

COVE WOODLAND TRUST
SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
No. SC047550

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June 2026

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Trustees:

1. Mr G Duncan (Chair)
2. Miss E Forbes (Vice Chair)
3. Mr D Blaikie (Treasurer)
4. Mrs W Henderson
5. Mr J Henderson
6. Mr G Craig
7. Mr B Allan
8. Mrs M Callan
9. Mrs Michele Binnie (Secretary)

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Charity No. SC047550

Independent Examiner:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 30th June 2026.

Structure, governance and management

The Cove Woodland Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with subscribing members who elect up to 10 Trustees who manage the affairs of the society. The society is governed by its Constitution and General Rules of the Society.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the following AGM.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the Society is the provision of recreational facilities for the community of Cove and the advancement of environmental improvement by procuring and making available for the public benefit woodland and park areas in the community of Cove, encouraging the use by the public and management of these areas for the public benefit and working in partnership with other bodies to further these objectives.

Achievements and performance

A summary of the Trust's main achievements during the financial period is as follows:

- The cider orchard was maintained by Social Juice.
- A Summer and Winter Open Day Event were held on the land; both were well supported.
- The Woodland Walk was funded and upgraded, work by Leiths.
- The sensory garden was maintained by Cove in Bloom.
- The Harvey Strachan was maintained by Cove in Bloom.
- Spring bulbs were planted by Cove in Bloom.
- Wildflowers areas were created and seeds sown with the help and funding from Buglife
- The land was regularly maintained, and paths mown.
- The project was completed for the playground equipment from Doonies Farm.
- The project was completed for the creation of a Wetland area.

The trust would like to acknowledge the work carried out by the board and all the volunteers who maintain the land.

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Financial review

Policy on reserves:

The Trust plans to hold sufficient in reserve to cover 6 mths expenses arising from the management of the land as a contingency, it is intended that this be the minimum reserves held. All the reserves are unrestricted.

Profit during the year - The Trust made a loss of £9,013 during its ninth year mainly due to the completion of projects.

Donated facilities and services:

A meeting room is provided free of charge by Cove Bay Hotel, and various small cash donations as well as supplies such as paper and printing services are provided by local businesses and individuals to assist with running costs.

No online meetings were held this year, although some Board Members attended online.

On behalf of the Trustees:



Mr Derek Blaikie
Date: 17/09/2026

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COVE
WOODLAND TRUST**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2026 which are set out in pages 6 and 7.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of the engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to undertake an independent examination of the charity's accounts on behalf of the trustees and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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. 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. 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 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, 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.



Ian Gourlay

Date: 18 September 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June 2026
STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	2026	2025
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	1,827	1,819
Events	1,773	1,953
Project funding	12,000	6,000
Specific donations towards tractor costs	820	820
RECEIPTS	16,419	10,592
 PAYMENTS		
Insurance	819	796
Events	2468	2,362
Overheads	450	397
Tractor costs	595	536
Project costs	21101	5,618
PAYMENTS	25,432	9,708
 PROFIT (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	(9,013)	884

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Cash Funds Unrestricted		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash and bank balances at start of year	14,706	13,823
Bank of Scotland account balance as at 30 th June 2025		
Income	16,419	10,592
Expenditure	25,432	9,709
cash and bank balances at end of year	<u>5,693</u>	<u>14,706</u>
Cash in hand as at 30 th June 2026	<u>133</u>	<u>148</u>
Bank of Scotland account balance as at 30 th June 2026	<u>6,000</u>	<u>14,558</u>
	5,693	14,706
Other assets (Note 1		
Tractor / mower	2,380	2,644
total other assets	<u>2,380</u>	<u>2,644</u>

Approved on behalf of all trustees

Signed



Mr D Blaikie
Date: 17/09/2026

Signed



Mr G Duncan
Date: 17/09/2026

Note 1: Depreciation calculated at 25% in the first year and 10% per annum thereafter.