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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	10	2024	To	30	9	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Badenoch & Strathspey Conservtion Group		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number	SC003846		
Charity's principal address	Fiodhag		
	Nethybridge		
	Inverness-shire		
	Postcode PH25 3DJ		

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Augustine Jones	Convener		Members
2	Roy Turnbull	Vice Convener		Members
3	Tessa Jones	Secretary/Treasurer		Members
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are nominated, proposed and seconded at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The aims of the group are:
a) To stimulate interest in and care for, the beauty, history and character of Badenoch & Strathspey;
b) To encourage active conservation of the area through wise use;
c) To encourage high standards of planning and architecture in harmony with the environment.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Information and comments were provided by the Group, in particular to the Cairngorms National Park Authority, regarding proposed developments and the impacts they could have on landscapes; biodiversity; species; recreational opportunities and quality of experience; and environmental aspects such as pollution and flood risk. The Group also provided comments on public consultations relating to the environment. We shared information publicly through a variety of media, and liaised with other environmental charities both local and national, over issues and sites of mutual interest.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Information and comments were provided by the Group, in particular to the Cairngorms National Park Authority, regarding proposed developments and their potential impacts. This included development of 35 luxury houses on a nature-rich site at Nethybridge supporting high conservation status species and not in compliance with the Local Development Plan. Regrettably, the National Park Authority nevertheless granted permission. The Group liaised with other community groups seeking to influence Highland Council's approach to planning regarding failing to safeguard ancient woodland in line with National Planning Framework 4 (Policy 6), and the Council's treatment of Biodiversity Net Gain with respect to species conservation.

The Group gave an illustrated talk in person and a webinar online for an initiative jointly by Planning Democracy and Action to Protect Rural Scotland to provide information on planning and nature to community groups.

The Group provided comments to NatureScot's public consultation on revisions to the Muirburn Code, and members participated in public consultations on the management of Dorback Estate where we commented on deer control to enable natural regeneration, planting and fencing schemes, species mix and peatland restoration.

Members undertook wildlife recording including of fungi, and the Group provided funding to enable definitive identification using DNA barcoding of species of potentially particularly high conservation status.

BSCG continued to play an active role in the Freshwater, Wildlife and Planning Groups of Scottish Environment LINK.

The Group expanded the photos on its Flickr site and maintained social media sites.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group holds General reserves which provides the flexibility to be able to respond to relevant opportunities and issues affecting the environment and conservation as they arise.

Details of any deficit

This year there was a modest deficit of £120 as a result of providing funding for DNA barcoding analysis of fungi that otherwise cannot be definitively identified.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Augustine M Jones	
Full name(s)	Augustine Mark Jones	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Convener	
Date	25 th June 2026	