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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
 Other names charity is known by
 Registered charity number
 Charity's principal address

Glasgow Natural History Society
SC012586
c/o Graham Kerr Building, University Avenue, Glasgow
Postcode G12 8QQ

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	[REDACTED]	Vice President		
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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 3 Vice-Presidents, nine councillors, General Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and editor. The council also include, ex officio, Convenors of sections representing the various activities and interests of members.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The aims of the Society shall be to foster and encourage the study of natural history, principally in the west of Scotland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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 Natural History interest.
3. Publishing our journal 'The Glasgow Naturalist'
4. The maintenance of a library for use of members.
5. Providing financial support in grants and bursaries for the stimulation of research
6. Encouraging environmental awareness and promoting biodiversity
7. Contributing to natural history education

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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 12 indoor meetings, all held in person rather than on zoom. the programmes included a Photographic night including the photographic competition results, joint meetings with the friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens, and Glasgow Tree Lovers Society. One of the meetings was held in the Kelvin Hall Lecture Theatre at no charge to the society.

Some meetings were preceded by opportunities to show items of interest. The Summer Social and Christmas dinner were attended by some 20 members.

Twelve field excursions were held, one of which was joint with the Paisley Natural History Society and two with the Argyll and fungus Group.

As usual the Council and the BLB executive met 3 times during the year. An additional council meeting was held to review the investment strategy for the BLB bequest.

The Glasgow Naturalist Volume GN 28 (2) was prepared and printed. Books and journal held in the library were available for members. 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

The society hold funds in a current account for everyday expenses with a reserve held in a savings account for additional expenses

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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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)
OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Treasurer

Date

01/09/2025

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	01-Jan-24			to	31-Dec-24		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	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	510				510	560
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	98	17,700			17,798	16,950
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4,710	993			5,703	6,923
A1 Sub total	5,318	18,693	-	-	24,011	24,433
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments		84,787			84,787	51,952
A2 Sub total	-	84,787	-	-	84,787	51,952
Total receipts	5,318	103,480	-	-	108,798	76,385
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs	60	3,582			3,642	3,570
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	6,738	3,599			10,337	11,941
Grants and donations		10,619			10,619	16,465
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	6,798	17,800	-	-	24,598	31,976
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments		84,595			84,595	52,179
A4 Sub total	-	84,595	-	-	84,595	52,179
Total payments	6,798	102,395	-	-	109,193	84,155
Net receipts / (payments)	(1,480)	1,085	-	-	(395)	(7,770)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(1,480)	1,085	-	-	(395)	(7,770)

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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	510				510	560
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	510	-	-	-	510	560

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	3,848	-			3,848	3,811
Gift Aid	827				827	765
Journal Sales	35				35	80
Contributions to Socials		993			993	1,067
Conference					-	1,200
					-	
					-	
Total	4,710	993	-	-	5,703	6,923

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	3,325	541			3,866	4,490
Photocompetition	500				500	760
Public Liability Insurance	329				329	304
Website	375				375	392
					-	433
Conference					3,681	3,748
Lectures/Speakers	2,159	1,522			150	100
BRISC membership/ BLB writers prize	50	100			1,436	1,714
Christmas and summer Socials		1,436			-	
					-	
					-	
Total	6,738	3,599	-	-	10,337	11,941

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	5,369	10,058			15,427	23,197
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(1,480)	1,085			(395)	(7,770)
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	3,889	11,143	-	-	15,032	15,427
(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	Blower Clay and Bequest and Rathbones	Legacy	392,390	394,978
Total			392,390	394,978

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* [Redacted] Print Name [Redacted] Date of approval 01/09/25
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Report to the trustees/members of		Charity name Glasgow Natural History Society					
Registered charity number		SC012586					
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024
Set out on pages		1 - 10					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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) 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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.

Signed:
Name:
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
Address:



*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