

Lochview Rural Training

Scottish Charity : SC050948

Trustees' Annual Report

&

Receipts & Payments Accounts

1st April 2024 – 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
For the year from 30th April 2023 – 31 March 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year from 1st April 2024 – 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, along with the independent examiner's report.

Reference and administration details

The charity is registered as **Lochview Rural Training**. It became a charity on 30th April 2021 and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) : number SC050948.

The principal office and operating address of the charity is:-

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Shinness
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IV27 4DN

The following served as charity trustees during the year and up to the date of this report:-

**Structure Governance and Management**

The Lochview Rural Training is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the purposes and administrative arrangements are set out in its constitution. The trustees are usually appointed or reappointed at the AGM, with one third (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees retiring from office; but eligible for reappointed.

Objectives and Activities

The objects are the Advancement of Education mainly through the development of rural skills

Achievements and Performance**Overview**

Over the past year, Lochview Rural Training has continued to expand its reach and impact, providing high-quality rural education, vocational training, and personal development opportunities for individuals across the Highlands. Our focus remains on creating inclusive, practical learning experiences that build confidence, resilience, and employability within our community.

Staff Development and Capacity Building

This year has seen a significant increase in staffing levels, allowing us to extend our training programmes. We have also successfully introduced PAYE employment for our staff, ensuring improved professional stability, fair working practices, and long-term sustainability.

We are delighted to welcome Amanda Freeman to the team as our new Outdoor Education Staff Member, strengthening our ability to deliver high-quality outdoor learning and environmental education experiences.

Education and Training Programmes

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Lochview continues to offer a wide range of informal education and vocational training opportunities designed to meet the diverse needs of young people and adults across rural communities.

Over the reporting period, we delivered:

- 34 Employability Sessions
- 44 Junior Crofter Sessions
- 46 Young Crofter Sessions
- 32 Young Carer Sessions
- 16 Adult Workshops
- 57 One-to-One (1:1) Learning Sessions
- 183 School-Based Sessions

Alongside these, we continue to run a wide range of weekly programmes, including "Acres of Knowledge" and our "Introduction to the Land-Based Sector" course.

A particular highlight has been the 8-week Land-Based Sector Training Course, which has provided participants with practical, hands-on experience and industry-relevant skills. Impressively, 83% of participants have progressed into employment or further training, demonstrating the effectiveness of our approach and the growing demand for rural skills training.

Inclusive Learning and ASN Support

We are proud to continue the development of our 1-to-1 learning provision for young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN). This personalised approach enables learners to build skills, independence, and confidence in a supportive rural environment, helping each individual to achieve their potential.

Partnership Working

Collaboration continues to be a cornerstone of our success. We work closely with NHS Highland, Highland Council, TYKES, and other key organisations to deliver comprehensive, joined-up support for learners and their families. These partnerships enhance the quality and reach of our programmes and ensure that participants have access to a full network of opportunities and wellbeing support.

Acknowledgements and Funding Support

Our achievements this year have been made possible through the continued generosity and commitment of our funders and partners. Their support enables us to deliver life-changing opportunities to individuals across the Highlands.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following funders for their ongoing support:

- HTSI
- Highland Council
- NHS Highland
- SSE / RWE
- Essentia / Foundation Scotland
- Highland Climate Hub
- Westminster Foundation
- Arnold Clark
- CABWI

Looking Ahead

Lochview Rural Training is committed to building on this year's success by continuing to increase capacity, develop our staff, and expand our educational offerings. We remain dedicated to fostering inclusion, opportunity, and sustainability across the rural Highlands, empowering individuals to thrive within their communities and the wider land-based sector.

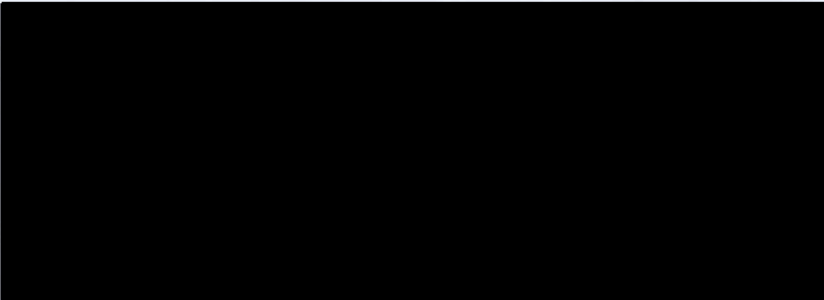
Financial Review

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The closing balance is made up of £67349 unrestricted of which £62,000 is designated for redundancy/windup, running costs for 6 months, maintenance for classroom building and budgeted 2 new staff costs for 25/26. There is £69004 restricted funding. The organisation responds to expenditure needs as and when they arise and frequent committee meetings ensures that reserves are always available and when necessary, fundraising activity will take place. We are in the process of developing financial policies.

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd September 2025 and signed on their behalf by



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year from 30th April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LOCHVIEW RURAL TRIANING registered charity number SC050948.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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. 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. 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 explanation 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 accounts.

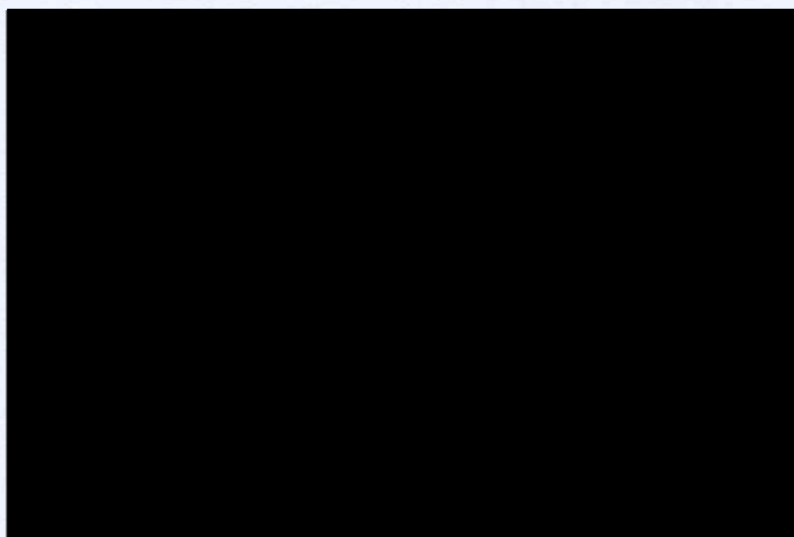
Independent examiner's statement

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, 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.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

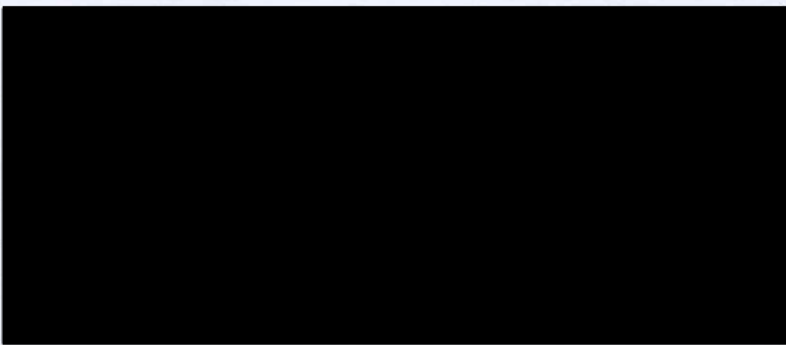
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			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Donations	129	250	379	0
Grants	15300	79354	94654	41756
Gross Trading Receipts	15		15	0
Income from Investments			0	0
Charitable Activities:-			0	0
Online Courses			0	0
Felting			0	472
Dry Stone Dyking	2015		2015	711
Wool as a By Product	334		334	379
Education Visits	9467		9467	26839
Fencing	890		890	0
Croft Experience	70		70	0
Young Crofters	975		975	975
Junior Crofters	440		440	640
Starting a Meat Box			0	0
Holiday Club	545		545	226
Christmas Craft			0	300
Events			0	899
Family Sessions			0	8
Introduction to Lambing	1173		1173	0
Workshops	2480		2480	0
TOTAL INCOME	33833	79604	113437	74980
Course Materials	517	1093	1610	648
Tutor Fees	1467	8470	9937	28365
Training Centre Facilities	585	75	660	360
Equipment & Stock	212	67	279	913
Rent	1200		1200	600
Marketing & Admin	2570		2570	1632
Repairs			0	595
Insurance	956		956	933
Salaries	7173	25061		
HMRC PAYEE/NI	4436			
Staff Expenses	525			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	19641	34766	54407	34046
Surplus/(deficit)	14192	44838	59030	40934

STATEMENT of BALANCES
 For the year from 30th April 2024 – 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Opening Balances	53157	24166	77323	36389
Surplus/(deficit)	14192	44838	59030	40934
Closing Balances	67349	69004	136353	77323
Accounts				
RBS	136353			
Assets:				
Classroom Building	50,000			
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	3000			
Outdoor Buildings & Equipment	5000			
Computer Equipment	1000			
	59,000			

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NOTES

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NOTES**1. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Reserves

There is £67349 in unrestricted reserves of which £62,000 is designated for redundancy/windup, running costs for 6 months, maintenance for classroom building and budgeted 2 new staff costs for 25/26. and £69004 in restricted funds

3. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year.