

*Colin
Burt
Reserve*



*for
wildlife conservation*

Annual Report

2025

Trustees

Ashley Pearson, Chair

Stuart Taylor-Pearson, Secretary

Caroline Burt

Lauren Pearson

Robbie Taylor-Pearson

Sharon Pearson

Mark Pearson

Charitable Objectives

- a. The conservation and management of the 'Colin Burt Reserve for Wildlife Conservation' in Glen Dochart, and surrounding area.
- b. To promote in the principles and practices of conservation, and to encourage participation in practical conservation tasks and wildlife habitat improvements
- c. To promote the discovering, exploring and conserving of wild areas
- d. To encourage working together and promoting practical environmental volunteering
- e. To protect and enhance biodiversity
- f. To promote and educate about the importance of the natural environment

Chair's Report

Over the past year, the reserve has remained stable, with continued focus on routine maintenance, habitat management and general upkeep. While there have been no major structural changes to the site, consistent work has ensured it remains in good condition and continues to support local wildlife.

A key development this year has been our involvement in the wider Strathfillan Partnership project. Funding for this work was provided by NatureScot and coordinated through the Loch Lomond Ranger Service, supporting a number of smaller, locally delivered projects across the Strathfillan area, primarily involving landowners such as ourselves. As part of this, the reserve has been included as a partner site, allowing us to contribute to wider landscape-scale environmental objectives.

Through this work, a hydrological survey was commissioned on the reserve to assess the potential for re-wetting parts of the wetland area. This is an important step in understanding how water moves across the site and identifying realistic opportunities to restore wetter conditions in a controlled and sustainable way. We worked with the Ranger Service to facilitate access and provide site-specific input, ensuring the survey reflected the conditions and history of the reserve. The findings will help guide any future decisions and ensure that any intervention is evidence-led.

Alongside this, routine work has continued across the reserve, including general vegetation management, monitoring of key areas, and upkeep of paths, boundaries and access points. These tasks are often steady and ongoing, but remain essential to keeping the site safe, accessible and manageable in the long term.

As in previous years, time and resource limitations remain the main constraint. Much of the work depends on availability and weather conditions, which can limit what can realistically be achieved.

Looking ahead, the focus will be on reviewing the outcomes of the hydrological survey and considering proportionate, practical steps towards re-wetting areas of the reserve where appropriate. Alongside this, routine maintenance and habitat management will continue to ensure the reserve remains in good condition.

Ashley Pearson

Chairman

Annual Accounts 2024-25

Statement of Accounts

Bank Account

Opening Balance (1st April 2024)	£3983.49
Receipts	£ -
Payments	£ -
Closing Balance (31st March 2025)	£3983.49

Petty Cash

Opening Balance (1st April 2024)	£69.17
Receipts	£ -
Payments	£ -
Closing Balance (31st March 2025)	£69.17

Total Funds (31st March 2025) £4052.66

Confirmation there were no transactions carried out in the period 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Independent Examiner

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The charity 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) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulation 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 Accounts Regulation. 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 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 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have been met



Lesley Morgan
20th April 2025