

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Future Woodlands Scotland

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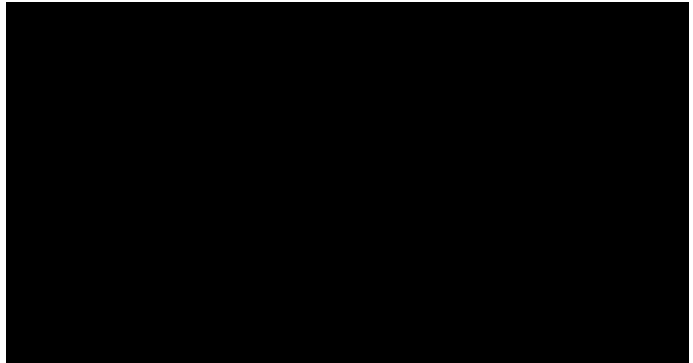
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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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NUMBER**

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Future Woodlands Scotland is a charity working to protect, create and restore Scotland's woodlands. We became a charity in 2012 and have grown from our original purpose, which was to provide research grants to further our understanding of Scotland's native woodlands. In 2023 the Board developed and approved a five-year strategic plan to direct and monitor our growth. The strategy describes our vision of the future and our role in helping Scotland achieve woodland coverage of 21% by 2032.

Future Woodlands Scotland's objectives, as set out in our constitution, are:

- the advancement of education, science and environmental protection or improvement;
- the provision of recreational opportunities.

These objectives are met through various activities which drive our purpose to transform landscapes using the power of trees. As the organisation grows and develops, the emphasis on different activities will shift. During 2024/25 our aims were to:

- o Restore Scotland's ancient 'ghost' woodlands before they are lost, by providing crucial support and funding to landowners and farmers.
- o Promote forestry practices that restore ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen the long-term health and resilience of woodlands.
- o Create greener, healthier urban environments, with a focus on low-income communities disproportionately affected by climate change.
- o Develop a diverse, skilled workforce to ensure sustainable and resilient woodlands, through training across multiple disciplines.
- o Advance knowledge by supporting research that deepens understanding of native woodlands and their impact on communities, climate, and biodiversity.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024/25 was a busy year for the team at Future Woodlands Scotland. As we grew in size we embarked on some major projects, from developing landscape scale woodland restoration in the Highlands to opening our Urban Challenge Programme, then progressed to the stage of seeing those projects delivered on the ground. Launching, and delivering, our new skills programme - Future Skills - was a particular highlight as woodland restoration skills are urgently needed to meet our goals. We also continue to offer funding to those carrying out vital research on our native woodlands and have supported a diverse and wide-ranging programme.

In the past year we've also focused on building new relationships, forging partnerships with organisations and businesses that share our vision. Together we have a much better chance of achieving our priorities. To this end a new post of **Fundraising Manager** was created and a manager appointed in November. In the short period to the end of the financial year, work focussed on strengthening Future Woodlands Scotland's position as an impactful, fund-seeking charity. An organisational logic model was developed, providing a clear framework to communicate our purpose, impact, and activities. Building on this foundation, a business partnership offer was created aimed at attracting income from purpose-driven companies. Fundraising work has contributed to shaping our landscape-scale woodland restoration projects, supporting the identification of potential funding streams and refining project ideas into formal, fundable proposals.

We continued to promote our **Ghost Woodland** grants and to develop landscape scale projects around woodland restoration. During 2024/25, we supported land managers in the restoration of 860 hectares of woodland across 21 sites in Scotland.

Our **Urban Forestry Programme** is a ten-year initiative working to increase tree cover and green spaces across Scotland's urban areas. The programme focuses on communities with low tree equity - areas with limited tree cover that also face greater environmental, economic, and health-related challenges. During 2024/25, five urban projects received funding. Grantees included local authorities, schools, community groups and charities committed to enhancing urban nature and supporting their communities.

Our goal of increasing **knowledge and awareness** was mainly delivered through our presence on a research steering group convened by the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Sustainable Forest and Landscapes, and through our Research and Innovation grants. These grants are aimed at environmental organisations, academic institutions, individuals and policy makers to support research and innovative thinking in the development and understanding of native woodlands and their impact on climate change and biodiversity. For the financial year ending 31 March 2025, four research grants were awarded, contributing £32,000 towards a total of £81,366 in research.

2024/25 saw the launch of our **Future Skills Programme** which aims to equip participants with both technical and business skills and supports young professionals, women, local communities, and small forestry businesses. During this financial period, 200 people engaged with the programme. This included 50 women (an under-represented group), and 118 aspiring Future Foresters who learnt new forestry skills through our collaboration with Lantra Scotland. We also delivered a workshop aimed at supporting small-scale tree producers across Scotland. The primary goal was to convene key representatives from the small tree nursery sector to identify the challenges and solutions surrounding the supply of healthy, native young trees to meet Scotland's woodland creation targets.

In January we put in place a new annual **Operational Planning framework**, agreeing the next 12 month's activities to enable trustees to regularly review progress and assist with overcoming any foreseen obstacles. We also began the process of budgeting for three-year periods, to allow for longer-term planning and clear fundraising targets. In a bid to reduce the threat of cybercrime, we reviewed our Microsoft tenant adding risk-based conditional access, region controls, AI driven email security controls and robust security hardening of mobile devices.

In July, we announced the launch of the Urban forestry Programme. **Media coverage** was extremely positive, generating 514 million opportunities to see from 11 pieces of coverage. The launch also featured on BBC Alba.

Our **new website** launched in September. The updated site better reflects our charity's new direction, featuring:

- o Interactive features to explore funded research projects and a map of all current projects.
- o A streamlined application process for the Urban Forestry Programme challenge fund applications.
- o Improved Search Engine Optimisation, with analytics confirming the website is performing well and ranks #1 in key search results.

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We welcomed BBC Landward to one of our ghost woodlands sites in the Highlands, Ceannacroc, to highlight our work to recover these special places. We gained significant visibility through the BBC Landward Halloween Special, which featured our Future Woodlands Manager, Kieran.

Our **digital newsletter** continues to be a strong communications tool, with high open and click-through rates. Social media also saw steady growth, with a combined following of over 3,000 across platforms and strong engagement on key posts related to project launches, funding calls, and research case studies.

Financial Report on the Year

The principal source of income for this financial year was from bp for the Urban Forestry, Future Woodlands and Skills programmes. In addition, income was generated from investment funds and bank interest.

Income received:

£620,000 - from bp's ScotWind bid to deliver the Urban Forestry Programme
£200,000 - donation from bp International towards a new Skills Programme
£500 - unrestricted donation from Hobhouse Charitable Trust
£833 - business partnerships
£5,400 - grant from Scottish Forestry Trust

Funds remaining at the balance sheet date total £2,828,608 (2024 £2,581,295) being £660,857 of unrestricted funds and £2,167,751 of restricted funds. This includes a realised gain on disposal of investments of £96,869 (2024 unrealised loss £64,499) and an unrealised loss of £114,847 (2024 unrealised gain of £174,120) valuing the investments held at market value as at 31st March 2025.

Income realised from the investments by way of dividend and interest totalled £45,702 (2024 £46,348), donations/sales totalled £826,733 with costs for grants, investment and portfolio management costs, grant administration costs and governance costs totalling £607,144.

In summary the net surplus to the charity, excluding movement on unrealised gains and losses, was £362,160 (2024 £104,315).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

Trustees are responsible for the way Future Woodlands Scotland governs its cashflow and investments.

The principal means of governance are:

- Formal use of the Risk Register
- Appointment of investment managers to manage our funds
- Appointment of a suitably experienced and/or qualified Trustee to act as chair of the Finance & Audit Committee (FAC)
- Regular review of financial performance against budget

Governance involves routine process and review. The Trustees review the finances of all programmes at each meeting of the Board whilst the Finance & Audit Committee (FAC) look in detail at finances, investment and relevant risks associated with this aspect of the charity.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment Policy and Practice

In 2023 the Trustees agreed on a new Investment Policy to move our reserves from Mattioli Woods to McInroy & Wood (delivered 2023) and to hold the remaining project funds with Handelsbanken (delivered 2024).

The Investment Policy seeks to invest the Charity's funds ethically whilst also meeting requirements for overall investment returns so that the aims of the charity are not compromised. The Trustees will endeavour to invest in companies that have a positive contribution on the environment and society and do not cause environmental damage, produce weapons, tobacco or engage in gambling.

The risk profile is reviewed annually for its ongoing appropriateness.

The investment objective is to generate a return in excess of inflation over the longer term whilst ensuring that sufficient liquid reserves are retained, with appropriate levels of access to fund projects as they arise.

Reserves policy

We aim as a charity to maintain sufficient working capital to enable us to carry out all of our activities effectively and to agreed timescales within the year, and to ensure prompt and efficient payment of our creditors for goods and services received.

Our primary reasons to hold unrestricted reserves at the appropriate levels are to :

1. Maintain free reserves at the higher of either the amount:
 - o required to ensure the continuity of Future Woodland Scotland's activities in the event of unexpected setbacks, at a level equal to six months of unrestricted budgeted expenditure;
 - or
 - o required to close down the charity, ensuring that there are sufficient resources available to fulfil legal obligations in the unlikely event that Future Woodlands Scotland ceases to operate.
2. Hold other designated reserves as appropriate against planned future expenditure.

FUTURE PLANS

We are two years into our five-year strategy (2023 to 2028) which builds on our previous work on ghost woodlands restoration and native woodland creation. We plan to develop a Knowledge Exchange programme by looking at new ways to support research that contributes to the knowledge base around native woodland and are stepping up our work helping to address the critical skills shortage in woodland and biodiversity management. We will continue to develop and implement our ambitious £10 million Urban Forestry Programme and plan to focus more effort in promoting forestry practices that restore ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen the long-term health and resilience of woodlands. We will seek, and be open to, new opportunities to work with existing and new partners to deliver our charitable objectives.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Future Woodlands Scotland is a single tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation regulated by OSCR. The governance and control of the organisation and its affairs are vested in a board of Trustees who are also the Members of the organisation. Future Woodlands Scotland is bound by its constitution which is currently under review (August 2025) to ensure it continues to best reflect the needs of the organisation and its future development.

The organisation, as a charity, has specific responsibilities that Trustees are required to scrutinise and report on annually. The Trustees are focused on good governance and in 2024/25 reviewed:

- Board effectiveness and composition
- Internal financial controls
- Staff resource
- Our constitution

On a quarterly basis Trustees reviewed:

- Operational programmes
- Financial performance
- Compliance and risk

Organisational structure

The Board ensures that the organisation is governed effectively and responsibly. Trustees are collectively responsible for Future Woodlands Scotland delivering its charitable objectives and for ensuring that the organisation is governed in accordance with its constitution. The Board met six times during the year, both in-person and online. Two sub-committees of the Board exist: the Finance & Audit Committee and People Committee, in addition to ad-hoc working groups supporting our operations.

The Board currently consists of nine Trustees elected by the Members. Trustees are recruited to provide the Board with a broad skills mix. If certain skills are lacking the Board has the power to elect additional Trustees. One member of the Board has additional focus on financial matters - the Treasurer. All new Trustees are given a full induction by the Chair and Chief Executive, the purpose of which is to familiarise them with the work of the charity, the Board's role and the responsibilities of a Trustee. All Trustees are requested to become familiar with OSCR guidance for charitable Trustees. Trustees sign a conflict of interest register annually.

The Finance and Audit committee (FAC) supports the Board with finance, audit and investment matters set out in its Terms of Reference. Overall responsibility for financial governance remains with the Board. The FAC comprises the Chief Executive Officer, Finance and Operations Manager, Treasurer, plus a minimum of one other Trustee. The Committee met five times during the year.

The People Committee supports the Board with HR matters including employment policy and salary reviews. This committee comprises the Chair of the Board, two other Trustees and the Chief Executive. The Committee met twice during the year.

An Annual General Meeting of Members was held in November 2024 where [REDACTED] was elected as Chair and [REDACTED] re-appointed as Treasurer.

The Board appoints the Chief Executive Officer to manage the day-to-day running of the charity under powers the Board delegates to the position. Working closely with the Chair of the Board, our Chief Executive leads the staff to make sure our strategy and operations are aligned and effectively delivered.

In 2024/25, there were six permanent staff (4.3 FTE). In this period a new post of Fundraising Manager was also created, to diversify and increase our income stream.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Key management remuneration

The Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive comprise the key management personnel responsible for directing, controlling, running and operating Future Woodland Scotland on a day-to-day basis.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 10 and 19 of the accounts.

An annual review of salaries was undertaken at the end of 2024. This benchmarked salaries using voluntary sector salary data. A remuneration Policy was approved by the Board. We aim to offer salaries that are affordable and competitive, compared to those that similar voluntary sector organisations offer.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register that is reviewed as part of the standing agenda at board meetings and appropriate mitigation plans put in place.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

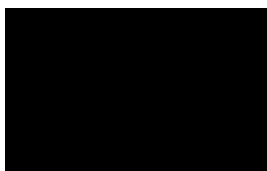
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following:

- BP for their generous funding of the Future Woodlands Fund and the Urban Forestry Fund.
- Hobhouse Charitable Trust for their generous donation.
- Scottish Forestry, Woodland Carbon Code and Forest & Land Scotland for their advice and support.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Future Woodlands Scotland

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Future Woodlands Scotland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Future Woodlands Scotland

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit;
- obtained from management within the organisation information about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities
- review of the Board minutes
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- consideration of fraud risk factors such as management override of controls
- other sources

All audit engagement team members were alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISA's (UK). The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

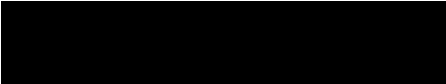
Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Future Woodlands Scotland**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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27 October 2025

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Future Woodlands Scotland**Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	1,334	825,399	826,733	515,618
Investment income	4	45,702	-	45,702	46,348
Total		<u>47,036</u>	<u>825,399</u>	<u>872,435</u>	<u>561,966</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	6,463	4,877	11,340	18,387
Charitable activities	6				
General		43,212	-	43,212	25,167
Charitable Activities		13,732	538,860	552,592	349,598
Total		<u>63,407</u>	<u>543,737</u>	<u>607,144</u>	<u>393,152</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(44,408)</u>	<u>26,430</u>	<u>(17,978)</u>	<u>109,621</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(60,779)</u>	<u>308,092</u>	<u>247,313</u>	<u>278,435</u>
Transfers between funds	18	<u>35,380</u>	<u>(35,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(25,399)</u>	<u>272,712</u>	<u>247,313</u>	<u>278,435</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		686,256	1,895,039	2,581,295	2,302,860
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>660,857</u></u>	<u><u>2,167,751</u></u>	<u><u>2,828,608</u></u>	<u><u>2,581,295</u></u>

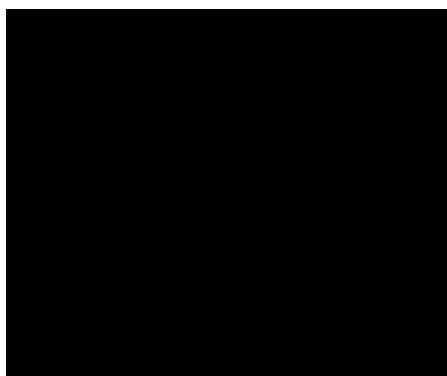
CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

Future Woodlands Scotland**Statement of Financial Position**
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	7,082	-	7,082	4,422
Investments	14	588,519	-	588,519	1,749,890
		<hr/> 595,601	<hr/> -	<hr/> 595,601	<hr/> 1,754,312
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	2,922	744,107	747,029	6,514
Investments	16	8,533	-	8,533	28,170
Cash at bank		102,543	1,547,644	1,650,187	909,956
		<hr/> 113,998	<hr/> 2,291,751	<hr/> 2,405,749	<hr/> 944,640
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(48,742)	(124,000)	(172,742)	(117,657)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		<hr/> 65,256	<hr/> 2,167,751	<hr/> 2,233,007	<hr/> 826,983
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<hr/> 660,857	<hr/> 2,167,751	<hr/> 2,828,608	<hr/> 2,581,295
NET ASSETS		<hr/> <hr/> 660,857	<hr/> <hr/> 2,167,751	<hr/> <hr/> 2,828,608	<hr/> <hr/> 2,581,295
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				660,857	686,256
Restricted funds				2,167,751	1,895,039
TOTAL FUNDS				<hr/> <hr/> 2,828,608	<hr/> <hr/> 2,581,295

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Future Woodlands Scotland**Statement of Cash Flows**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	21	(462,710)	231,111
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(462,710)	231,111
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,791)	(1,073)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(223,594)	(1,473,423)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	1,205
Sale of fixed asset investments		1,366,988	1,581,874
Cost adjustment		-	(2,417)
Interest received		27,855	30,243
Dividends received		17,847	16,105
Portfolio Investment Cash Account		19,636	231,088
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,202,941	383,602
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		740,231	614,713
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		909,956	295,243
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		1,650,187	909,956

The notes form part of these financial statements

Future Woodlands Scotland

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Future Woodlands Scotland is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is registered in Scotland. The charity's registered number and registered office can be found in the Reference and Administration Details section of the Report of the Trustees.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£). Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donations is subject to conditions, then the income is deferred and not recognised until either the conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of the conditions are wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be met within the reporting period.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the time spent by relevant personnel and the use of resources.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable activities. Where unconditional grants are offered, these are accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant as this gives rise to reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Assets which cost £250 or over are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computer Equipment	33% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Fixed asset investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Current Asset Investments

Current asset investments represents cash held in a general cash account by the investment managers.

Financial instruments

The following assets and liabilities are classified as financial instruments - trade debtors and trade creditors.

They are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	200,500	-
Sales	620,833	515,618
Grants	5,400	-
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	826,733	515,618

Donations during the year included £200,000 for the Future Skills Programme from bp International. Sales during the year included £620,000 for the Urban Forestry Programme from bp's ScotWind bid.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Scottish Forestry Trust	5,400	-
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed asset invest - Dividends	9,878	16,105
Fixed asset inv - Interest	12,167	29,849
Bank Interest	23,437	394
Interest on tax	220	-
	<u>45,702</u>	<u>46,348</u>

All investment income is unrestricted income.

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising costs	-	1,296
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,296</u>

Investment management costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Portfolio management	11,340	17,091
	<u>11,340</u>	<u>17,091</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>11,340</u>	<u>18,387</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General	1,070	-	42,142	43,212
Charitable Activities	360,576	192,016	-	552,592
	<u>361,646</u>	<u>192,016</u>	<u>42,142</u>	<u>595,804</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable Activities	192,016	68,279
	<u>192,016</u>	<u>68,279</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 grants totalling £89,456 were paid to institutions including £57,576 from the Urban Forestry Programme to Treelink Stirling, Conservation Volunteers, Friends of Linn Park, and Green Action Trust as well as £31,880 paid from the Future Woodlands Programme to Borders Forest Trust, The Big Picture, Rhyze Mushroom Coop and E3.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 grants totalling £102,560 were paid to individuals from the Future Woodlands Programme. The recipients were Laudale Estate and D&M Girvan.

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
General	42,142

Support costs are all met from unrestricted funds.

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	General	Total activities
	£	£
Auditors Remuneration	5,438	5,175
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	3,020	2,833
Office hire	5,124	3,201
Sundries	1,500	372
Organisational Planning	2,604	2,363
Subscriptions & IT	17,494	3,413
Travel & subsistence	2,699	2,787
Staff training & development	1,132	2,269
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,131	2,754
	<u>42,142</u>	<u>25,167</u>

9. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	5,438	5,175
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>3,020</u>	<u>2,833</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustees received remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025. In the year to 31 March 2024, one trustee received fees totalling £1,599 for running professional development sessions.

Trustees' expenses

Six Trustees received mileage, travel, subsistence and conference expenses to attend meetings and conferences. These totalled £827 (2024 £274).

The Trustees work on a voluntary basis for Future Woodlands Scotland and the Charity is very grateful for their continuing support, without which the Charity would be unable to continue.

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11. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	186,832	130,055
Social security costs	14,402	8,450
Other pension costs	14,947	10,405
	<u>216,181</u>	<u>148,910</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Management and secretarial	2	2
Project management	3	2
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	499	515,119	515,618
Investment income	13,070	33,278	46,348
Total	<u>13,569</u>	<u>548,397</u>	<u>561,966</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,607	13,780	18,387
Charitable activities			
General	25,167	-	25,167
Charitable Activities	41,516	308,082	349,598
Total	<u>71,290</u>	<u>321,862</u>	<u>393,152</u>
Net gains on investments	22,300	87,321	109,621
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(35,421)	313,856	278,435
Transfers between funds	20,793	(20,793)	-
Net movement in funds	(14,628)	293,063	278,435
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	700,883	1,601,977	2,302,860
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>686,255</u>	<u>1,895,040</u>	<u>2,581,295</u>

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2024	8,589
Additions	5,791
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At 31 March 2025	14,380
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DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	4,167
Charge for year	3,131
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At 31 March 2025	7,298
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	7,082
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At 31 March 2024	4,422
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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2024	1,749,890
Additions	223,594
Disposals	(1,338,967)
Revaluations	(45,998)
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At 31 March 2025	588,519
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	588,519
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At 31 March 2024	1,749,890
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Investment assets comprise listed investments and are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. Approximately 24% of assets are invested in global funds, 6% in UK funds, 45% in global equity, 8% in UK Equity and 16% unclassified funds, with the balance of 1% in cash.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2025 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2025	588,519
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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

If fixed asset investments had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	2025 £	2024 £
Cost	604,278	1,650,801

Fixed asset investments were valued on an open market basis on 31 March 2025 by McInroy & Woods.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	744,000	-
Other debtors	107	178
Tax recoverable	-	3,711
VAT	674	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,248	2,625
	747,029	6,514

16. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Portfolio Investment Account	8,533	28,170

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	48,742	16,074
VAT	124,000	101,384
Accrued expenses	-	199
	172,742	117,657

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	686,256	(60,779)	35,380	660,857
Restricted funds				
Future Woodlands Programme	1,441,763	(259,608)	(35,380)	1,146,775
Urban Forestry Programme	453,276	422,801	-	876,077
Future Skills Programme	-	144,899	-	144,899
	1,895,039	308,092	(35,380)	2,167,751
TOTAL FUNDS	2,581,295	247,313	-	2,828,608

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,036	(63,407)	(44,408)	(60,779)
Restricted funds				
Future Woodlands Programme	(1)	(286,037)	26,430	(259,608)
Urban Forestry Programme	625,400	(202,599)	-	422,801
Future Skills Programme	200,000	(55,101)	-	144,899
	<u>825,399</u>	<u>(543,737)</u>	<u>26,430</u>	<u>308,092</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>872,435</u></u>	<u><u>(607,144)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,978)</u></u>	<u><u>247,313</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	700,883	(35,420)	20,793	686,256
Restricted funds				
Future Woodlands Programme	1,602,291	(139,735)	(20,793)	1,441,763
Urban Forestry Programme	(314)	453,590	-	453,276
	<u>1,601,977</u>	<u>313,855</u>	<u>(20,793)</u>	<u>1,895,039</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>2,302,860</u></u>	<u><u>278,435</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,581,295</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	13,569	(71,289)	22,300	(35,420)
Restricted funds				
Future Woodlands Programme	33,276	(260,332)	87,321	(139,735)
Urban Forestry Programme	515,121	(61,531)	-	453,590
	<u>548,397</u>	<u>(321,863)</u>	<u>87,321</u>	<u>313,855</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>561,966</u></u>	<u><u>(393,152)</u></u>	<u><u>109,621</u></u>	<u><u>278,435</u></u>

The General Fund is mostly held in investments, the income from which is to be used for the awarding of grants.

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Future Woodlands Programme began as a pilot in 2021 and has been helping landowners to create or regenerate native woodlands across Scotland. We have worked with landowners to establish and restore over 1,000 hectares of woodland. It is now being developed, in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders, into a programme which encourages and incentivises landowners and foresters to adopt more regenerative forestry approaches.

The Urban Forestry Programme is a new fund to support urban forestry. It was developed to address the need for more trees and green spaces in Scotland's urban areas, improving the health and wellbeing of residents and the environment.

Transfers between funds

A transfer from the Future Woodlands Programme to General Funds to the sum of £35,380 was made to account for Grants and Management Costs paid in the year to 2024 which were expensed to General Funds but a change in policy means they should be expensed through the Future Woodlands Programme.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

20. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party.

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	247,313	278,435
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,131	2,754
Losses/(gain) on investments	17,978	(109,621)
Interest received	(27,855)	(30,243)
Dividends received	(17,847)	(16,105)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(739,841)	1,923
Increase in creditors	54,411	103,968
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(462,710)</u>	<u>231,111</u>

22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	909,956	740,231	1,650,187
	<u>909,956</u>	<u>740,231</u>	<u>1,650,187</u>
Liquid resources			
Deposits included in cash	-	-	-
Current asset investments	28,170	(19,637)	8,533
	<u>28,170</u>	<u>(19,637)</u>	<u>8,533</u>

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22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS - continued

Total	<u>938,126</u>	<u>720,594</u>	<u>1,658,720</u>
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