Tayside Woodland Partnerships

Charity Number SC051345

Financial Statements for the period

1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

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Trustees Annual Report for the period ended 31st March 2026

Charity Name	Tayside Woodland Partnerships
Registered Charity Number	SC051345
Principal Address	2 Windsor Gardens Pitlochry PH16 5BE
Chairperson	Charlie McCarthy (appointed 23.4.26)
Treasurer (Acting)	Marion Young (appointed March 2026)
Trustees	Mark Aquilina Robert Talbot Charlie McCarthy David Young Marion Young Martin Mathers (Passed away 24/11/25)
Independent Examiner	Leslie Gill
Bankers	Bank of Scotland

Trustees Report

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

Achievements and performance

1. **Tradecoaters Field Nursery Project.**

TWP has invested a lot of time and money this year into establishing a Tree Nursery capable of producing up to 3,000 trees per year for use by TWP and other Partnership groups for planting on identified projects in Highland Perthshire. We have appointed a Tree Nursery Manager, Ormangandr Melchizedek, a former Trustee of TWP. He has stood down as a Trustee and is now a very busy employee of TWP.

We now have a state of the art Nursery polytunnel and 16 growing benches for our tree collection. We have established a collection of native broadleaf trees and added to this by collecting seeds from identified sources such as Black Spout Wood and Dun Coillich to diversify the trees we have available.

We have been assisted in establishing the Tree Nursery by the Pitlochry Path Group whose help and advice has been invaluable. Many thanks to them for everything they have done for us this year and we look forward to working with them in the future on projects in and around Pitlochry.

2. **New staff 2026.**

We have taken on two new members of staff. Ormagandr Melchizedek (O) and Steve Robertson. O is our Tree Nursery Manager and Steve is our Education and Community Engagement Officer. We hope to increase our reach and impact through the work of these two well-qualified staff members. Steve has taken on the collating and production of our quarterly newsletter and O has responsibility for the Tree Nursery and the website.

3. **Summer drought 2026**

The summer of 2026 has been the warmest ever recorded throughout Europe. This has set us challenges in watering the trees which we have already planted as they are not yet sufficiently established to withstand the highest summer temperatures and dry spell. These include the fruit trees in Delta Park Pitlochry and the Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh collection planted 2 years ago on Tradecoaters field. There is no mains water supply to the Tree Nursery. We have circumnavigated the water supply issue by installing two 1000l IBC tanks and collecting rainwater in two rainwater butts installed on the shed that acts as our field office. The fruit trees have produced some apples and plums. They quickly disappeared from Delta Park, which was always the intention.

New Partnerships

TWP are always open to working with others and we have visited Dun Collich to meet with members of their Trust and Dalnacardoch which is the Durrell Organisations project in the Cairngorms. We hope to develop our relations with these organisations in the coming years.

4. Our offer

TWP continues to offer guided walks around Black Spout Wood, public talks about woodlands in Highland Perthshire, educational activities based on woodland habitats and consultancy about all things trees and woodland planting. Contact O and Steve for further details.

5. TWP officer positions

Mark Aqualina has continued as the temporary Chair of TWP. Marion Young replaced Ron Taylor and will act as Treasurer until we manage to find a permanent replacement. The AGM is scheduled for April 23rd 2026 in Pitlochry Library, an open meeting for all members. Other interested parties are welcome to join us but will have no voting rights at any votes at the AGM.

General Fund

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Restricted Fund 2026 £	Unrestricted Fund 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations	-	2,760	2,760	-
Grant Funding	33,848	-	33,848	17,218
Fundraising	-	170	170	316
Legacy Income	-	61,750	61,750	-
Total Receipts	33,848	64,680	98,528	17,534
PAYMENTS				
Staffing costs	3,600	-	3,600	2,700
Insurance	-	683	683	539
Promotional Activities	-	120	120	210
Charitable Activities	18,337	1,533	19,870	12,398
Finance / Legal Costs	-	200	200	200
Other Costs				600
Total Payments	21,937	2,536	24,473	16,647
Surplus / Deficit for the period	11,911	62,144	74,055	887

All amounts relate to continuing operations. There were no recognised gains of losses other than the surplus for the financial period reported above.

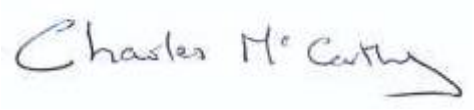
Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2026

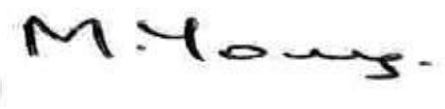
General Fund	Restricted Fund 2026	Unrestricted Fund 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2025	281	2,200	2,481	1,594
Surplus / deficit for the year	11,911	62,144	74,055	887
Balance as at 31/3/2026	12,192	64,344	76,536	2,481

Represented by:

Current Assets		
Bank of Scotland	76,536	2,481

Approved by the Trustees on 13 November 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Charlie McCarthy Chairperson 

Marion Young Treasurer 

Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st March 2026

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

(b) Income is received in the financial statements when received and entered in the accounting records (i.e. under a cash basis)

(c) Expenditure is charged to the receipts and payments account on an as paid basis (i.e. under a cash basis)

(d) The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax purposes

2 Remuneration/reimbursement of expenses

No remuneration was paid to any Office Bearer or Committee member in the period.

3 Funds

The nature and purpose of each fund is as follows:

General fund – This comprises donations, legacies and fund-raising proceeds that will be spent on the primary objects of the charity

Restricted fund – This comprises the balance of funds yet to be spent being donations and grants given to the charity with a specific, legally binding condition attached by the donor or through a targeted fundraising appeal.

4 Grants Received

Grants Received for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Restricted Fund 2026	Unrestricted Fund 2026	Total 2026	Total 2
	£	£	£	
	-	-	-	
Enchanted Forest				4,
PKC Nature Restoration Fund	11,900	-	11,900	12,
Basil Death Trust	2,200	-	2,200	
National Lottery	19,748	-	19,748	
Total Grants Received	**33,848**	**-**	**33,848**	**17,**

5 Charitable Activities

Charitable Activities for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Restricted Fund 2026	Unrestricted Fund 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Membership / Subscriptions	-	40	40	30
Capital Expenditure	18,337	1,493	19,830	12,318
Venue Hire	-	-		50
Total Charitable Activities	**18,337**	**1,533**	**19,870**	**12,398**

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

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.



Leslie Gill
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13.11.2026