

Trustees' Report and Accounts

for the year ended

31st March 2024



#### **Trustees and Professional Advisers**

Trustees:



**Solicitors** 

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Investment managers:

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# Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

	rust is administered at				
Struc	cture, governance and management				
1979	Trust was established by Deed of Trust by and registered in the Books of Council and Session on 27th July 1979. The Trust is administered by Glen r Estate.				
The mean Incomor time	Trust Objectives and Activities  The Trust was established for such purposes as the law from time to time regard as charitable within the meaning of Section 360 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (now replaced by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988), the Trustees being directed to distribute the Trust Fund at such time or times and in such amounts as they may determine in their sole discretion for such charitable purposes only. The Trustees have established the following objectives:				
Objec	ctives:				
a)	To provide an educational resource for members of the public by funding, and operating a full time Countryside Ranger Service from the Braeloine Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar.				
b)	To support and maintain the Chapel of St. Lesmo, Glen Tanar and the ministry of the Scottish Episcopal Church.				
c)	To fund local charities and charitable causes.				
d)	To fund national charities.				
Notes	3:				
1.	The Trustees had the power to accumulate income for 21 years from the date of the Trust Deed to 15th May 2000.				
2.	The Trust is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs as a Charity for tax purposes. Its Scottish Charity Number is SC007883.				
3.	The Trustees have the fullest powers to invest, administrate and manage, and to sell or borrow on the security of Trust property with whomsoever they decide, and to appoint further Trustees and factors or solicitors, even of their own number, and pay them the usual remuneration.				
4.	The Trust operates over the Estates of Glen Tanar, Inchmarnoch and in the Deeside area of Aberdeenshire. The Trust relies on the continuing support of the Glen Tanar Trust trading as Glen Tanar Estate. Trustee, who is also a Trustee of Glen Tanar Estate and his sister pwner of Inchmarnoch Estate, especially in relation to the delivery of the main services of the Trust, the Ranger Service.				



## Trustees' Report (contd.) for the year ended 31st March 2024

#### **Review of Financial Position and Activities**

During the period, the Ranger Service worked with over 100 educational groups, and directly with over 1,000 people. In addition, the service assisted with major events and tens of thousands of visitors. Information and assistance was also provided to our wider visitor cohort.

The trust continues to engage with a CNPA initiated 'Management for Visitors' group, including other Ranger employers, local authorities, Police Scotland, Nature Scot, and other agencies. This group has assisted with the co-ordination of access and information provision across the national park.

Providing the Countryside Ranger Service is costly and, not surprisingly, this was the main item of expenditure of the Trust, costing £55,012 (2022 - £54,164) in the period. The Trust's Ranger Service has been supported financially by the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) since 2009. During the year, the Trust received £24,394 of grant support from the CNPA for the Ranger Service for the period to 31 March 2024 (2023 - £26,120). The Trustees are very grateful for this vital support from CNPA which enables the Charitable Trust to continue to provide educational and other services.

The overall financial position of the Trust remains sound. In the 12-month period ended 31 March 2024 the total income of the Trust was £84,565 (2023 - £84,639). The expenditure was £87,642 (2023 - £84,688) resulting in a cash deficit of £3,277 (2023 - £49). The market value of the Trust's investment portfolio increased by £50,233 to £1,161,299 (2023 - £1,111,076).

The Trust currently has one bank account for all transactions. Significant unrestricted cash is also held within the investment portfolio which is readily available, and money can be transferred from the investment portfolio to the bank account as and when required. The Trustees use online banking and monitor funds on a regular basis.

The Trustees wish to thank all of their employees and volunteers for their contributions during the year. The Trustees would also like to record their appreciation of the support and financial assistance provided by CNPA. The facilities are set up for visitors and Trustees wish to thank the many people and groups who visited the Braeloine Visitor Centre during the year and look forward to welcoming them back again in the future.

On behalf of the Trustees



20th Dec 2024.

Trustee



#### Report by the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 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 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 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 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust 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 matters have come to my attention

- 1. which give 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

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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# Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts	Note	_	2	_	2
Investment income Ranger Grants Other Contributions	6 7	28,079 24,394 23,538	554 - -	28,633 24,394 23,538	29,919 26,120 28,600
Investment Capital  Total receipts		8,000 84,011	554	8,000 84,565	84,639
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Payments					
Countryside Ranger Service General expenses	9 10	55,012 32,830	-	55,012 32,830	54,164 30,524
Total payments		87,842	-	87,842	84,688
Net receipts/(payments)		(3,831)	554	(3,277)	(49)
Transfers between funds		_	•		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(3,831)	554	(3,277)	(49)

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.



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## Statement of Balances at 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank and cash balances				
Opening balance Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	13,465	5,119	18,584	18,633
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(3,831)	554	(3,277)	(49)
Closing balance	9,634	5,673	15,307	18,584
	£	£	£	٤
Investments at market value				
Listed stocks and securities	1,126,828	34,471	1,161,299	1,111,076
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets Land and Buildings at cost	26,000		00.000	00.000
Improvements at Net Book Value	20,000	-	26,000	26,000
Motor Vehicles at Net Book Value	16,846	-	16,846	22,461
Chapel Equipment at Net Book Value	-	-		-
Office Equipment at Net Book Value	358	•	358	477
	43,204	-	43,204	48,938
	£	£	£	£
Liabilities				
Professional fees	4,003	-	4,003	5,100
Employment costs	-		-	37
Repairs and maintenance	282	-	282	-
Motor expenses Subscriptions	255	-	255	-
Administrative expenses	80	-	80	=
Heat and light	1,820 313		1,820	-
Bank charges	25	-	313	520
Sundry expenses	68		25 68	78
,	6,846	-	6,846	5,735
			0,040	5,735

Approved by the Trustees on

20-DEC-2024.

and signed on their behalf by

20th Dec 2024

Trustee



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## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

#### 1. Accounting policies

1.1 The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis as allowed by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

#### 1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust.

Restricted funds are detailed on note 11.

#### 1.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is not provided for in the Receipts and Payments Account. It is provided in the notes to the accounts at the request of the Trustees. The annual rates are

Motor Vehicles - 25% reducing balance
Improvement to Premises - Straight line over 15 years
Tools and equipment - Straight line over 4 to 8 years
Office furniture - 25% reducing balance

It should be noted that capital expenditure on assets is funded out of investments funds when it occurs.

#### 1.4 Investments

Investments are stated in the accounts at market value.

#### 1.5 Investment income

Investment income comprises dividends and interest received in the year.

#### 1.6 Liabilities

Under the terms of the Visitor Centre Disposition the Trust is liable for the maintenance of access tracks, water supplies and fences. It is also liable for 80% of the costs of maintaining the Bridge of Tanar. In line with the Disposition, the Trustees periodically review maintenance requirements.

#### 2. Reconciliation of Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening investment at cost	908,867	898,666
Acquisitions	120,832	120,446
Disposals	(112,652)	(97,145)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	(19,144)	(13,188)
Investment Impairment	211	88
Closing investment cost	898,114	908,867
Note: Market value of investments	1,161,299	1,111,076



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## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

#### 3. Trustee expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2023 - £nil). No expenses were paid to the trustees during the year (2023 - £nil).

#### 4. Employees and remuneration

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
The total remuneration paid during the year was	39,094	37,427
The average number of employees during the year was-	2	2

#### 5. Related party transactions

trustee, is also a trustee of the Glen Tanar Estate. Goods and services were rendered throughout the year by Glen Tanar Estate. The nature of the goods and services was the provision of labour and materials for the repair and maintenance of Trust property, the provision of accommodation for a Trust employee, bookkeeping and administration services.

The value of these services during the year amounted to £16,975 (2023 - £30,545).

No amounts were written off during the year. The amount to be paid as at 31st March 2024 was £nil (2023 - £Nil).

#### 6. Investment Income

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		2024	2023
		£	£
	Interest and dividends:		
	Interest and dividends received – general fund	28,079	29,179
	Dividends received – restricted fund	554	740
		28,633	29,919
7.	Other contributions		
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park	19,928	22,096
	Donations received	3,610	5,874
	Other income		630
		23,538	28,600

No donations received in 2024 are for restricted purposes (2023 - £2,000).



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## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

#### 8. **Fixed Assets** Chapel Office Motor **Equipment Equipment** Total **Property Improvements** Vehicles £ £ £ £ Cost 6,005 147,423 60,528 32,670 22,220 26,000 As at 1st April 2023 Additions Disposals 32,670 22,220 6,005 147,423 60,528 26,000 Depreciation 10,209 5,528 98,485 As at 1st April 2023 60,528 22,220 Eliminated on Disposals 5,615 119 5,734 Charge for the year 104,219 60,528 15,824 22,220 5,647 **Net Book Value** 477 48,938 26,000 22,461 As at 1st April 2023

### 9. Countryside Ranger Service

**Net Book Value** 

As at 31st March 2024

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Wages and employment costs Rent payable	42,319 9,000	40,928 9,750
Training	-	240
Protective clothing Health & Safety	232 35	319 58
Small Tools	242	180
Heat and light	2,584	1,673
First aid, cleaning and sundries	600	1,016
	55,012	54,164

16,846

358

43,204

Of the wages and employment costs £nil related to restricted funds (2023 - £1,601).

26,000



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## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

### 10. General Expenses

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Repairs and maintenance Repairs to Visitor Centre	1,661 8,497	3,745
Motor and travelling expenses Telephone and radio expenses	3,116	2,613
Stationery, postage and computer costs	676 669	759 2,019
Insurance	2,077	1,787
Publications and subscriptions Donations	120 361	200 1,777
Administrative expenses	5,460	12,740
Professional fees Chapel of Lesmo	5,063	125
Bank charges and payment processing costs	4,164 966	3,613 1,113
Sundry expenses	-	33
	32,830	30,524

Accounting fees are included in professional fees. The accounting fees for the year ended 31st March 2023 were invoiced and paid for in the year ended 31st March 2024.

### 11. Funds - Bank and cash balances

	At 01/04/23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers	At 31/03/24 £
Unrestricted	13,465	84,011	(87,842)	-	9,634
Restricted					
Chapel of St. Lesmo	4,720	554		-	5,274
Riparian Tree work	399	-			399
	5,119	554	-	-	5,673
Total balances	18,584	84,565	(87,842)	-	15,307



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## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

## 11. Funds - Bank and cash balances (continued)

Chapel of St. Lesmo – the restricted funds were gifted to the Trust by to support and maintain the Chapel of St. Lesmo and the surrounding area. The funds were given in the form of shares.

Riparian Tree work - a donation towards riparian tree planting work.