



Annual Highlights 2023–24

Scottish Charity No. SC045540

Nature's Rights is a volunteer-run Scottish charity dedicated to **embedding the intrinsic value of Nature into law, policy, and society**. We pioneer the **Integrated Rights Framework** — integrating human and economic rights within the rights of Nature as the **foundation for a regenerative future**.

Our Focus This Year

- Developed, drafted and revised the **UK Nature's Rights Bill**, securing commitment from **Adrian Ramsey MP** (Commons) and **Baroness Natalie Bennett** and **Baroness Jenny Jones** (Lords) to **table the bill before Parliament**
- Contributed to the **UN Harmony with Nature Programme** and made submissions at the **2024 UN High Level Political Forum**.
- Partnered with the **Global Ecovillage Network** to explore **Nature's Rights Zones** and contributed to the founding principles of a **Centre for the Studies of Ecovillages** to incorporate an **ecocentric design approach**.
- Redeveloped our **website**, boosting visibility and outreach.
- Delivered **pro-bono advisory sessions** to organisations and professionals.

Impact

Secured UK parliamentary champions for the first ever UK Nature's Rights Bill.

Raised global awareness through UN advocacy.

Strengthened grassroots capacity with pilot Nature's Rights Zones.

Expanded engagement through digital advocacy and events.

Delivered all activities entirely through volunteer and pro-bono contributions.

Finance at a Glance

Opening Reserves	£7,463
Closing Reserves	£4,119
Deficit	£3,344
Cash Donations	£55
In-kind Contributions	Substantial high level pro-bono expertise & volunteer time

Looking Ahead

- Table the UK Nature’s Rights Bill in Parliament with cross-party support.
- Continue UN-level advocacy for global sustainability governance.
- Develop pilot Nature’s Rights Zones in partnership with communities.
- Expand education, training, and public engagement.
- Fundraise to recruit staff and build organisational capacity.

Why Support Us?

We are at the forefront of a **paradigm shift in law and governance** — one that recognises Nature as the foundation of life. With your support, we can move from being a volunteer-driven initiative to a **fully resourced organisation** capable of catalysing systemic change for future generations.

www.natures-rights.org 

Trustees’ Annual Report

Nature’s Rights (SC045540)
Period: 30 September 2023 – 1 October 2024

Reference and Administration Details

- Charity name: Nature’s Rights
- Scottish Charity Number: SC045540

- **Principal address:** 10 St Leonards Court, Forres, Moray, IV361GT
- **Trustees during the period:**



Structure, Governance and Management

- **Governing document:** Nature's Rights is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its Constitution.
- **Trustee recruitment and appointment:** Trustees are appointed in line with Clauses 13 and 14 of the Constitution. The board currently operates on a voluntary basis, with trustees covering their own expenses. No external bodies appoint trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes (per Constitution):

- To advance education in restorative, non-adversarial, and ecological approaches to law.
- To advance environmental protection by campaigning for and advising on the development of Rights of Nature law.
- To advance citizenship and community development by promoting ecological governance, public participation, and community initiatives.
- To advance human rights, conflict resolution, and reconciliation through innovative legal approaches.

Summary of activities this year:

In line with these purposes, our work this year focused on:

- **UK Nature's Rights Bill:** Developing, drafting, and consulting on the Bill; engaging stakeholders; revising the draft; and securing cross-party interest. Adrian Ramsey MP (Green Party) committed to tabling the Bill, supported by Baroness Natalie Bennett and Baroness Jenny Jones in the House of Lords. As a non-political charity, our advocacy is non-partisan, seeking broad, cross-party support.
- **UN Engagement:** As experts in the UN Harmony with Nature Programme and with ECOSOC consultative status, we made written and oral representations to the 2024 UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
- **Pilot Projects:** Partnered with the Global Ecovillage Network to explore the feasibility of turning ecovillages into pilot Nature's Rights Zones.
- **Public Engagement & Advocacy:** Updated and redeveloped our website to showcase the Integrated Rights Framework, significantly increasing reach and visibility. Participated in public events and offered pro-bono one-to-one consulting to organisations and professionals exploring Rights of Nature approaches.
- **Volunteering:** The charity remains entirely volunteer-run. Trustees and volunteers continue to donate their professional expertise and cover costs personally, allowing us to deliver high-impact outcomes with minimal expenditure.

Achievements and Performance

This year we:

- Secured parliamentary champions for the UK Nature's Rights Bill.
- Raised international awareness through UN engagement.
- Built grassroots capacity by exploring community-led pilot Nature's Rights Zones.
- Expanded public outreach through a redeveloped website and direct consultation with professionals and organisations.

These achievements advance our core purposes of environmental protection, education, and community development.

Financial Review

During this period the charity had modest cash income of £55 (donations) and expenditure exceeding receipts, resulting in a small deficit of £3,343.82. The year opened with reserves of £7,463.30 and closed with £4,119.48 carried forward.

The charity continues to be run entirely by volunteers, with trustees and supporters contributing **substantial high level pro-bono expertise and in-kind professional services**, which represent the majority of the value of our work. This model has allowed us to achieve significant impact with minimal cash outlay.

The trustees' policy is to hold reserves sufficient to cover basic operating costs and to provide working capital for project development. While current reserves are modest, the trustees are now prioritising fundraising to expand capacity and recruit a small core team.

No liabilities have been incurred, and the charity owns no fixed assets.

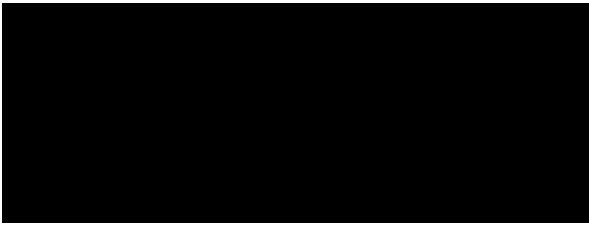
Future Plans

Looking ahead, our priorities include:

- Fundraising to build a core team and expand capacity.
 - Supporting the introduction of the UK Nature's Rights Bill into Parliament and working for cross-party backing.
 - Continuing international advocacy through the UN Harmony with Nature Programme.
 - Developing pilot Nature's Rights Zones in partnership with communities and networks.
 - Expanding educational programmes and outreach.
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.



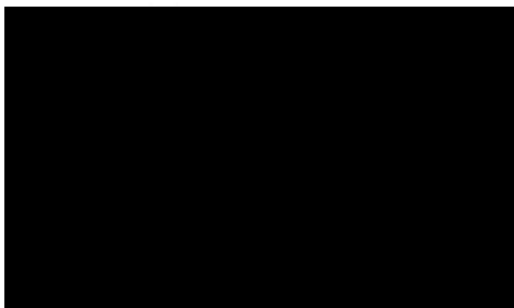
NATURE'S RIGHTS SC045540 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 Oct 2022 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	££	££	££
YEAR	1 Oct 22- 30 Sept 23	1 Oct 21 - 30 Sept 22	1 Oct 20 - 30 Sept 21
Receipts			
Donations	40	1442.54	
Gift Aid			
Bank Interest	42.26	1.4	0.89
TOTAL RECEIPTS	82.26	1443.94	1
PAYMENTS			
Cost of Charitable Activities			
Project Expenses	955.01	1641.03	2414.29
IT and Bank Charges Expense	121.08	103.22	56
Governance Costs			
Registration Fees			
Bank Charges	55	94	79
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1182.12	1838.25	2549.54
Reserve Carried Forward from Previous Accounting Period	8561.04	8955.35	11504
Deficit/surplus for the period	-1097.74	-394.31	-2549

All funds are unrestricted

Policy on Reserves: Use as working capital.

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their Behalf



STATEMENT OF BALANCES**1 Oct 2022 - 30 Sept 2023****1 Oct 2021 - 30 Sept 202****Bank and Cash in Hand**

Opening balance	8561.04	8955.35
Deficit for the period	-1097.74	-394.31
Closing Balances	7463.3	8561.04

Operating Reserves

General funds	7463.3	8561.04
Designated funds	0	0
Closing Balances	7463.3	8561.04

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Assets

N/A

All funds are unrestricted

1 Oct 2020 - 30 Sept 2021

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N/A

	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name Nature Rights						
Registered charity number	SC 0445540						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	10	2023	to	30	09	2024
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
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) 2005 Act 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 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	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, and • 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						
Signature							
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