

FINDHORN HINTERLAND TRUST SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2022

Scottish Charity No SC045806

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number: SC045806

TRUSTEES

Jonathan Caddy (Chair) Judith Bone (Secretary) Jacqueline Buckingham (stood down as Treasurer 4.11.21) Christopher Raymont (Trustee and interim Treasurer from 4.11.21) Alan Watson Featherstone Paulo Bessa Dr Arunkumar Patel Bryan Parsons

REGISTERED OFFICE

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ACCOUNTANT

Fasil Bogale Chartered Accountant 519 East Whins, Findhorn IV36 3TH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Jonathan Caddy Judith Bone Jacqueline Buckingham Christopher Raymont Alan Watson Featherstone Paulo Bessa Dr Arunkumar Patel Bryan Parsons

Organisational structure

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered on 15 July 2015. It took over much of the work of the now dissolved unincorporated association, the Findhorn Hinterland Group whose assets were transferred to the Trust on the 30th March 2016. The SCIO has a two-tier structure with appointed trustees and a membership.

Trustees and Membership

Membership is open to anyone over the age of 16 who has an interest in the objectives of the SCIO. They have the power to appoint trustees at the annual general meeting and change the constitution. The trustees meet four times a year and up to ten can be elected at the AGM by members. Up to six can be co-opted by trustees from local organisations that have an interest in the land. At present there is one co-opted trustee Christopher Raymont who works as the trust's bookkeeper and took over the treasurer role on a temporary basis when Jacqueline Buckingham stood down. The maximum number of trustees is sixteen and a quorum of three are needed to make decisions at meetings.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Apart from a small 0.6ha piece of land run as a green burial site in the middle of Wilkies Wood, Findhorn Hinterland Trust does not own land but works with landowners in the local area to help integrate land management and involve the local community. Its specific purposes are: -

- The advancement of environmental protection and improvement with particular reference to the habitats of the Findhorn area, Moray, Scotland.
- The advancement of education of the local community and wider public especially related to the outdoor and environmental opportunities provided by the Findhorn Hinterland habitats and environs.
- The advancement of community development by encouraging community cooperation, development and resilience through activities related to land on the Findhorn Hinterland and its management.

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- The provision of recreational facilities and activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for local people and others in West Moray and beyond.

At present the FHT has formal agreements with two of the Findhorn peninsula's landowners, the Findhorn Foundation and Duneland Ltd, to manage particular areas of their land. This is carried out through implementing the 2019-2023 agreed five-year management plan.

Activities/ Achievements and Performance

This has been a very different year from the previous one which was made particularly difficult in many ways by the limitations of the Covid 19 pandemic. Financially it has been a great success as the charity has been able to reverse the trend of small cumulative losses, brought to the board's attention a year ago, by making a profit of £28,486 against a budgeted profit of £3,357 and thus significantly strengthening our reserves as well as adding a major new asset in the form of the Conservation Hub almost entirely from specifically raised funds. With the tailing off or restrictions and renewed enthusiasm for the trust's work, much has been achieved in many other areas with activities and events that often simultaneously promote all four of the charity's purposes. Some of the most prominent have been:

Conservation Hub - This physical base for the charity has been in the pipeline for over five years and the financing, building and completing of it this year has been a major achievement. It required working with a professional fundraiser, Julie Smith, to get a powerful case for support which attracted substantial grant funding and generous community contributions that enabled this project to physically start in October 2021 and be finished on time and within budget by February 2022. The celebration and ceremony around its completion was an important community building event that gave hope at a most challenging time for the local community that had gone through the pandemic, arson eliminating two of its community buildings and major loss of employment. It is a beautiful building made from timber from the local woods and is also very functional as it is a place for tools and equipment essential for the conservation work the trust undertakes. Prominent display boards at the front of the building, designed by Birgit Carow and a team including trustees Alan Watson Featherstone and the artwork of Jacqueline Buckingham, also promote the environmental education side of the trust as well as increasing the profile of the organisation. Sean Brechin was the main professional builder but many others learned practical skills of roundwood building by volunteering to help at various stages of the build process.

Other Buildings/Projects - Storm Arwen and other strong winter winds devastated our woodlands with over 100 trees blown down. The trust saw the potential around this destruction and was able to secure financing from the Hygeia Foundation and a local FHT member to employ the services of a mobile sawmill to convert the larger logs to sawn and round timber that will be donated to help build the new sanctuary building that was destroyed by fire. With the help of many volunteers this has now been processed and covered to season before it will be used later in the year. Some of the milled wood and offcuts also provided material to build other structures such as a hay barn for the three ponies that carry out conservation grazing on the land, a much needed new compost toilet located near the Woodland Shelter and a start made on building a Shepherd's Hut using an abandoned tractor trailer as it's base. The latter will be offered as accommodation for apprentices that will learn and help Kajedo Wanderer our Land Manager which is part of the bigger picture looking eventually at succession to allow the trust's good work to carry on into the future. To this end the FHT bought a bell tent with a wood stove to accommodate a young person eager to learn from the fledgling apprentice programme that we have started to develop. The other structure that was donated and now is on the land close to the apiary is a dedicated bee shed which will help make this conservation and educational part of the trust more efficient. With the strong winds the roof had to be replaced twice but now all is secure for the coming season.

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Weekend and Week Long Retreats - This was a new educational venture largely developed and executed by Kajedo Wanderer the FHT Land Manager and encouraged and supported by the trust. Two of the four weekend retreats ran plus a weeklong one bringing mostly younger people to learn about the land and themselves as they stayed in tents on the trust's camping pads, met around the Woodland Shelter and were involved in a structured programme of self and environmental discovery. Feedback was very positive and the financial benefits to both the trust and Kajedo, who benefitted from a profit sharing set up, were substantial and will encourage similar programmes to take place in future years. Collaboration and experience using the Trybooking digital platform, working with the Findhorn Foundation Communications and Bookings departments and employing local community members to provide meals gave the opportunity for many positive and practical learning experiences for both the trust and local people.

Green Burial Restructuring and Activities - This has been a busy and productive year for this important aspect of the trust's work which in the past has brought in the lion's share of the finances that sustain the organisation. Six new lairs were reserved and a further four funerals took place during the year with Pauline Walker a longstanding community member included in the latter. This brings the total number of burials to date to 43 and the number of reserved lairs to 62. An exercise was carried out to estimate how many more lairs in addition to those already reserved could be accommodated on the site which indicated a figure of approximately 112. The major change in this area though has been a restructuring of how the whole operation is held and the charging structure. The development and running of the Green Burial enterprise has largely been held by Will Russell, the hard working and multi-talented FHT Burial Coordinator, who wished to step down from this role this year. After careful thought and discussion his role was divided into three - green burial consultant, burial coordinator and lair provider with the latter two roles taken on by Laura Sheenan and Juanna (coordinators) and Kajedo Wanderer and Jamie Bryson (lairs) with Will maintaining the consultant role through a transition period. The new setup seems to be working well and will future proof this important part of the FHT's work. The new fee structure which has also been put in place ensures that those on the team will be suitably paid for their efforts now and into the future.

Woodland Garden - This demonstration educational aspect of the trust took great strides forward this year after being somewhat neglected due to lockdown's and other covid restrictions over much of the past two years. Draeyk van der Horn took on the role of Woodland Gardener in the autumn and has been running regular open sessions with volunteers since then that has brought many aspects of the garden back to life. This has been aided by a number of well attended work parties which could finally happen after the relaxation of pandemic restrictions. A space has been prepared for a new greenhouse, a community seed sharing bank set up and the Outdoor Learning Space has been used for gatherings and small educational events.

Conservation and Educational Events on the Land - Storm Arwen created extra work felling in the woodlands which was in addition to the restructuring felling in the NE compartment of Wilkies Wood. Our Land Manager was taken on for an extra day a week for three months to carry out a sterling job of clearing and processing windblown timber regularly aided by a number of young volunteers. Most of the felled areas have now been scarified to aid regeneration and young oaks planted in some of these areas. Our Land Manager has also been looking after young trees in tubes that have been blown over or become too small as well as clearing gorse areas such as that in the Lyle's Wood which aids the important work of fire prevention. Professional surveys of the diversity of wildlife on the land continue to be organised and promoted by Alan Watson Featherstone with a fungi survey in the autumn and ongoing spider surveys happening this year bringing the total numbers of species identified so far as 112 spiders, 127 two-winged flies, over 230 different fungi as well as over 180+ lichen species. A return to more normal times also allowed previously popular activities to happen on the land many based around the Woodland Shelter for example the well attended Christmas tree gathering, a regular parent and toddler group, a men's group, birthday and wedding events and more informal gatherings. Not so many people could get involved with working with the bees

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although this was a very successful year with the number of hives being increased to 10 from the four that had survived the winter and producing over 25 kilos of honey.

Membership and Publicising the Work of the Trust- This year was the first full year of running a paid membership scheme which was started last year. There have been some challenges with the auto renewal system but overall this initiative has been very successful and the trust now has 130+ paid members who have contributed about £3000 which has helped stabilise our finances and encourage our good work. A team has also been formed to produce our quarterly newsletter that goes out to over 270 local people.

Administration Successes- Reducing trustees' regular meetings to four in a year and having more regular meetings of subgroups to deal with the details of land management, finance, green burials and bees has proved to be a much more efficient and productive use of everyone's time. Jacqueline Buckingham stepped down as Treasurer after many years of excellent service and involvement in this essential role with Christopher Raymont temporarily stepping in for the time being - we are still looking for a permanent replacement.

Financial review

The statement of financial activities shows a surplus for the year of £28,486 (2021 £2,537 deficit). The charity's reserves were in surplus of £61,349 (2021 £32,863, surplus) at the year end.

Reserves Policy

The trustee has examined the charities requirements for reserve in light of the main risks to the organisation. The current reserve are considered by the board to be adequate for the day to day of the charity and its future projects.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Baddi Jonathan Caddy Chair Date: 28/6/22

Judith Bone Secretary Judith A Som Date: 28/06/22

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Findhorn Hinterland Trust.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

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 Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the 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 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 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 seeks explanations from the directors 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, 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, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.

Fasil Bogale ACMA,CGMA

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donation & Legacies Grants Charitable Activities Gift Aid Investment	4 4 4 4	3,834 14,635 812	7,416 17,550 13,878	11,250 17,550 28,513 812	5,626 250 11,051 - 894
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		19,281	38,844	58,125	17,821
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities Governance costs	5 6	9,354 410	19,875	29,229 410	17,969 2,389
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		9,764	19,875	29,639	20,358
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		9,517	18,969	28,486	(2,537)
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS					
TOTAL FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	I	6,575	26,288	32,863	35,400
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		16,092	45,257	61,349	32,863

The Notes on page 10 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts

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FINDHORN HINTERLAND TRUST BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

	Note	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	2	20,328	1
Investment	7	26,055	26,055
	-	46,383	26,056
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		946	789
Cash at bank and in hand	_	15,411	6,934
		16,357	7,723
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(1,391)	(916)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	-	14,966	6,807
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	61,349	32,863
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		-	-
NET ASSETS `		61,349	32,863
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	8	14,977	6,575
Restricted funds	8	46,372	26,288
TOTAL FUNDS	-	61,349	32,863

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Charity No **SC045806** Approved by the trustees on 10 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:-

Jonathan Caddy Chair	Buddy	28/6/22	Judith Bone Secretary	Juel 28	ς.	A Bone 122
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Related Parties

No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected persons during the year.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid in advance for future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

2. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery – 3 years Computer -3 years

2.1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Conservation Hub £	Plant and machinery £	Computer £	Freehold Land	Total
					£
Cost					
At 1 April 2021	-	582	427	1	1,010
Additions	20,327	-	-		-
At 31 March 2022	20,327	582	427	1	21,337
Depreciation					
Previous year charges	-	388	286	-	674
Charge for the year		194	141		335
At 31 March 2022	<u> </u>	582	427	<u> </u>	1,009
Net book value At 31 March 2022	20,327	-	-	1	20,328

** Freehold Land: In May 2019, the green burial site in the middle of Wilkies Wood was purchased from the Findhorn Foundation for the price £1.

3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following payments were made to a Trustee during the period for services in their normal line of business. Jacqueline Buckingham $\pounds 140 (2021, \pounds 140)$ & Christopher Raymont $\pounds 1,586$.

Trustees Expenses

One Trustee received reimbursement of expenses in the current year amount to ± 389 (2021 – ± 106). Trustees expenses related to the reimbursement of course material expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITY ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Christmas trees	1,125	-	1,125	872
Gorse clearance & Pony grazing	1,498	-	1,498	1,134
Green burial lair sale	-	13,878	13,878	5,878
Track use & maintenance fee	159	-	159	53
Other miscellaneous donations	3,834	250	4,084	3,798
Donation for Bee Funds	-	890	890	403
Conservation Hub	-	2,526	2,526	2,273
Membership	3,255	-	3,255	2,266
Donation - Sanctuary Rebuild	-	4,000	4,000	-
Retreat and Workshop	6,598	-	6,598	-
Gift Aid	812	-	812	-
Miscellaneous Sales	2,000	-	2,000	
	19,281	21,544	40,825	16,677

Grants	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Corra Foundation	~ -	5 00	500°	-
Volunteering Matters	-	-	-	250
Hygeia Foundation	-	3,800	3,800	-
Southall Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Baxter Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
National Lottery	-	5,000	5,000	-
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
	-	17,300	17,300	250

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5. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Green Burial	-	3,973	3,973	1,803
Pony field expenses	437		437	
Vehicle expenses	1,395	-	1,395	-
Fuel/Oil	427	-	427	243
Management Plan	-	-	-	-
Land Management	1,783	11,887	13,670	10,897
Insurance	510	-	510	325
AGM	8	-	8	-
Tools and Maintenance	888	236	1,124	348
Administration costs	2,919	-	2,919	433
Bee equipment	-	810	810	685
Conservation Hub	-	89	89	1,744
Sanctuary Rebuild	-	2,880	2880	-
Retreat and workshop	1,398	-	1,398	
	9,765	19,875	29,640	17,891

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS Restricted Unrestricted **Total Total Funds** Funds Funds 2021 Funds £ 2022 £ £ £ Minutes Secretary 210 210 630 Accountancy fees 200 200 278 410 410 908

7. OTHER ASSETS

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Ekopia Share Investment Deposit with Seapark Petrol Station,	4a	26,055	100	26,055 100	26,055 100
=		26,055	100	26,155	26,155

4a The £26,055 share investment in Ekopia is a restricted fund as we have inherited 52 people who have prepaid burial lairs from the Findhorn Hinterland Group who managed the green burial site before the Charity. They have a written agreement that they can receive an 80% refund if their circumstances change and they have to be buried elsewhere. There will also be some specific expenditure in the future for digging graves and caring for the area. The trustees believe it is prudent to have a buffer of this amount should there be circumstances where we would have to pay back monies in this way and to pay for future expenditure associated with burial.

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8. INCOME FUNDS:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General Funds				*
Unrestricted Fund	6,575	19,281	(9,764)	16,092
Restricted Funds	26,288	38,844	(19,875)	45,257
Transfers in/out General funds	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	32,863	58,125	(29,639)	61,349