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Scottish Charity No - SC047689

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st August 2026

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st August 2026

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2026.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Hogganfield Community Trust

Charity number

SC047689

SCIO registered

31st August 2017

Address

62 Colintraive Avenue
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Current Trustees

Elizabeth McIntosh	Chair	
Anne Hughes	Secretary	
Kenneth Baker	Treasurer	Appointed 2/02/2018
Frances Foy		
John Ralston		
Marie McKinnon		
Jack Hughes		
Anne Ralston		
Jaime Fleming		
Christine Hughes	Treasurer	Resigned 22/01/2018

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on the 31 August 2017.

The structure of the organisation consists of the members who have the right to attend members' meetings and have important powers under the constitution, in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.
The Board who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

Appointment of Trustees

The management committee, which normally meets once a month, are the charity's trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to all aged 16 and over who are residents of the Willowpark and Meadowview estates.

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which are held around April. No valid decisions can be taken at any members' meetings unless a quorum is present. The quorum for a members meeting is 33% members, present in person.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose

The organisations purposes are:

The advancement of the environmental protection or improvement by clearing, enhancing, and maintaining the community woodland for the benefit of all residents of Willowpark and Meadowview estates.

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement by ensuring the preservation and conservation of the natural environment and the conservation or protection of indigenous wildlife within this woodland.

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement by enabling members and residents to come together as a community and protect this valuable biodiverse environmental green space.

Activities

Hogganfield Community Trust, "Natures Haven" has been set up to take ownership of a large area of green space which was historically privately owned but which has now to be gifted and transferred to the Meadowview and Willowpark estates, Hogganfield. This is possibly the largest ever transfer of green space currently privately owned but to be gifted to a community. As a trust we will run with a Chairperson, Elizabeth McIntosh, Treasurer, Kenneth Baker and Secretary, Anne Hughes and trust members who will be invited to join for a notional fee of £10.00, one off fee. Trust members will live within the Meadowview and Willowpark estates.
This land over the past 20 years has become a beautiful little nature reserve in its own right important for the conservation of watervoles, bats and other indigenous wildlife. It now provides homes for over 40 species of bird, watervoles, stoat, deer, badger, fox, bats, many smaller mammals and a multitude of insects. It also has habitats for many wildflowers too as well as being mostly a peat bog which in itself is an important biodiverse environment for wildlife.

Over the years our Community at times as had housing applications for this land and fearing for the wildlife we as a community stood up for that wildlife and opposed any application.

We were then approached by the current landowner who offered the land to us as part of another housing application for a piece of this land which was confirmed not to be as beneficial to the environmental biodiversity of the area. We as a community decided this was a great opportunity to secure the largest piece of this green belt land, around 31acres, and to ensure it remained as a nature reserve for our Community and for future generations to come. The entire surrounding area has and is still undergoing huge housing development with much of the surrounding greenbelt and farmland being turned over to housing which in itself made it more important we secured this land to give some wildlife a wildlife corridor or their own little Haven.

The area over the years has been largely untouched so our intentions as a Community is to clean the area of debris, clear the watercourses for the benefit of the watervoles and other wildlife, thin out the trees as there are many dead, dying or fallen trees and then maintain this area for the wildlife alone. This in turn ensures the preservation and enhancement of the natural habitat for indigenous wildlife.

Now in our tenth year 31st August 2025 to 31st August 2026 and in April 2025 we officially received the land and we now have finally taken ownership of the land from the current owner, we have the legal Disposition but the title deeds to the land may take up to three to five years to receive due to backlogs at the Land Registry Scotland.

Financial Review

Finances within the charity will come via a five year maintenance fund of £30k which we received along with transfer of the title deeds/disposition of the land to the charity from the current owner. Any future funding for any required work within the nature reserve will be raised by the trustees and members of the trust and funding requests through SCVO and other available avenues.

Reserves policy

The trustees policy will be to retain enough of any maintenance fund to accommodate the costs of any intended work. This will be reviewed and monitored once the land and maintenance fund have been received and is needed to pay for works required.

Plans for the Future

Finally now in our tenth year 31st August 2025 to 31st August 2026 we received ownership of the land in April 2025 from the current owner, our Lawyers are currently awaiting the title deeds to the land due to a long back log of work within registers of Scotland but we do have the legal disposition proving ownership for the Trust. As part of the planning process because the landowner is also the developer and in order to secure the go ahead for his planning application he had too agree to a five year woodland and habitat management plan on the Trusts land because it is in a poor state, he now has that period of time to complete the woodland and habitat plans and because of his housing development has asked that we restrict any access onto the land due to health and safety. As a community we are going to try and clean up the fly tipping on the land when we can access safely. We have moved forward with a flyer through all residents doors offering an application form for residents to join the Trust. Little interest was shown at all meetings previously, it has taken such a long time for the landowner to actually handover the land, but as soon as work started with the removal of 96% of the woodland mainly Sitka spruce and grey alder non native trees, residents started to show interest and so far we now have 32 trust members inclusive of trustee, committee and trust members. Our constitution has been updated to reflect a one off membership fee, rather than yearly subscription.
Our plan now we have secured the title deeds of the land and had them registered to Hogganfield Community Trust, is to hope that the developer in accordance with his planning application undertakes the work within the woodland and habitat plans. This will then determine the work for the Trust, the new native woodland that has to be planted will need looking after due to the resident deer population, the Sitka spruce trees being removed will have dropped seeds so these will have to be removed too, habitats will be looked at and improved etc. A clean up of the whole area will be required so there is a lot for the community to get involved in.There has also been agreement that the £30k for five years of funded maintenance as part of the handover will be used should the developer fail to do the tasks within the woodland and habitat plans.