

Friends of Glenan Wood
Annual Report and Financial Statement
For the year ended 30 Sept 2024

Friends of Glenan Wood

Administrative information

Trustees

Katharine Lowrie Chair

Robin Webster Secretary

Niall McFarlane Treasurer

Kate Gray

Leoma Armstrong resigned Feb 2024

Aime Dow joined July 2023 resigned April 2024

Iain Waugh joined February 2024

Hannah Buss joined June 2024

Charity Number SC047803

Registered Office Tigh Eoin, Portavadie, Millhouse PA21 2DA

Bankers Bank of Scotland Direct Business

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Trustees' Report

History

The Friends of Glenan Wood is a charity (SCIO:SC047803) formed to purchase Glenan Wood for the local community. With the support of our members and the wider community we finally brought Glenan Wood into community ownership in December 2019 with a grant for this from the Scottish Land Fund, who also helped us to employ a Forest Ranger and a Development Officer at the start of 2020

Friends of Glenan Wood is a member of the Atlantic Woodland Alliance and the Community Woodlands Association. We also have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northwoods Rewilding Network (part of “Scotland the Big Picture”) who will be able to assist us with finding funding in the future.

Charity Aims

The aim of the charity is to maintain and support the ancient oak forest (a remaining part of the Atlantic Temperate Rainforest), for the benefit of the community and to sustain this ancient and important site. Several areas requiring action have been identified and during the year the following activities have been undertaken to support the woodland.

Activities

We have further developed our website, installing an integrated booking system, and we have completed an advanced calendar with opportunities and events for volunteers and the community at large.

Over this year we have created a tented events space in the wood, including outdoor seating. We have had 427 attendees at 36 public events, which have included 17 guided walks and 41 conservation work parties. Our Forest Ranger has supervised 112 volunteers.

We also had a three day event where local teenagers constructed a portable shelter in the orchard out of ash poles, and carried out work on the paths which is ongoing.

We have enjoyed liaising with the resident staff at the nearby Portavadie Marina, and the Argyll & Isles Countryside Trust (“ACT”) has been very helpful in preparing a long term plan for our volunteers, and have planned two “Dark Skies” night events. Plantlife Scotland along with Argyll Small Woods Cooperative and the Woodland Trust have helped us with training volunteers to use the Woodland Herbivore Impact Assessment Tool.

Ringbarking non-native invasive species has continued, and “ACT” have helped us with a very substantial contract to remove *Rhododendron Ponticum* from our northern boundary. There is however still a substantial amount of this invasive plant in the wood, and the predations of the deer continue, although we have employed a stalker to help reduce this and high chairs purchased to support this.

The community orchard is maturing (although the plum trees and the crab apple trees have not yet produced any fruit). We again had an apple ‘juicing’ event with Tighnabruaich Primary School, where we also shared our equipment to help process apples from neighbouring gardens which proved a popular community event.

The National Lottery’s help in allowing us to employ the Forest Ranger is critical to our success, but funding is an ongoing issue: we have had some help from the Tighnabruaich District Development Trust (“TDDT”) to buy some hand tools which have been very welcome and the installation of signage along the paths has also been beneficial.

We have been able to obtain an old container which we have had moved to the edge of the wood and this now provides us with secure storage at a convenient location. We have also raised funds this year to build a bridge over the burn on the shore path to encourage more visitors to the wood.

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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 Regulation,

and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lindsay Towers

Kames

Dated 27 June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30th September 2024

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	
£				
Income Note 1				
Donations and Legacies	0	2,570	2,570	
570				
Charitable Activities	36,872	817	37,689	36,250

Total Income		36,872	<u>3,387</u>	<u>40,259</u>
36,820				
Expenditure on:				
Charitable Activities	2	40,723	1,842	42,565
12,373				
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(3,851)	1,545	(2,306)
24,447				
Fund Balances at 1 Oct 2023		26,057	3,143	29,200
				4,752
Fund Balances at 30 Sept 2024		24,601	2,292	<u>26,893</u>
29,200				

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets Note 3				
Tangible Assets	290,000		290,000	
Current Assets				
Tools	352		704	

Bank		26,893	29,200
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		27,245	29,904
Net Assets		<u>26,893</u>	29,200
Income Funds			
Restricted Funds	4	24,601	
27,848			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>2,292</u>	<u>1,352</u>
		<u>26,893</u>	<u>29,200</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes 1

Unrestricted Funds Total

2024

2023

£

£

Donations	2,570
570	

Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Native Wood Project		
1,000		
National Lottery *	29,000	32,000
The Big Picture *	3,650	
350		
Argyll & Bute *		
2,500		
Community Land Scotland *	300	300
TDDT *	2,367	
Glenan Event *		500
Bridge Funding *	1,055	
Other Activities	817	
100		
Total	<u>40,259</u>	<u>36,250</u>

Analysis by Fund

Restricted*	36,872	35,150
Unrestricted	<u>3,387</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Total	<u>40,259</u>	<u>36,250</u>

Notes 2

Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff Costs	31,160	
8,335		
OWL Funding		269

The Big Picture	3,650	350
Insurance	1,066	1,008
Argyll & Bute		900
1,009		
TDDT	2,261	
Glenan Event	500	
National Lottery	540	
Sundries		2,488
1,402		
Total	42,565	12,373

Notes 3

Tangible Assets

	Land	Tools	Total
As at 1 Oct 2023	<u>290,000</u>	<u>704</u>	
<u>290,704</u>			
Depreciation charged			
in year	0	352	
704			
Carrying amount as at			
30 Sep 2024	<u>290,000</u>	<u>352</u>	
<u>290,352</u>			

Depreciation of tools calculated on a 20% straight line method.

Notes 4

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Notes 5

The average number of employees during the year was 1. Our Forest Ranger has been employed since December 2019. The Ranger took leave in January 2023 and returned in June 2023 with a new 4 day per week contract for the next 3 years as a result of National Lottery funding.

Employee Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	29,387	7,730
Social security costs	1,523	312
Administration costs	<u>250</u>	
	<u>293</u>	
Total	<u>31,160</u>	—
<u>8,335</u>		