

Tayside Woodland Partnerships

Charity Number SC051345

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period

1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Trustees Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

During the financial period in question, the charity maintained the community woodland planted in Spittalfield during 2022-23. Protracted negotiations continued with a view to TWP assuming the lease on a community wood in Coupar Angus. Despite this unclear situation, we have maintained the area with help from local Coupar Angus volunteers.

Planting of a variety of native and heritage trees (the latter provided by the Botanical Gardens in Edinburgh) began in Tradecoaters' Field in Pitlochry with a view to entering into a lease agreement with the landowner.

The charity continued to run a programme of events through the year, in particular guided walks around local woods. The aim continues to encourage interest in trees and an appreciation of the value of woodland areas in reversing the general decline in wildlife. In September 2023, our founder and Chair [REDACTED], died suddenly. His driving influence was much missed and the group decided to continue to carry on the work he had begun. [REDACTED] was appointed as temporary Chair. In the 2024 AGM, to be held in August a new Treasurer will be appointed.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Tayside Woodland Partnerships

Registered Charity Number: SC051345

Principal Address:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Current Trustees:

Name	Office held	Date appointed	Date resigned (if applicable)
[REDACTED]	Chair	14 th October 2021	11 th September 2023 (deceased)
	Treasurer	14 th October 2021	
	Acting Chair	21 st September 2023	
		14 th October 2021	
	Secretary	9 th March 2023	
		9 th March 2023	
	Membership Secretary	9 th March 2023	
	Funding	18th April 2024	

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation formed on 14th October 2021 and is governed by its Constitution. The Charity has a two tier structure with a membership from which Trustees are elected to the Board of Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Charity trustees are appointed by election by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The members may elect any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 58 of the Constitution) to be a charity trustee.

The Board may at any time appoint any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 58 of the Constitution) to be a charity trustee.

Organisational Structure

Tayside Woodland Partnerships is governed by its members with the management of the organisation and its assets being delegated to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may, when quorate, exercise all the powers of the Charity. As per the Constitution, the Board of Trustees must consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 Trustees. The Trustees must elect, from among themselves a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

The members may, by way of a resolution passed in compliance with the requirement for two-thirds majority, direct the board to take any particular step or direct the board not to take any particular step; and the board shall give effect to any such direction accordingly.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The organisation's purpose is:

The advancement of environmental protection and improvement by:

- establishing and managing new woodlands
- acquiring and, in partnerships, managing established woodlands in Tayside.
- connecting with other groups, communities and landowners across Tayside and beyond to form a network in which each can give and receive support, information, advice and collective strength from each other.
- through the above, the organisation will:
 - a) enhance biodiversity,
 - b) improve the landscape ecology,
 - c) where relevant, create natural flood defences
 - d) provide opportunities for enjoyment of the countryside for communities
 - e) sequester carbon dioxide to offset emissions as a contribution to achieving the national target of zero net emissions by 2045.

Achievements and Performance

During the financial period in question, the charity entered into a lease agreement with a landowner in Spittalfield which enabled it to plant circa 550 trees. Community volunteers contributed to the cost of the trees and were actively involved in planting.

Negotiations began with the Local Authority to assume the lease on a community wood in Coupar Angus. This is an established wood in approx. 4 acres.

The charity has approached other landowners in the Pitlochry area with a view to leasing or managing land for the purpose of tree planting.

The charity has run a programme of events through the year including a public talk on community woodlands and guided walks around local woods. The aim is to encourage interest in trees and an appreciation of the value of woodland areas in reversing the general decline in wildlife.

Financial Review

The charity will seek funding from appropriate sources as and when necessary. It will also seek to keep its expenses to a minimum. There are no paid staff and all activities are carried out on a voluntary basis.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted funds to meet essential operating costs and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

Reserves at the end of the period were £1,596 which the trustees consider to be sufficient.

Plans for future period

The charity expects to take over the lease for the Coupar Angus community wood in the near future. It will also continue to develop a 7-acre plot of land (Tradecoaters Field) in Pitlochry into a community wood. This will include a tree nursery and in time there may be the possibility of offering educational programmes to the local community and in particular the local schools.

The charity will continue to look for other opportunities to create woodland across the Tayside area. We also aim to appoint a Development Officer (provided we can succeed in attracting funding) to extend our work. One possibility will be to contribute to the national programme to create wildlife corridors.

Approved by the Charity's Trustees on

5.9.24

and signed on their behalf by



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tayside Woodland Partnerships

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period from 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

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 2006 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 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

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
 - 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:

Address: PO Box 11, Milton Business Centre, 10 Milton Street, Dundee, DD3 6QQ

Date: 19/07/2024

Statement of Receipts & Payments
For the Period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Grant funding	4	-	-	-	2,185
Donations	5	305	-	305	4,191
Fundraising	6	-	-	-	1,128
Total Receipts		305	-	305	7,504
Payments					
Charitable Activities	7	1,248	-	1,248	4,968
Total Payments		1,248	-	1,248	4,968
Surplus/Deficit for the period		-943	-	943	2,536

The notes on Page 7 form an integral part of these accounts

The 2024 figures relate to 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 accounts.

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Statement of Balances
For the Period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and in hand – 1 st April 2023	2,536	-	2,536	-
Surplus/Deficit for year	-943	-	943	-
Cash at Bank and In Hand - 31 st March 2024	1,593	-	1,593	-

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Account	1,593	-	1,593	-
Cash	-	-	-	-

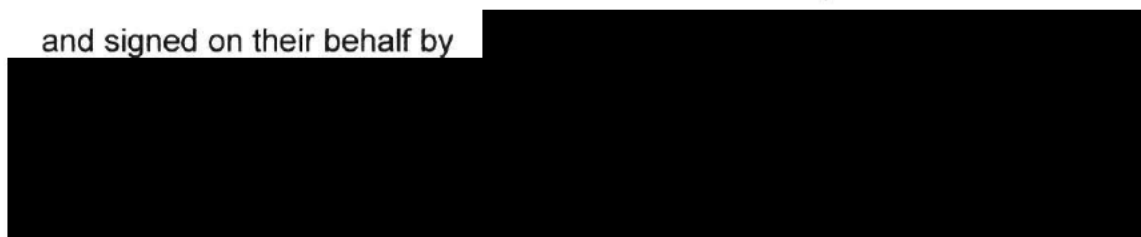
Liabilities

Governance Costs	-
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Approved by the Charity's Trustees on 5.9.24

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

1 Basis of Accounting

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

Nature and purpose of

2 funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objects. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the organisation.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the period the Charity did not receive any funds for specific purpose. Grants received from The Mushroom Trust (£1,500) and BRDT (£685) were contributions to the core activities of the Tayside Woodland Partnerships.

3 Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the period.

4 Grants Received	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
The Mushroom Trust	0	0	0	1,500
BRDT	0	0	0	685
	0	0	0	2,185
5 Donations	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
Funeral/Woodland	275	-	275	4,191
6 Fundraising	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
Membership	30	-	30	110
Sponsorship	0	-	0	1,108
	30	-	30	1,128
7 Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
Memberships/subscriptions	30	-	30	30
Member events		-		33
Venue hire		-		120
Trees/woodland supplies		-		4,276
Insurance	514	-	514	348
Website & advertising	120	-	120	84
Finance support/Solicitors	584	-	584	77
	1,248	-	1,248	4,968