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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Glasgow Natural History Society
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC012586
Charity's principal address	

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		Vice President		
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3				
4		Secretary		
5		Treasurer		
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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

We are an unincorporated association, governed by a constitution, unaffiliated to any other body. The business of the Society is managed by a Council appointed annually at the AGM by the members. The constitution of the Society requires a President, and/or up to three Vice-Presidents, nine Councillors, General Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Editor. The Council also includes, *ex officio*, Convenors of sections representing the various activities and interests of members.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The aim of the Society is to foster and encourage the study of Natural History principally in the West of Scotland, by

1. Holding meetings for the exhibition of specimens and the interchange of information, the presentation of lectures, tutorials and illustrated talks on natural history.
2. Making excursions to areas of interest for their Natural History.
3. Publishing our journal 'The Glasgow Naturalist'.
4. The maintenance of a library for the use of members.
5. Offering financial support for the stimulation of research.
6. Encouraging environmental awareness and promoting biodiversity.
7. Contributing to natural history education.

**Summary of the main activities
in relation to these objects**

The organisation held indoor meetings/ talks and outdoor excursions to areas of Natural History interest. Provide small grants to support studies in Natural History and bursaries to enable individuals to attend training courses in specific aspects of Natural History. Publish a regular newsletter to keep members up to date with the activities of the society and publish the Glasgow Naturalist Journal. We also hold a themed conference on a relevant topic every second year, the proceedings of these conferences are published within our Journal.

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Achievements and performance

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

During the Year the Society held 13 indoor meetings. Most meetings were held in person or the Zoom platform. A trial of hybrid access meetings providing options of either in person or online attendance. However due to a combination of the cost and the limitations of the technology, it was agreed that subsequent meetings should either be in person or on zoom and not both. The programme included: Photographic Night (incl. photographic competition results), joint meetings with Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens, and Glasgow Tree Lovers Society, and the Amphibians and Reptile conference. Some meetings were preceded by opportunities to show items of interest. The Summer Social and the Christmas Dinner were attended by some 20 members. Fourteen field excursions were held one of which was joint with The Paisley Natural History Society. The Council and the BLB executive met three times during the year. The Glasgow Naturalist Volume GN 28 (1) was prepared and printed in 2023. Books and journals were available to members, and members were able to socialise after meetings. Thanks go to all those who help to run the Society.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A portion of our funds are kept in reserve in a savings account, and we hold a balance in our current account for day to day expenses.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/a

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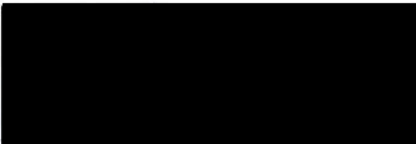

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	15/7/2024	

Glasgow Natural History Society
SC012586
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	580				580	510
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings	52	18,898			18,950	18,761
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4,656	2,267			6,923	5,053
A1 Sub total	5,268	19,165	-	-	24,433	24,314
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments		51,952			51,952	4,881
A2 Sub total	-	51,952	-	-	51,952	4,881
Total receipts	5,268	71,117	-	-	76,385	29,195
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs	62	3,508			3,570	3,824
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8,185	3,776			11,961	6,766
Grants and donations		16,485			16,485	19,916
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	8,227	23,749	-	-	31,976	30,308
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments		52,179			52,179	3,542
A4 Sub total	-	52,179	-	-	52,179	3,542
Total payments	8,227	75,928	-	-	84,155	33,850
Net receipts / (payments)	(2,959)	(4,811)	-	-	(7,770)	(4,655)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(2,959)	(4,811)	-	-	(7,770)	(4,655)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	8,328	14,869			23,197	27,862
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(2,959)	(4,811)			(7,770)	(4,656)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	5,369	10,058	-	-	15,427	23,197

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments	Biodwen Lloyd Bins Bequest Fund - Rathbones	Legacy	394,978	389,170
		Total	394,978	389,170

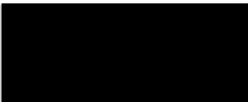
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The Blodwen Lloyd Binns Bequest Fund is used to provide financial assistance to individuals or organisations conducting research into projects relating to any aspect of Natural History, (preferably but not exclusively in the West of Scotland). In addition the Society's administrative and social activities may be subsidised by the fund. The fund has always been treated as restricted in the accounts and although there are not any specific restrictions on the spend imposed by the donor (so the funds are really designated for the purposes of the accounts) they are shown as restricted for consistency.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
Grants & Bursaries relating to Natural History Research	Various	17	16,465
		Total	16,465

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid		£
n/a		

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
n/a		

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
n/a			

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations & photo competition	560				560	510
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	560	-	-	-	560	510

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Subscriptions	3,811				3,811	3,683
Gift Aid	765				765	395
Journal sales	80				80	60
Contribution to socials		1,067			1,067	915
Conference		1,200			1,200	-
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	4,656	2,267	-	-	6,923	5,053

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Journal & newsletter costs	4,490				4,490	1,265
Photo competition	760				760	800
Public Liability insurance	304				304	292
Website	392				392	335
Conference		433			433	616
Lectures/ speakers	2,169	1,579			3,748	2,085
BROSC Membership/ Prize	50	50			100	50
Christmas and summer socials		1,714			1,714	1,325
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	8,165	3,776	-	-	11,941	6,768

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts		v2		
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	Glasgow Natural History Society				
	Registered charity number	SC012586				
	Period start date	Day	Month	Year	Period end date	
	01	01	2023	to	31	12
		(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)				
Set out on pages		1 - 6				

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement Independent examiner's statement	<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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</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 agree 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 understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>
Signed: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:	Date: 15-7-24 ...ts of England & Wales

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

not a full

for a general review

