Scottish Charity No. SC048186

Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve Management Group

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2026

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Status of Charity and governing document
Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve Management Group (HCLNR) was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 9 March 2018 (number SC048186). It is governed by its Constitution.

Principal address
The Grove
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Glasgow
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Aims and objectives
The HCLNR is a 17 acre piece of land which is owned by Scottish Canals and Glasgow City Council. There is also a SuDS (Sustainable Drainage System) pond which is owned by Scottish Water.

The overall Aims of HCLNR management group are:

- To work in common interest with the landowners: Scottish Canals and Glasgow City Council.
- To promote and enhance biodiversity at the Reserve.
- To advocate for green and blue infrastructure and habitat networks on the site and beyond.
- To promote social involvement by attending to awareness and physical and social access; and to promote public involvement in decision-making and community pride in the Reserve.
- To develop a culture of partnership with stakeholders, communities, government, business and third sector interests; and to seek strategic management and working relationships.
- To take the time to reflect on management intentions and methods. Letting the past, present and future inform and enable iterative developments and improvements.
- To embrace communities, ecologies, social and cultural interactions as the ethos of our work. Collaboration, dialogue and participation will be the guiding principle

The Objectives of HCLNR management group are:

- To increase awareness of, access to and understanding of ecology and natural heritage.
- To provide opportunities to appreciate understand and value ecology and natural heritage for communities north and south of the canal and immediately upstream and downstream.
- To facilitate the access and interest of visitors and tourists.
- To enable and mediate between diverse interests and potential conflicts to engage the natural heritage on their own terms.
- To give consideration to the interests and learning needs of diverse abilities, communities, cultures, languages, age groups and interests; while staying attentive to the core mission.
- To accommodate and facilitate the generative and regenerative forces of nature, promote relationships between human and blue and green communities onsite and offsite, enabling protection and enhancement of ecology and natural heritage.
- To ensure best practices through consideration of the local, national and international Biodiversity Action Plans, ecological and strategic habitat corridors and grey, green and blue infrastructure projects with potential value and/or impact upstream and/or downstream.
- To promote awareness of relevant statutory designations, policies and regulations that can be used to protect, enable or expand urban ecologies and public space.
- To enable the organisation to assure that it is included in all relevant local and regional planning, while identifying the planning mechanisms that safeguard the site in the most appropriate and best way possible.
- To support the implementation or introduction of bylaws by local authorities or regulatory interests that will help to either protect or enforce the social and ecological resource and value of the Reserve.

Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve Management Group

Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Trustees and Office Bearers

The management of the Charity is vested in a Committee of Office Bearers and a minimum of one ordinary member of the Organisation. The Office Bearers consist of a Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer. New trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year, but are eligible for re-election without limit. Should a Committee member resign during the year, they cannot be re-elected to the Committee for a period of 3 years.

The Trustees who served during the year, and to the date of this report were:

Angela McCormick	Chair
Robert Alston	Vice-chair
Timothy Collins	Secretary
Reuben Aspden	Treasurer
Reiko Goto Collins	
Cathel Hutcheson	
Martina Johnston-Gray	
Colin Thomson	
Richard Weddle	
Scott Milligan	(resigned 31 July 2025)

Dexter Johnston-Gray serves as a Youth Representative for the Charity but is not a Trustee.

Activities and achievements

Overview

The following presents a summary of what we have been doing from **November 2025 to April 2026.**

We are approaching a conclusion to the ongoing discussions with the landowners, Scottish Canals, to agree the terms of our future work as a Management Group. This has proved to be a lengthy process. The draft document described in last year's report continues to be discussed.

The Nature Neighbourhoods Project came to an end in March 2026. The Neighbourhood Plan and the experience of the project continue to be valuable to our continuing activities. We learned so much and have gained experiences which would not have been possible without this project funding. We have since benefited from continued support and advice which has meant we were aware of other funding opportunities eg Playful Green Planet Stewards funding. We have been successful in our application to this fund to support the Claypits to develop safe, engaging and stimulating nature-based activities and play for children aged 0 to 11.

The post of Community Development Manager (CDM) and our programme of community activities continue with the funding from The National Lottery, in place since January 2025. The CDM role is funded for three days per week.

We have bi-monthly Board Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. We are now registered as a Living Wage employer. We have also moved bank accounts and now have debit cards to increase the efficiency of our financial processes. We have an updated finance policy and procedure.



Activities and achievements (continued)

Green & Clean Team/Volunteers

The Green & Clean Team remains a central part of what we do. The numbers attending have been maintained and we have welcomed new volunteers. In addition to the regular litter collection and clearing of rubbish, we have involved volunteers in basic habitat management tasks.





We removed hundreds of tree protectors which had been put in place by the original contractors but had since become a clear impediment to the continued health of the trees.





We have had a number of corporate volunteering days which have proved very useful in achieving the jobs of maintaining clear paths and entrances. TCV Scotland has also had community groups on the Claypits and have carried out habitat management tasks.



Activities and achievements (continued)

The Classroom

The second storage container on site – The Classroom - has made a massive difference to our capacity for community involvement. The additional storage space has allowed us to keep 'clean' and 'dirty' resources fully separate. The Classroom has allowed for shelter when weather is bad and The Garden Shed is now more accessible as larger items can be stored in The Classroom.

We were able to host a Climate Conversation event in The Classroom in February. This shows the potential for education, meetings, training and supported events.

The Garden Shed

We have had to repaint The Garden Shed three times due to graffiti painters. As we write this report, the quick approach seems to have been successful in deterring further graffiti. We have maintained our electric cargo bike with an upgrade to the gears and the addition of our logo. We have been able to store two new shelters and tables purchased with funds from Allied Vehicles. These have been a great addition to our community events.





Volunteer thank you

We held a Volunteer Thank You meal in February to show everyone who volunteers and helps out that their hard work is very much appreciated. The community and all those who give their free time, enthusiasm, expertise and hard work are what makes the Claypits a special place. It is inspiring and rewarding to work with people who do all that they do and with such good spirits. The meal was hosted by the Clay Cafe and was an excellent night with good food and fun.





Activities and achievements (continued)

Family Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt day was very successful and very well attended throughout the whole day. Hundreds participated in the hunt across the site to find the egg clues and solve the puzzle. The event is in partnership with the Clay Community Church and The Bethany Christian Trust. The local primary schools supported by providing flyers to children and it was great to see so many families out having fun on the Claypits that day.





Forest School

The popularity of the Forest School activities continues. All of the sessions with the local nurseries and primary schools provide valuable outdoor fun and learning for children, with all the benefits this will bring for them.

Christmas Community Fun

We held a Christmas Fun day on the Claypits as part of the community events happening across Possilpark and Ruchill, including Santa's Saunter. This is a regular fun community event and one which it is great to have the Claypits part of.





Activities and achievements (continued)
Recovery through nature



The Recovery Through Nature Family Fun Day with North-West Recovery Community took place again this year.

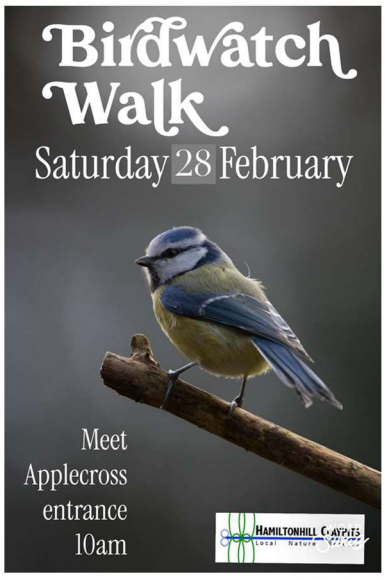
The event involved 14 partner organisations and groups. It was very well attended with positive feedback from participants. It is a significant part of our aims to engage the surrounding communities in the fun, joy and benefits of nature, right on their doorstep.

Arts and Heritage
We continue to keep developing 'best practice' in arts, nature and community at the heart of what we do and as one of our key objectives. The Dialectogram is one of the main stops on our tours of the Claypits and offers a way-in to many conversations about the history and the future of the Claypits.

Further innovative and engaging arts and heritage projects are at the early stages of planning and development. One is led by a board member who is an artist and will involve tree planting supported by a horse drawn cart on the Claypits later this year. The second project is in discussion with Glasgow School of Art lecturing staff around design in public places, specifically bins on the Claypits.

Birdwatching
This year we carried out the breeding bird survey, took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and had birdwatch walks. We also had the opportunity for volunteers to join with Glasgow University bird ringing and recording sessions on the Claypits.

Bird count
8 Magpie
1 Cormorant
2 Grey heron
1 Woodpigeon
2 Blue tit
2 Mallard
3 Moorhen
2 Mute swan
1 Tree creeper
1 Sparrowhawk
1 Robin
1 Chaffinch
2 Blackbird
1 Wren
4 crow
1 Bullfinch
4 Siskin
4 Long-tailed tit





Activities and achievements (continued)

Environment/Ecology

The Ecology working group has developed further and continues to organise training, surveys and events. The surveying of invasive species has been continued. There is now a WhatsApp group for volunteers particularly interested in ecology. This has improved communications within the group and is helping to coordinate work across the site.

Scything is being continued and the Ecology group is working closely with the Green & Clean team and everyone who volunteers to link activities and provide opportunities for everyone to join in.





We hosted three Climate Fresk workshops which were led by a Claypits volunteer. These were positive days and those who took part welcomed the opportunity to discuss Climate Change and relate it to our Claypits activities.





Froglife Scotland

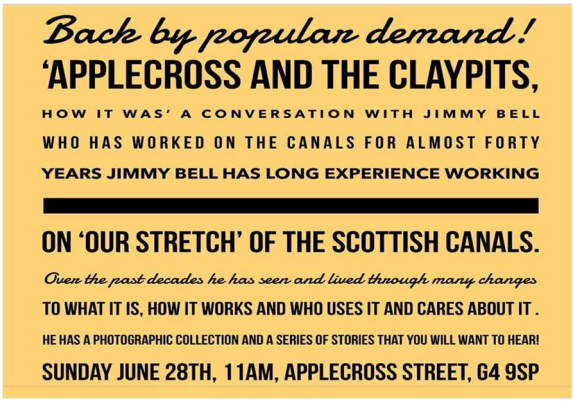
We had volunteer training and activities with Froglife Scotland throughout the year. This included two Newt Torching evenings and support to create amphibian ladders for drains.

Activities and achievements (continued)

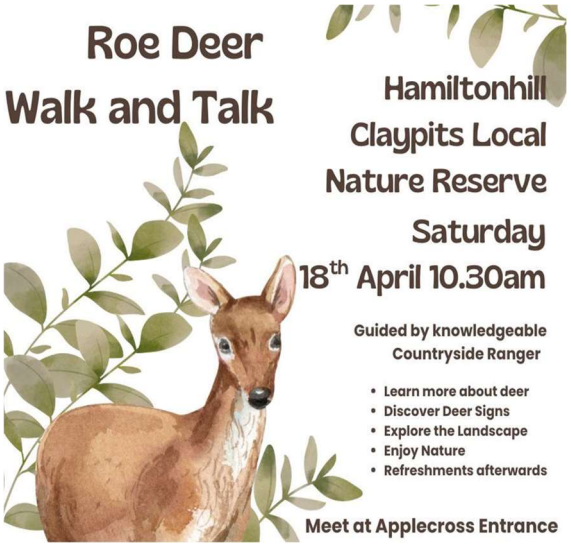
Guided Walks

We have had guided walks on Roe Deer, Applecross & the Claypits and From Gaza to the Claypits Ecology. They have all been well attended, popular and continue to be an excellent way to create positive space on the Claypits for people to meet and learn outdoors in nature.









Looking ahead

Securing further funding remains a priority for us at HCLNR Management Group. We need to continue to identify suitable opportunities and submit applications to not only support what we currently do, but to increase the opportunities and keep focussed on our group's aims and objectives.



Financial review

Results for the year

The financial results are set out on pages 11 to 14. As a result of the surplus for the year of £3,328 (2025: surplus of £17,532), the charity held total reserves at 31 March 2026 of £47,689 (2025: £44,361). Of this, £4,125 (2025: £4,064) was held as general funds and £43,564 (2025: £40,297) was held in restricted funds.

Reserves

The Trustees have implemented a new reserves policy with the aim to hold a reserve equal to 3 months' salary costs. This reserve is primarily intended to cover any gaps in funding, cover any costs associated with long term sickness and provide redundancy pay should funding not be forthcoming. Our current reserve target is £10,000.

Our general funds of £4,125 at the year-end do not meet this target but our aim is to build up our reserves through administrative costs added in grant applications, crowdfunding and corporate volunteering events.

On behalf of the Trustees

Angela McCormick

Angela McCormick
Chair

Dated: 30 September 2026

Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve Management Group

Report of the Independent Examiner
For the year ended 31 March 2026

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 11 to 14.

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 (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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 (as amended), and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

   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.

Alison Franks

Alison Franks CA
Director

Cornerstone Accounting Ltd
Chartered Accountants

11 Erngath Road
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Date: 30 September 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	General fund	Restricted funds	2026 Total	General fund	Restricted funds	2025 Total
Receipts		**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations		**61**	**-**	**61**	28	-	28
Grants	2	**-**	**65,079**	**65,079**	-	49,132	49,132
Grants returned		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	(1,244)	(1,244)
Other income		**-**	**-**	**-**	91	-	91
Total receipts		**61**	**65,079**	**65,140**	119	47,888	48,007
Payments							
Staff salaries		**-**	**34,523**	**34,523**	-	8,867	8,867
Workshop leader fees		**-**	**14,308**	**14,308**	-	13,730	13,730
Event speaker fees		**-**	**150**	**150**	-	-	-
Staff and volunteer training costs		**-**	**1,500**	**1,500**	-	-	-
Tools and equipment		**-**	**5,936**	**5,936**	549	4,513	5,062
Repairs and maintenance		**-**	**111**	**111**	-	-	-
Insurance		**-**	**1,045**	**1,045**	193	-	193
Event costs and refreshments		**-**	**1,936**	**1,936**	294	281	575
Advertising and marketing		**-**	**458**	**458**	265	574	839
Travel costs		**-**	**11**	**11**	27	-	27
IT costs		**-**	**159**	**159**	139	-	139
Printing, stationery and postage		**107**	**286**	**393**	91	11	102
Consumables and cleaning costs		**112**	**210**	**322**	-	-	-
Subscriptions		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	29	29
Paid to Cornerstone Accounting							
Independent Examination fee		**-**	**600**	**600**	-	600	600
Payroll costs		**-**	**360**	**360**	-	312	312
Total payments		**219**	**61,593**	**61,812**	1,558	28,917	30,475
Surplus/(deficit) for the year before transfers		**(158)**	**3,486**	**3,328**	(1,439)	18,971	17,532
Transfers		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year after transfers		**(158)**	**3,486**	**3,328**	(1,439)	18,971	17,532
Total funds brought forward		**4,064**	**40,297**	**44,361**	5,503	21,326	26,829
Total funds carried forward		**3,906**	**43,783**	**47,689**	4,064	40,297	44,361

The notes on pages 13 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Balances
As at 31 March 2026

	2026			2025		
	Opening balance	**Surplus for year**	**Closing balance**	Opening balance	Surplus for year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank and cash	**44,361**	**3,328**	**47,689**	26,829	17,532	44,361
Total assets	**44,361**	**3,328**	**47,689**	26,829	17,532	44,361

Represented by:			
General fund	3	**3,906**	4,064
Restricted funds	4	**43,783**	40,297
		47,689	44,361

Statement of assets		
Shipping container with tools & equipment	**No value provided**	No value provided
Electric cargo bike (at cost)	**2,700**	2,700
Container (at cost)	**3,400**	-
	2,700	2,700

Statement of liabilities		
Independent examination fee	**600**	600
Pension costs due	**172**	-
Payroll processing fee	**84**	-
	856	600

The financial statements on pages 11 to 14 were approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Angela McCormick

Angela McCormick
Chair

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2026

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. All voluntary income, income from tax recoveries on Gift Aid, grant income and bank interest is accounted for when received. Expenditure is recognised when paid.

Receipts and payments account

For the purpose of the receipts and payments account, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the church and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

2. Grant income

Grant income was received in the year from the following organisations:

	2026	2025
	£	£
National Lottery Community Awards Fund	**29,882**	29,882
Robertson Trust - Forest School	**9,000**	9,000
National Trust - Nature Neighbourhoods grant	**8,583**	6,250
Impact Funding - Forest School	**5,800**	-
Glasgow City Council - area partnership grant	**5,694**	-
Allied Vehicles - equipment grant	**3,000**	-
Queen's Cross Housing Association - forest bathing course	**1,500**	-
Co-op Foundation - Guided walks fund	**1,148**	500
Glasgow City Council - equipment grant	**472**	-
Endrick Trust	**-**	3,500
	65,079	49,132

3. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.04.25	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Transfers**	**Balance at 31.03.26**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General fund	4,064	61	(219)	-	**3,906**
Total unrestricted funds	**4,064**	**61**	**(219)**	**-**	**3,906**

Explanation of funds

The *General Fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

Notes to the financial statements
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4. Restricted funds

	Balance at 01.04.25	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31.03.26
	£	£	£	£	£
Allied Vehicles equipment fund	-	3,000	(387)	-	**2,613**
Deaf Scots trust fund	720	-	-	-	**720**
Forest school project fund	9,000	14,800	(12,300)	-	**11,500**
GCC Area Partnership fund	-	6,166	(5,146)	-	**1,020**
Glasgow Natural History Society fund	913	-	(539)	-	**374**
Guided walks fund	822	1,148	(290)	-	**1,680**
National Lottery Community Awards fund	23,887	29,882	(28,249)	-	**25,520**
Nature Neighbourhoods fund	4,955	8,583	(13,182)	-	**356**
QC Community Forest Bathing Course fund	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	**-**
Total restricted funds	**40,297**	**65,079**	**(61,593)**	**-**	**43,783**

Explanation of funds

The *Allied Vehicle equipment fund* represents funding received towards the purchase of equipment for the Claypits.

The *Deaf Scots trust fund* represents funding received to cover BSL interpreters at our activities.

The *Forest School project fund* represents funding to enable 6 Nurseries to take part in Forest School activities.

The *GCC Area Partnership fund* represents funding for various costs, including refreshments and protective clothing.

The *Glasgow Natural History Society fund* represents funding to support ecological training and monitoring resources for volunteers.

The *Guided walks fund* represents funding towards the development of the social and natural heritage for visitors.

The *National Lottery Community Awards fund* represents grant funding received to support the Claypits in ensuring the sustainability of a green asset through funding the Community Development Manager and delivering activities for the next 3 years.

The *Nature Neighbourhoods fund* represents funding to create a blueprint for sustainability of the reserve.

The *Queens Cross Community fund* represents funding towards the forest bathing mental health initiative.

5. Transactions with Trustees and related parties

Trustee Scott Milligan was employed by the Charity for part of the year as Claypits Ranger and was paid a gross salary of £3,217.

No other trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2025: nil) other than for the reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the Charity.

One Trustee attended a Forest Bathing Training Course paid for by the Charity at a cost of £1,500.

6. Volunteers and donated goods and services

The Charity relies heavily on the contribution of significant volunteer time for the delivery of its programme of activities. This year, we had input from approximately 45 volunteers who supported us with our activities and events. This has not been quantified for the purposes of these accounts.