

Sixth Annual Report 2025

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Folds exposed at Kirkcaldy. Photo by Gemma Laker

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Chair's Message

Three hundred years ago, a rather clever farmer invented geology. Well, perhaps it was a *bit* more complicated than that, but we do have a lot to thank the insatiable polymath James Hutton for! Although humans have been trying to figure out why rocks look the way they do for millennia, he was among the first to really appreciate the scale of the problem: the unfathomable time required for these mind-boggling processes. Now dubbed the 'father of geology', we owe him and his contemporaries a great deal, as our science has impacts far beyond just an appreciation of the depths of time.

It is fitting therefore, that the Trust has spent much of the past year laying the groundwork for Hutton's Tercentenary celebrations in 2026 – without him, SGT wouldn't exist! It's been incredibly exciting (and perhaps a little daunting) to see the *Deep Time Trail* at Siccar Point transform from an enthusiastic idea to a fully funded project. The Crowdfunder we ran, on behalf of the team organising this project, not only reached its target, but brought geology and Hutton to new audiences thanks to collaborations with online content creators. We expect to see our snazzy Siccar Point neck-warmers keeping many a hillwalker cosy in the coming months!

Our 2025 festival was another raging success – people just can't get enough rocks! With the theme '*Volcanos in Our Neighbourhood*', we encouraged exploration of how volcanism created landscapes in the past and present. Going into 2026, we're gearing up for a Hutton-themed extravaganza a little earlier in the year, in June, the month of his birth.

Volunteers are what really make us tick, and there is perhaps no better example than the continued work taking place on the *Geosites Project*. Led by Angus Miller, but with tireless support from many others, this ambitious project is now also *award-winning* – well done to everyone who has contributed!

As of January this year, I stepped down as Chair of SGT. It's been an amazing journey: I was involved in setting up Trust, and I worked as a volunteer driving social media engagement. Then, stepping into the role of Trustee, I set up and

led our Communications team, helping establish our voice and brand. As one of the longest serving trustees, I've been privileged to see the Trust grow into a thriving charity that unites the geological community. It's taken the combined efforts of so many people. Thank you to our many members and supporters. It's been a real joy to work with you all and help steer the ship for a while!

I may have left my role as Chair and trustee, but my parting shot has been leading the working group for one of SGT's most important contributions to geoconservation: *Scotland's Geodiversity Charter*. Along with NatureScot, the British Geological Survey, and many other supporters, we have reworked this document, which began under the auspices of the Scottish Geodiversity Forum, in 2012. The 2025-2030 charter builds on previous versions to outline how vital Scotland's world-class geodiversity is in so many aspects of our nation's life. Our list of signatories to the Charter continues to grow.

Geodiversity profoundly influences Scotland's landscape, economy, historical and cultural heritage, education, health and well-being. If you are reading this and supporting SGT's work, I have no doubt you agree!

As for me, I'll now be focusing on my Research Fellowship at National Museums Scotland. Working on Scotland's fossils means I never lose touch with just how important they are, both scientifically and personally for people across the country and beyond. Wherever you are, I hope you celebrate the earth beneath your feet this year, and Scotland's role as the birthplace of geology!



Elsa Panciroli
Outgoing Chair



Administration and Governance

Porphyritic pebbles, Shetland. Photo by Steph Flude

Charitable Purposes

Our charitable purpose is to inspire people everywhere to understand, love and care for Scotland's incredible geological heritage and its role in creating a sustainable future.

This includes helping people and communities to connect with the landscapes and resources (modern, historical, and prehistoric) around them and beneath their feet, and to appreciate the role that geology has played, and continues to play, in shaping modern life.

From understanding weather and climate, to the resources that are necessary to maintain society's current standards of living, to the thrill of summiting a Munro - geological literacy is an essential but often overlooked skill.

Our purposes as described in our constitution are:

- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement by conservation of sites of geological interest, by improving access to sites of geological interest and by improved understanding of geological features, the processes of environmental change, including climate change and other potential damaging and beneficial effects.
- The advancement of education by encouraging the education of young people in geology, by developing and promoting publications, public events and resources to contribute to public understanding of geology, environmental change, evidence from the geological record and the role of conservation of geological sites.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development by providing resources and support to communities and working with communities to assist them in the conservation, management and promotion of their local sites of geological interest.
- The advancement of the arts heritage culture and science by promotion of the science of geology, by encouraging recognition of the role of geology in creating landscape and sense of place, and by supporting projects that engage the arts to interpret Scotland's landscape and geological heritage in innovative ways.

Governing Document

The Scottish Geology Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) established in 2019. The Trust is governed by our Constitution which was approved by the Scottish Charity Regulator in 2019 and was amended at the 2023 AGM. A copy is available on request from our Secretary or [from our website](#).

Organisation

We are a membership-based organisation, managed by our Board of Trustees, with assistance from key volunteers. Many of our charitable activities rely on our wonderful volunteers.

Our Board of Trustees is comprised of up to 15 members, twelve of which may be elected by our members and up to six may be co-opted by the Board.

The Board is responsible for strategic planning, financial monitoring, driving Trust activities through its various working groups, and for ensuring that SGT is achieving its aims and upholding its values. The current Trustees that make up the Board can be seen on page 8.

Our Trustees

The following were trustees during 2025 and on 08/04/2026 – the date that the annual report was approved.



Stephanie Flude
Trustee/ Chair



Grant Bellshaw
Trustee / Vice Chair



Anthony Blackman
Trustee / Vice Chair
Co-opted 10.04.2025



Cara Wells
Trustee / Treasurer



Emily Brown
Trustee /
Secretary



Maureen Whalen
Trustee /
Comms Lead



Gemma Laker
Trustee/
Deputy Treasurer



Graham Leslie
Trustee



Keith Myers
Trustee



Katie Strang
Trustee



Lina Pacifico
Trustee



Eileen Tisdall
Trustee
Co-opted 10.04.2025



Dave Torr
Trustee/
Deputy Treasurer
Resigned 19.05.2025



Elsa Panciroli
Trustee/ Chair
Resigned 14.01.2026



Audrey Decou
Trustee, Co-opted
Resigned 27.01.2026

Trustee Recruitment

Trustee elections are held annually, and any member may stand for election, provided they have support from two other members.

Elected Trustees may stand for a term of three years, with the option to be re-elected for a further three years. The Board may also co-opt Trustees as needed to fill skills gaps. Co-opted trustees remain in office until the next AGM and may be co-opted annually up to a maximum of 6 years.

In 2025 one previously elected Trustee, secretary Emily Brown, was re-elected. One previously co-opted Trustee, Lina Pacifico, and three new Trustees (Grant Bellshaw, Gemma Laker and Maureen Whalen) were elected following a membership vote. Two Trustees, Anthony Blackman and Eileen Tisdall, were co-opted for an additional year by the Board.

There are four elected Trustee positions available in 2026. Elections take place online with the result ratified by members at the AGM.

Trustee and Staff Changes

In January 2026, Chair Elsa Panciroli retired from the Board. During her tenure as Chair, Elsa spearheaded the refresh of the Geodiversity Charter, championed SGT's Hutton Tercentenary crowdfunder, and worked to make the Scottish Geology Festival sustainable into the future, all while ensuring the Trust maintained its networks and worked towards our charitable aims. We wish Elsa all the best with her work and future projects.

In June, Deputy Treasurer Dave Torr chose to step down from Trusteeship. We thank Dave for all his enormous effort in maintaining SGT's accounts and steering our budget during his time as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer.

Audrey Decou was co-opted by the Board in July 2025 but, due to a change in work commitments, resigned in January 2026. Though her tenure was brief, we appreciate Audrey's time on the Board and wish her well.

This year we have 2 Trustees whose terms are coming to an end – Graham Leslie and Keith Myers. Both have made huge contributions to the work of the Trust, and we can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication.

Volunteers

SGT's work wouldn't be possible without our growing team of dedicated volunteers. In 2026, volunteers contributed the equivalent of £95,000 through their work - an amazing achievement!

Without you, we wouldn't be able to deliver key events and activities, such as the Scottish Geology Festival or our flagship Geosites project.

We are immensely grateful to you for sharing your passion with us and hope you will continue to work with us in the future.

Arran
Geoblitz.
Photo by
Lina Pacifico





Activities and Achievements

Glencoe Ring Intrusion, Glean a' Chaolais. Photo by Steph Flude

Our main activities in 2025

Our Trustees and volunteers have worked hard in the past year to meet the Trust's aims and objectives. Here are some of the highlights of their ongoing work.

- Delivering the Scottish Geology Festival (pg. 15-16)
- Completion of the Geosites pilot phase (pg. 17-19)
- Deep Time Trail Crowdfunder (pg. 19 - 20)
- Maintaining SGT's website
- Social Media (pg. 23)
- Supporting other organisations in celebrating historical geological achievements

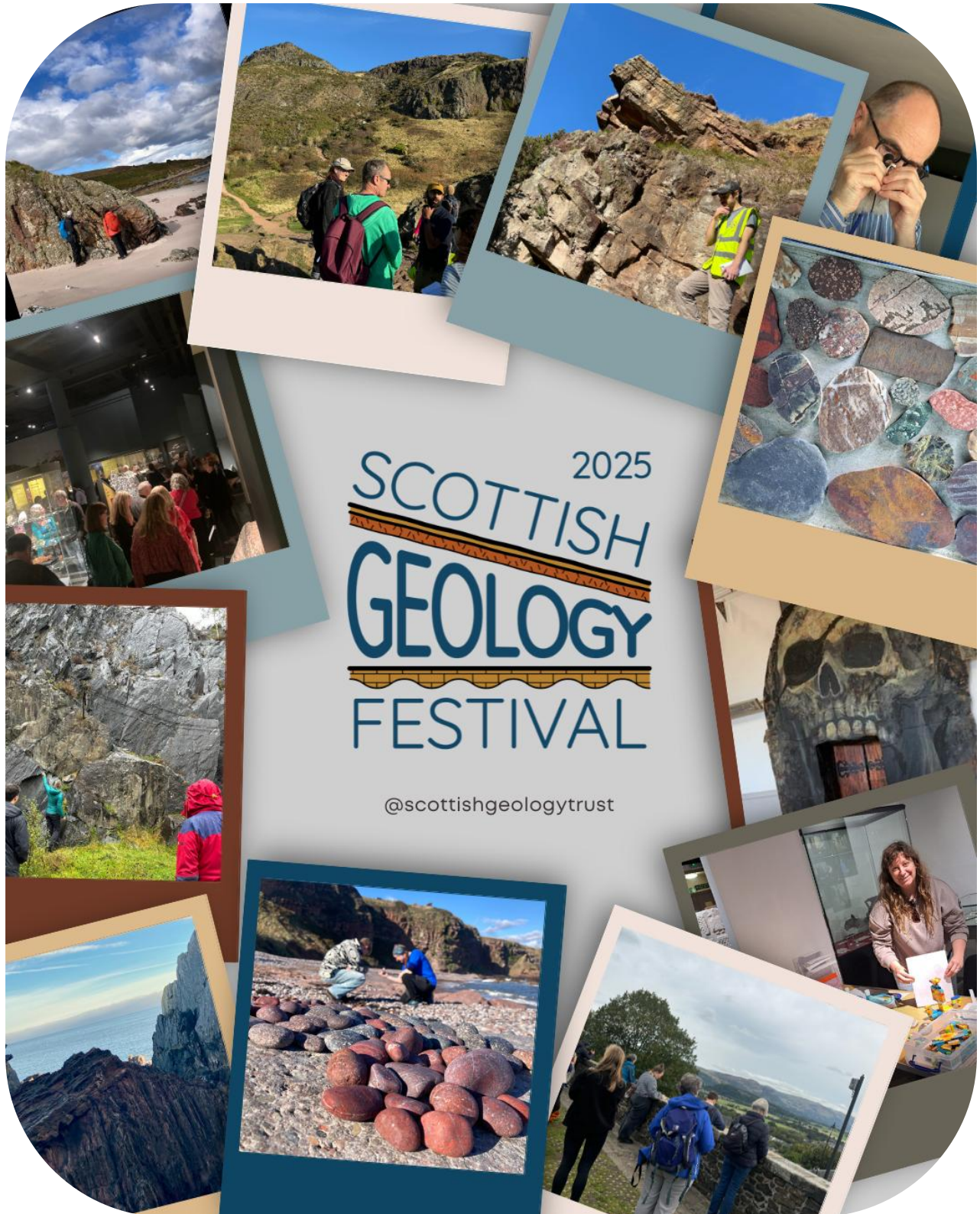
Scottish Geology Festival

In 2025, SGT delivered our fifth successful Scottish Geology Festival which ran from the 1st of September to the 6th October, offering unique and behind the scenes opportunities to learn about the incredible stories hidden within Scotland's rocks and landscapes.

This year we saw:

- Over 91 in-person events, including talks, tours, open days, guided walks, beach pebble events, museum exhibits, art exhibitions and UV mineral displays.
- Over 5,000 participants
- Over 3,300 YouTube views equating to 450 hours of watch time!

Events were delivered by a wide range of organisations and individuals across the length and breadth of Scotland, from the Shetland Isles to the Scottish Borders.



We received generous sponsorship from Edinburgh Geological Society who have been consistent supporters of our mission and the Festival as a whole. This kind of funding is critical to allow us to put on more ambitious events, hire venues, provide resources, and compensate event leaders for their time.

This year we formed the Festival Organising Group with the aim of spreading the load of organising the Scottish Geology Festival. The Group was headed by Dr Katie Strang with support from Emily Brown, John Taylor, Lina Pacifico and Maureen Whalen who all contributed a significant amount of unpaid time during the lead up, organisation and wrap up of the Festival. Their estimated in-kind support totals over 1,000 hours.

As with previous years, the success of the Festival was down to grass-roots involvement by our key volunteers and partners, many of whom contributed significant in-kind support equivalent of £47,000. Previously developed partnerships and support networks were furthered, we had 31 returning event organisers, with many popular events returning for another year.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

Geosites Project 2025

The Scottish Geology Trust's [Geosites project](#) launched in June 2023, aiming to build a map and database for all sites in Scotland that are designated as important for geology and geomorphology at a national or local level, to encourage greater awareness and conservation. The Geosites map interface shows the location and boundaries for 880 Geological Conservation Review (GCR) sites and over 500 Local Geodiversity Sites (LGS), with links to information for each site. Over 40 volunteers have been involved in the project since 2023, adding site details, including links to sources of further information, and useful notes on access and safety. The main focus in 2025 was running the very successful Arran Geoblitz (see report below), and considering the long term sustainability of the project.



Image of the Geosites map interface centred on the Scottish Borders and East Lothian; Base map via Ordnance Survey © Crown copyright and database rights 2026

The [Geoguide website \(geoguide.scottishgeologytrust.org\)](https://geoguide.scottishgeologytrust.org) which sits alongside the Geosites project goes from strength to strength. The website includes text from the GCR, excursion guides, leaflets etc. to provide more information on these nationally recognised geological and geomorphological sites. The website has over 6000 pages from 166 publications, with over 13,000 figures or tables and 52,000 mapped locations: these locations are displayed on an interactive map allowing users to go from a map point to the description of that location.

The Geosites project promotes a strong conservation message, encouraging people to respect the sites and report problems. This has led to identification of a small number of issues, including a handful of reports of illegal collection and site damage, along with issues mainly associated with vegetation. We have worked with Rachel Wignall and colleagues at NatureScot to pass on information as appropriate.

All this has been achieved on a budget of just £3,000 over two years, supported by grants from the Curry Fund of the Geologist's Association (£1,500), Geological Society of Glasgow (£500), Edinburgh Geological Society (£500) and The Quaternary Research Association (£500).



Parasitic fold,
Halfway House
Shore, proposed
local Geodiversity
Site, Arran.

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2025, [Geosites
project](#), Scottish
Geology Trust ([CC
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The pilot phase of the project was completed in 2024/25: the Geosites and Geoguide websites are stable and user-friendly, and are being used by hundreds of people per month. The success of this pilot phase was recognised by the Geologist's Association with the Curry Fund Certificate of Excellence for geoconservation, awarded to the Geosites project as a geological project that, in their view, represented best the aims and objectives of the Geologists' Association and the late Professor Dennis Curry.

We at SGT were delighted to receive this award, as it provides national recognition of a project that we know is currently very popular here in Scotland (see report on Arran Geoblitz).

The Scottish Geology Trust is committed to maintaining the website and supporting the volunteer team, and the SGT Board has now moved on to plan for the long-term sustainability of the project. There is to be a Project Board established, tasked with setting up a governance structure and in the medium term to secure funding for a paid project manager. The aim of the longer-term project is to make it is easier to find and share information, and report

conservation concerns, for sites in Scotland that are designated as important for geology and geomorphology at a national or local level.

We are very grateful to the volunteer team, led by Angus Miller, who have contributed hundreds of hours to the project. In particular, Daniel Burgess and Bob McIntosh have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the Geosites and Geoguide websites function well, are easy to use and together represent an enormous collection of information about Scotland's geology.

Arran Geoblitz

Last April, Scottish Geology Trust held its first Geoblitz with great success. The event aimed to fully document geologically significant locations ("geosites") on the Isle of Arran. A team of volunteers evaluated the sites on their condition and accessibility and added the information to the Geosites map.



Composite dyke,
An Cumhann,
Drumadoon – Tormore,
west coast of Arran.
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[Geosites project](#), Scottish
Geology Trust
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The Geosites volunteers came from all backgrounds, from seasoned Arran academics, to nature enthusiasts and university students. They were all eager to assist with the project and their wide array of skillsets were put to good use; volunteers that were already familiar with Arran educated novice volunteers on Arran's geology, and those with photography and computer skills led the tasks of photographing sites and updating the Geosites map. Less experienced volunteers also developed the invaluable research skills of proper

documentation and data cataloguing while learning about rock types firsthand in the field.

Over the three days of the Geoblitz, the volunteers were immersed in nature and learned from each other. The collaboration and camaraderie, combined with the spectacular geology of Arran, made for an excellent weekend. Ultimately, over 30 geosites were added to the Geosites map and we intend to continue contributing to the map in the future. Thanks to our volunteers, the Geosites Project has helped to promote greater awareness, conservation and responsible visiting.

Crowdfunding success for the Deep Time Trail

Siccar Point, on the coast in the Scottish Borders, is widely considered to be the birthplace of Geology. This is where, back in the late 1700s, James Hutton hypothesised the existence of a structure (that we now know as an unconformity), and then found it. And (perhaps more importantly) convinced his Scottish Enlightenment colleagues that the structure they found was the culmination of processes that must have taken place over unfathomable timescales.

Since SGT formed, we have advocated for better recognition of just how important Siccar Point is as a geoheritage site. In 2022 we proposed that Siccar Point should be included on the UK's Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Unfortunately, it wasn't selected, and we think that the lack of facilities and infrastructure at the site was part of this decision.

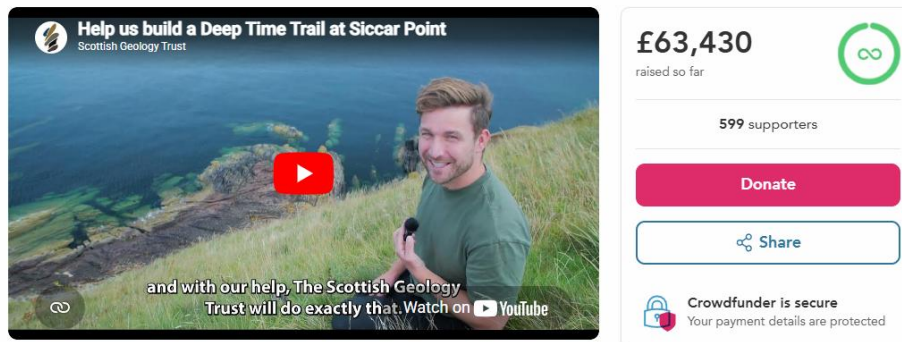
So when Edinburgh Geological Society (EGS) started making plans to install an interpretive trail above Siccar Point, in time for Hutton's Tercentenary celebrations in June 2026, we, of course, had to help. EGS took the lead by commissioning a feasibility study (to which SGT contributed £1000) that designed a [Deep Time Trail](#), and estimated the total costs to be ~£150,000.

SGT set up a [Crowfunder](#), that ran from September - November, with an aim of raising around half of these costs. Thanks to a mammoth effort, the Crowfunder Campaign raised a whopping £59,119, and SGT received an

additional £5,500 in offline donations, with EGS also receiving direct donations as a result of the campaign.

Building the James Hutton Deep Time Trail

📍 Cockburnspath, United Kingdom

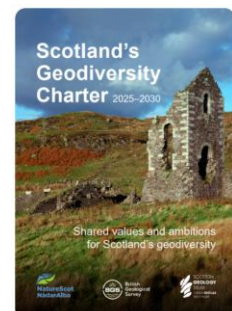


Screenshot from the Deep Time Trail Crowdfunder webpage, April 2026

Combined with other funding secured by EGS, this is enough to build the trail, which will open in May 2026. Donations are still coming in, and any funds not needed for the trail will go towards a feasibility study for Phase 2 - installing steps down to the unconformity itself.

Scottish Geodiversity Charter

As you might know, SGT formed in November 2019 after the Scottish Geodiversity Forum closed. The Forum was instrumental in creating Scotland's Geodiversity Charter, to encourage the promotion and management of Scotland's geodiversity, better integrating it with policy and guidance meet Scotland's social, economic, cultural, and environmental needs.



The first charter was published in 2012, with [a revised version published in 2018](#), designed to last until 2023. Throughout 2025, SGT Chair Elsa Panciroli, along with NatureScot and BGS, have been leading on revising the charter and securing signatories. [The new charter](#), published in the spring of 2026 and running until 2030, is being hosted by SGT.

Art in Earth Science Exhibition

This year SGT partnered with Scot-ART (formerly Edinburgh Palette) and the Leith Lapidary Club to run *Art in Earth Science*, an exhibition inspired by the ever-changing landscapes and rocks around us.

A curated group of artists and lapidarists were invited to present work that interprets and elevates the natural world through a wide range of approaches and media. The exhibition, hosted in Scot-ART's main gallery space, showcased an impressive diversity of practice, including traditional techniques such as charcoal and gouache alongside videography, photography, sculpture, lapidary work, ceramics, and more.

Huge thank you to John Taylor, for organising this fantastic event on behalf of SGT, and to all the amazing artists who participated.

Sketches
inspired by
geological
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Inchnadamph

Northwest Highlands Geopark have been making progress on designing geological information and interpretation panels to install at Inchnadamph Lodge. We expect these to be installed in 2026.

SGT Website - Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI)

We at SGT believe that Geology is for all, and everyone should have as much access as possible to the wonderful Geology found in Scotland. In this light, Trustee Gemma Laker put together an EDI resource page for the website, with the aim of providing a starting point for supporting and learning about different topics. We hope that this page will become a working collection of resources that can be updated and refreshed with new pieces. These topics include fieldwork accessibility, representation in the Geosciences, decolonisation, mental health, and more.

These will be live on the website in the near future, under our 'resources' tab. The board regularly discusses these topics at our meetings, and we wish to further push EDI initiatives in the new year.

Social Media

Our social media presence continues to grow, we now have over 5,700 followers on X, 3,000 on Instagram (20% growth), and 2,800 on Facebook (10% growth).

Our new Bluesky account (@scottishgeology.bsky.social) is growing slowly, now at over 400 followers. We were also very active on LinkedIn this year to engage with professional networks, especially around the Crowdfunder. 1,200 followers and over 44,000 views and 1,300 engagements with our content.

Our platforms are a wonderful way to share our passion for geology, the work we're carrying out and supporting, and to connect with supporters and members.

Our tag #ScottishGeology continues to be a popular way for people to share their own content with us and our followers.

Videography

Throughout this year's drive to strengthen our social media presence and widen our engagement, one of our Trustees, Grant Bellshaw, filmed a suite of video content celebrating the wide variety of amazing projects we have been involved in this past year.

Grant commented:

"Film, as a medium, has an incomparable way of drawing the audience in to the subject; make them feel there - involved. With each view [of our videos] more people are educated, moved and connected with our (and our partner charities' and organisations') projects, celebrating Scottish geology, and those that make it great... it's pretty special"

Grant documented a range of our project-links across both mainland Scotland (The Scottish Geology Festival / Deep Time Trail), and Arran, discussing the DTT and championing the island's UNESCO Geosite accreditation. During filming, we interviewed key figures within a diverse range of projects and heritage industries across Scotland, garnering support, and improving outreach across social media. We look forward to continuing this trend and endeavouring to inform, not only our current audience, but engaging with the wider public to celebrate, educate and share in the wonders of Scotland's geology.

Future Plans

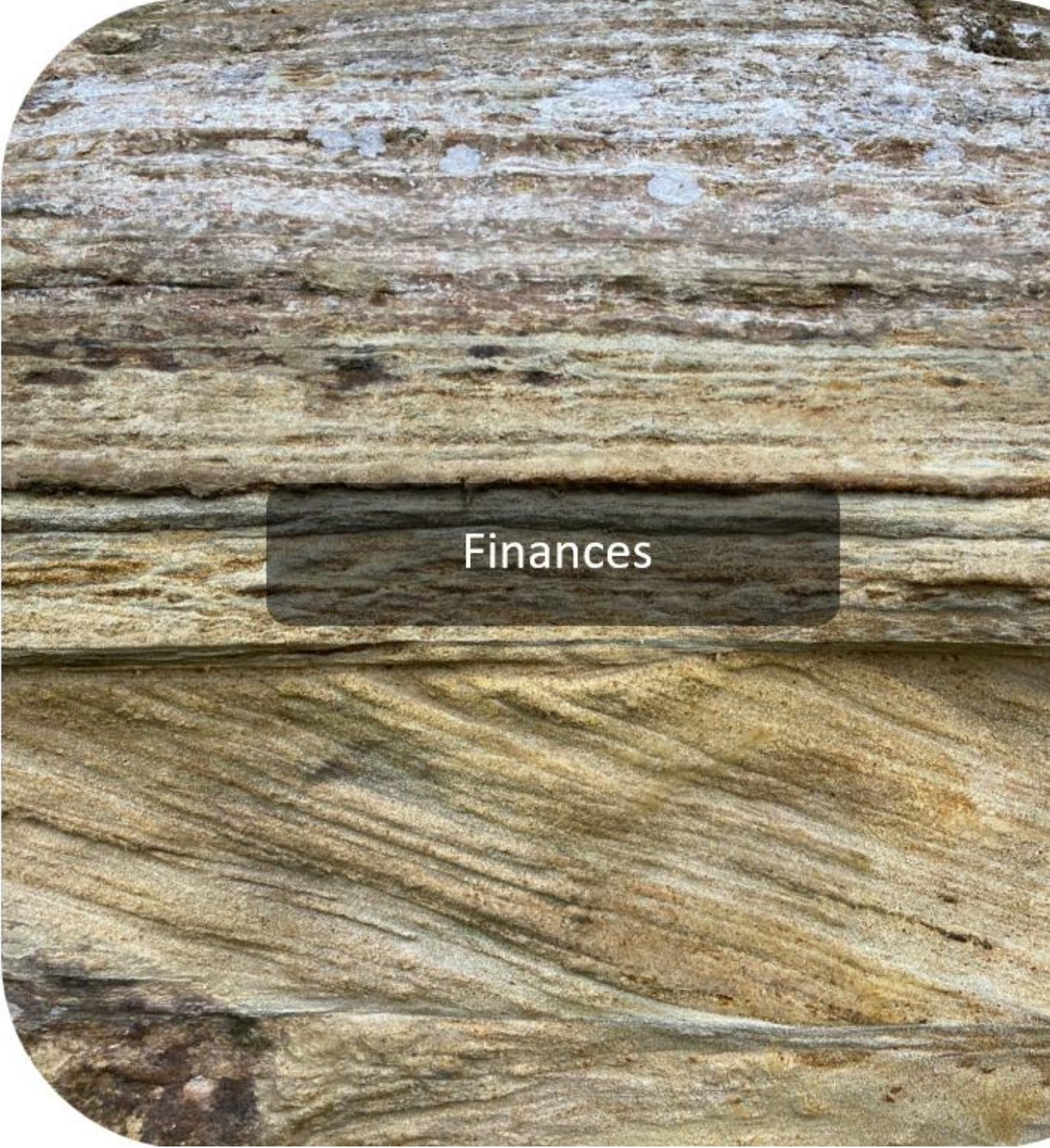
Over the past 5-and-a-half years, SGT has consistently punched well above its weight, delivering high-impact activities and events on a shoestring budget, all thanks to our incredibly dedicated volunteers (many of who are also trustees).

We are so proud of what we have achieved, but we know this is not sustainable in the long term. A strong focus of 2026 will be reviewing and revising our structures, policies, and procedures, to ensure that volunteer workloads are distributed more effectively.

In 2026 we are trialling contracting an administration assistant, to reduce the trustee-volunteer workload and free up capacity for more strategic oversight, planning, and governance. We will also revise our membership strategy, exploring ways to grow membership (our main source of long-term unrestricted funding) to the point that we can continue to contract or employ a charity manager.

But that doesn't mean the next year is going to be quiet. 2026 will see:

- The launch of the latest edition of Scotland's Geodiversity Charter (2025-2030)
- Supporting the launch of the Deep Time Trail at Siccar Point
- A change to the timing of the Scottish Geology Festival, to June, to allow us to celebrate James Hutton's Tercentenary and the concept of Deep Time
- Greater collaboration with organisations that celebrate geology and champion its importance to modern society



Finances

Cross bedding, Dura Den, Fife. Photo by Gemma Laker

Financial Summary Review

The Accounts at 31st December 2025 show a cash resource of £108,679, of which £68,611 is restricted funds, leaving £40,068 as unrestricted funds, including our reserve of £10,000.

A large proportion of the restricted funds (£59,116) are donations from the Hutton Crowdfunder, which are to be transferred to Edinburgh Geological Society early in 2026 for construction of the Deep Time Trail at Siccar Point. Our campaign on the Crowdfunder platform received £62,248 in donations, of which we received £60,507 (transaction fees were £1,741 including VAT). We also received £5,500 in direct donations, bringing our total to £66,007. Our campaign expenses totalled £6,891 in 2025 and included: contracting a fundraising expert to design the campaign strategy; social media influencer campaign fees; and reward fulfilment costs (postage, packaging, neckwarmers). An amount to cover additional SGT expenses in launching the trail (travel and videography) is being agreed with EGS and the remainder of the fund transferred to EGS in early 2026.

Our unrestricted funds have increased this year due to derestricting of the First Scottish Fund; we thank First Scottish for their support and flexibility.

This year we received £5,450 in membership fees. We gratefully acknowledge donations of £2,000 and £650 from Edinburgh Geological Society (EGS) towards the Arran Geoblitz event (Geosites Project) and 2025 Scottish Geology Festival, and a donations of £1,000 from SEE Renewables towards the 2025 Festival.

Our year end result is a deficit of £487 on unrestricted operations (but when accounting for derestricting of the First Scottish Fund, this becomes a surplus of £17,414), and a surplus of £40,078 on restricted projects.

Reserves

The Scottish Geology Trust aims to maintain a minimum unrestricted reserves of £10,000. We have calculated that this value will allow SGT to continue operations at a minimum level for 1 year (thanks to our volunteer workforce),

including website maintenance and delivery of the Scottish Geology Festival.
This reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Declaration

Trustees Annual Report approved by the Scottish Geology Trust Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Print Name

Designation

Date



Print Name

Designation

Date

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 to the Trustees of The Scottish Geology Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which include the Statement of Receipts and Payments, Statement of Balances and the Notes to the Accounts.

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 2006 Regulations"). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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 2006 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 Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.



Elaine Alsop ACA DChA FCIE
EA Independent Ltd
5 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4AN
9 April 2026

STATEMENT ON RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	3,650	-	3,650	11,500
Membership subscriptions		5,450	-	5,450	5,652
Income from events		-	-	-	94
Hutton Crowdfunder	3		66,007	66,007	-
Interest		265	-	265	218
		<u>9,365</u>	<u>66,007</u>	<u>75,372</u>	<u>17,464</u>
Payments					
Charitable activities	4	7,328	8,028	15,356	5,743
Grants and donations	5	1,000	-	1,000	200
Governance costs	6	1,524	-	1,524	3,623
		<u>9,852</u>	<u>8,028</u>	<u>17,880</u>	<u>9,566</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers					
		(487)	57,979	57,492	7,898
Transfers		17,901	(17,901)	-	-
		<u>17,414</u>	<u>40,078</u>	<u>57,492</u>	<u>7,898</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year					
		<u>17,414</u>	<u>40,078</u>	<u>57,492</u>	<u>7,898</u>

The notes form part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Opening cash & bank balances		22,654	28,533	51,187	43,289
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		17,414	40,078	57,492	7,898
Closing cash & bank balances		<u>40,068</u>	<u>68,611</u>	<u>108,679</u>	<u>51,187</u>
Represented by:					
Charity funds	6	<u>40,068</u>	<u>68,611</u>	<u>108,679</u>	<u>51,187</u>

Creditors (for information only)

	2025 £	2024 £
Crowdfunder payment to EGS	59,115	395
Independent examiners fee	500	200
Insurance 2025	260	-

Approved by the Trustees on 8th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature 
 Name: Cara Wells
 Position: Treasurer
 Date: 08/04/2026

Signature 
 Name: Stephanie Flude
 Position: Chair
 Date: 08/04/2026

The notes form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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

VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and, accordingly, expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Resources expended

Expenditure incurred has been classified on a basis appropriate to the charity's circumstances. All expenditure relates to the charitable activities.

Governance costs relate to the administration and governance of the charity and are separately identified.

2. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Edinburgh Geological Society - Geoblitz	2,000	-	2,000	-
SEE Renewables – Festival	1,000	-	1,000	-
Edinburgh Geological Society - Festival	650	-	650	-
First Scottish	-	-	-	10,000
Curry Fund	-	-	-	1,500
	<u>3,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>11,500</u>

3. Hutton Crowdfunder

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts from the Hutton Crowdfunder	-	66,007	66,007	-

Edinburgh Geological Society (EGS) is leading on installing an interpretative walking trail at Siccar Point, the "birthplace" of the science of Geology. SGT hosted a crowdfunder with a goal of raising half of the costs. Costs incurred by SGT in running the Crowdfunder will be recouped from this fund. The remainder will be transferred to EGS who are managing trail construction, with a small proportion reserved for costs incurred by SGT's involvement in the trail launch and promotion (May 2026).

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Hutton Crowdfunder	-	6,891	6,891	-
Geosites	5,390	-	5,390	1,002
North West Highland Geopark	-	1,137	1,137	-
Maintaining website	1,055	-	1,055	1,347
Scottish Geology Festival	320	-	320	2,581
Leaflets	504	-	504	-
Hosting Geodiversity Charter	59	-	59	78
International Geological Congress bid	-	-	-	735
	<u>7,328</u>	<u>8,028</u>	<u>15,356</u>	<u>5,743</u>

5. Grant and donations made

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Siccar Point	1,000	-	1,000	-
North West Highland Geopark	-	-	-	200
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>200</u>

6. Governance costs

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance & strategy	-	-	-	1,675
Training	-	-	-	300
IT	628	-	628	333
Insurance and membership	-	-	-	338
Bank and similar fees	213	-	213	52
AGM and election costs	483	-	483	725
Independent examination fee	200	-	200	200
	<u>1,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,524</u>	<u>3,623</u>

7. Trustees and Related Parties

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee during the year (2024: £Nil).

Reimbursement of travel expenses of £144 were paid to 1 trustee in the year (2024: £942, 4)

8. Funds

	Balance at 1 Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2025 £
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General fund	22,654	9,365	(9,852)	2,871	25,038
First Scottish Trust	-	-	-	15,030	15,030
	<u>22,654</u>	<u>9,365</u>	<u>(9,852)</u>	<u>17,901</u>	<u>40,068</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
First Scottish Trust	17,901	-	-	(17,901)	-
Geosites (Tayside)	1,847	-	-	-	1,847
Geodiversity Charter	485	-	-	-	485
Inchnadamph	8,300	-	(1,137)	-	7,163
Hutton Crowdfunder	-	66,007	(6,891)	-	59,116
	<u>28,533</u>	<u>66,007</u>	<u>8,028</u>	<u>(17,901)</u>	<u>68,611</u>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<u>51,187</u>	<u>75,372</u>	<u>(17,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,679</u>

Unrestricted funds:

The General fund is administered in line with the objects of the charity as directed by the Trustees.

Designated – First Scottish Trust funding to support the general work of the Trust.

Restricted funds:

Geosites – A project, operating in alliance with NatureScot, to increase observance and access to Scotland's Geo-Conservation Review Sites (GCRs). The restricted Geosites fund is to cover work and events related to GCRs in the Tayside area.

Geodiversity Charter – To support the work of the Strategic Geodiversity Committee in promoting Scotland's Geodiversity Charter.

Inchnadamph – To provide geological outreach and interpretation resources at Inchnadamph Lodge.

Hutton Crowdfunder – To contribute to installing a Deep Time interpretative trail at Siccar Point.

Transfers between funds:

A transfer was made in line with an agreement with the funder to convert the First Scottish Trust funding to a designated fund to support the work of the charity in general. A further transfer was made for the general fund, regarding expenses that are covered by the First Trust funding.



Fairy Pools, Skye. Photo by Gemma Laker