ramping to the west and new surfacing

Local consultations were done with the community and meetings held with adjacent landowners to ensure their buy in.

The original funding target for the construction work has been met and we await planning permission, but are otherwise ready to go to tender for the works, which will take place over the winter months.

Local support

Presentations are made to the Community Council and the Murray Library Trust both of which are supportive. Anstruther Improvement Trust/Dreel Burn Project join us for projects and undertake burn water sampling. We attend their annual Burn Open day.



Financial review

See the financial report and independent advisor's report.

Future plans

Future Plans:

- Upcoming tree planting events are scheduled at the Alpaca Farm, Queens Gardens and collaborations are in progress with the Fife Bee Group and the University of St Andrews.
- We have secured funding to upgrade the path in Dreelside Woods, making it more accessible to all visitors.
- Maintenance of the planted woodlands across North East Fife
- Another Bat walk event
- Continue our collaboration with, Anstruther Improvements Association, Dreel Burn Project, Cambo Gardens, Transition, University of St Andrews, St Andrews Forest, Fife Climate Hub and Fife Communities Climate Action Network.



Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name



Designation

Co-Founder and Chair

Date

24/01/2025



Footprint East Neuk

Scottish Charity Number – SC050194

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

Trustees Annual Report

For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Footprint East Neuk SCIO

Charity Number

SC050194

Address

17 Windmill Court

Cellardyke

Fife

KY10 2RR

Current Trustees



Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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Trustee Meetings

Meetings were held in January 2024 and March 2024.

Objective, Purpose and Activity

Objective

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For the public benefit, to protect and restore the natural world, particularly through mitigation of the climate crisis and reducing waste, which are fundamental to preserving a healthy global ecosystem upon which the survival of the human race depends. In addition, connecting communities with nature enriches the lives of many people.

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Activity

The Board of Directors of Footprint East Neuk manages the organisation's activities and events in East Neuk and beyond.

They run the activities and events with the help of volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

- Continuation of the promotion of sustainable living in East Neuk
- Organisation of community tree planting events in East Neuk and Fife
- Dreel Woods – Maintenance of land through litter picks, invasive species control, meadow establishment, biodiversity surveys and tree planting

Financial Review

Our main source of funding is grant income.

Within the accounting year, we have received funding from the University of St Andrews, Fife Climate Hub, Fife Council, Paths for All / Ian Findlay Fund and the Norah Webber Trust to cover the costs of our community events and redevelopment of the Dreel Woods.

Plans For Future Period

We plan to organise another series of tree planting events across Fife, inviting the local community as we have done for previous events.

We will also commence the path upgrade in Dreel Woods and further enhance biodiversity in this part of Anstruther by tree planting and maintenance. The aim being to increase the number of species of plant, fungus and animal found there.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total
Receipts			
Grants	0.00	39,436.00	39,436.00
Donations	825.59	0.00	825.59
Annual Subscriptions	103.92	0.00	103.92
General Sales	66.93	0.00	66.93
Total	996.44	39,436.00	40,432.44
Payments			
Purchase of trees, compost & other	0.00	1,949.35	1,949.35
Cost of charitable activities	268.48	0.00	268.48
Purchase of equipment & other	0.00	1,174.26	1,174.26
Legal & Professional	280.00	30,445.35	30,725.35
Total	548.48	33,568.96	34,117.44
Surplus for the year	447.96	5,867.04	6,315.00

Statement of Balances – As At 31st May 2024

	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Opening cash at bank	2,094.74	7,831.13	9,925.87
Surplus for the year	447.96	5,867.04	6,315.00
Closing cash at bank	2,542.70	13,698.17	16,240.87

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

Chair



Treasurer



Date:

25/02/2025

Date:

25/02/2025

Notes to the Accounts – For the Year Ended 31st May 2024

1.0 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).

2.0 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.

3.0 Related Party Transactions

The Charity's insurance policy relates to public and product liability insurance.

No remuneration was paid to any Trustees or any connected persons during the year.

4.0 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Fife Council	0.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
University of St. Andrews	0.00	2,179.00	2,179.00
Fife Climate Hub	0.00	1,492.00	1,492.00
Paths for All	0.00	28,920.00	28,920.00
Nora Webber Trust	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Murray Library	0.00	345.00	345.00
Total	0.00	39,436.00	39,436.00

5.0 Donations & General Sales

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Private individuals	892.52	0.00	892.52

6.0 Annual Subscriptions

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Private individuals	103.92	0.00	103.92

7.0 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Insurance	268.48	0.00	268.48
Governance	280.00	0.00	280.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>548.48</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>548.48</i>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Charity name							
Footprint East Neuk							
SC050194							
Period start date				Period end date			
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01	06	2023	to	31	05	2024	
<p>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.</p>							
<p>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.</p>							
<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p>							
<p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 							
<p>have not been met, or</p>							
<p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper accounts to be reached.</p>							
				Date:	19 th February 2025		
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