CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: SC043661

Project Northern Lights

Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2024

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Project Northern Lights
Charity registration number	SC043661
Principal office	Glen Lyon Coffee Roasters Aberfeldy Business Park Dunkeld Road Aberfeldy PH15 2PP

The trustees

Independent examiner	John McKeith B.A.(Hons)C.A.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Project Northern Lights is registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("SCIO") and is governed by its Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.

Induction and training of trustees

The trustees have received professional advice on their duties and responsibilities and have been provided with copies of the guidance issued by OSCR. The procedure will be repeated when new trustees are appointed.

Organisational structure

The Charity is managed by the trustees in accordance with the terms of its Constitution. All decisions regarding the investment of the Charity's funds and the application of those funds are made by the trustees.

Cash flow risk

The Trustees have retained sufficient cash resources to meet the immediate requirements of the charity.

Credit risk

The Charity's principal financial asset is its bank balance. The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

The Charity's liquid funds are kept in a bank account to enable it to service its everyday financial needs.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of the Charity are:
To relieve unemployment in young people in Scotland by supporting them through a structured programme of activity, culminating in being opportunity ready for employment, education or training and enabling access to relevant opportunities.

To advance education through facilitating a series of skill-building training activities and promoting access to further training and education activities.

To organise recreational activities in support of other training.

To increase self-esteem, raise aspirations and build core skills of young people.

To advance citizenship by encouraging and promoting volunteering and community development.

The charity operates in Aberfeldy and surrounding areas.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees were pleased that in 2024 we were able to continue the project of the Coffee Academy, run in partnership with Glen Lyon Coffee. All of the eight students who attended last year went on to find work as baristas in the hospitality business.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The Charity's policy is to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to enable the charity to maintain its activities in the medium to long term.

Unrestricted funds at the end of the year were £14 (2023 - £14) while restricted funds were £2,593 (2023 - £1792).

Plans for future periods

As well as running the Coffee Academy at the Roastery, the option of repeating the model at other venues is being looked in to. The option of fundraising for a Coffee Academy mobile espresso bar is also being considered. This is a good way to raise monies for the charity to help make in financially independent.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27 February 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J Grant
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Project Northern Lights

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Project Northern Lights ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended); or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John McKeith

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27 February 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**4**	–	3,500	3,500	–
Total income		–	3,500	3,500	–
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**5,6**	–	2,699	2,699	3,511
Total expenditure		–	2,699	2,699	3,511
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		–	801	801	(3,511)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		14	1,793	1,807	5,318
Total funds carried forward		14	2,594	2,608	1,807

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1,285	1,714
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,744	310
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	421	217
Net current assets		1,323	93
Total assets less current liabilities		2,608	1,807
Net assets		2,608	1,807
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		2,594	1,793
Unrestricted funds		14	14
Total charity funds	13	2,608	1,807

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 February 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J Grant
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Scotland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Glen Lyon Coffee Roasters, Aberfeldy Business Park, Dunkeld Road, Aberfeldy, PH15 2PP.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations				
Donations	3,500	3,500	–	–

5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Barista Academy Project Fund	1,109	1,109	2,011	2,011
Freelance costs	1,170	1,170	1,500	1,500
Support costs	420	420	–	–
	2,699	2,699	3,511	3,511

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total fund 2023 £
Barista Academy Project Fund	1,109	–	1,109	2,011
Freelance costs	1,170	–	1,170	1,500
Governance costs	–	420	420	–
	2,279	420	2,699	3,511

7. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	429	571

8. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	420	216

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	4,063
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	2,349
Charge for the year	429
At 31 December 2024	2,778
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	1,285
At 31 December 2023	1,714

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	421	217

13. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	**At 31 December 2024 £**
General funds	14	–	–	14

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	14	–	–	14

13. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	**At 31 December 2024**
	£	£	£	**£**
Barista Academy Project Fund	1,793	3,500	(2,699)	2,594

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Barista Academy Project Fund	5,304	–	(3,511)	1,793

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2024**
	£	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	1,286	1,286
Current assets	1,743	1,743
Creditors less than 1 year	(421)	(421)
Net assets	2,608	2,608

	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,714	1,714
Current assets	309	309
Creditors less than 1 year	(217)	(217)
Net assets	1,806	1,806