



# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

(Scottish Charity Number 005538)

## Annual Report 2017-2018

### Part 1 – Trust Events and Reserve Activities

#### 1. The 29th AGM

This was held in Lockerbie Town Hall on the 27th of September 2017 and was followed by an Open Forum to give members an opportunity to make comments or raise any issues of concern.

#### 2. Winter Talks Programme

The Executive Committee organised the following programme of talks over the winter.

Oct. 2017 “Coastal Place Names and their Power of Survival” by Nic Coombey, Solway Coastwise Co-ordinator.

Nov. 2017 “The Story of Reindeer in Scotland” - Morna Brown, Reindeer Herder.

Dec. 2017 “Wildlife on the Nith” - Edmund Fellowes - Wildlife Photographer.

Jan. 2018 “Williamwood: A Farm run for Profit, Wildlife and People” - Michael Clarke, Farm Owner.

Feb. 2018 Members' Night:  
Part 1: "British Divers Marine Life Rescue", Part 2: "Gardening for Nature"  
- Alistair Bertram, Gardenwise, Dumfries.

Mar. 2018 “Carrifran Wildwood and Reviving the Wild Heart of Southern Scotland” - Philip Ashmole. Borders Forest Trust.

#### 3. Excursion:

On the 20th May 2018, eight members of the Trust enjoyed a trip to Williamwood, where Michael Clarke gave a guided tour of the farm.

On the 23rd of June 2018, members of the Trust visited Carrifran Wildwood and were guided up the valley by Philip Ashmole.

#### 4. Fund Raisers

a. **Coffee Mornings:** held on the 4th November 2017 and 12th May 2018 and together raised £1,240.06.

b. **Nut Race:** this was held on the 25th February 2018 and raised £650.

c. **Gala Day Collection:** the collection on Gala Day 2018 raised £524.68.

d. **Jim's Sponsored Walk:** in June 2018 raised £286.50

e. **Charity Boxes:** this year the Charity Boxes raised £491.79

f. **Sale of Calendars**

Profits from the sale of calendars this year was approximately £350 more than last year.

g. **Sale of Christmas Cards and Nature Notelets:** Christmas cards and Notelets were sold at events, talks, and at Tesco and Christmas Light stalls.

h. **Donations** placed in the Donations Posts at the Reserve totalled £861.07.

## **5. Reserve Management**

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance work undertaken this year included: up-keep of walkways (including forest road, Eskrigg Farm road, Woodland Walks, Reserve path and boardwalk); clearing of waterways (including feeder burn, by-pass burn, drainage ditches, culverts, silt-trap and pond); cleaning and treatment of timber structures (including fences, signs, way-markers, interpretation boards, hides, bench seats and Centre); gathering of litter and clearance of dog dirt. There was also the daily up-keep of the Centre, toilet and wildlife feeding stations.

As a result of the harvesting of the Scots Pine Plantation north of the Reserve during the winter and early spring, there was a lot of extra tidying up of woodland paths and water courses to do. Then in June, strong winds blew over several large trees round the plantation boundary. Clearing of the fallen timber and large stumps and repairing the fences was completed by the Estate by the end of August.

Also, in August, Castle Milk and Corrie Estate brought in contractors to reinstate the forest road and carry out some extensive drainage work so that, when the site is replanted next winter, the trees will have a drier area in which to grow. The drainage work also led to additional path and ditch maintenance by the Reserve Manager.

### **Pondlife**

The pond situation is the same as last year - no submerged, emergent or floating vegetation. It was hoped that aquatic plants would start to recolonise the pond within a year. However, any plants that do start developing are quickly snapped up by the swans.

### **Reserve Code of Conduct**

Once again, there have been very few incidents of vandalism during the past year. However, there have been a few incidents of inconsiderate or anti-social behaviour, where people do not follow the Reserve's Code of Conduct:

Dog Owners not keeping their dogs under control through the Reserve resulted in the dogs running wild and even swimming after the swans in the pond.

Dog Owners not clearing up after their dogs.

People attempting to feed the wildlife, even putting out inappropriate foodstuffs like bread for the ducks or meaty chunks for the squirrels.

People smoking in the hides, despite the no smoking signs being on clear display.

Drivers speeding on the Eskrigg Farm road, disturbing local home owners and adding additional work to maintain the road.

### **Wildlife Records**

53 new species have been identified in Eskrigg Nature Reserve and Woodland Walks during the past year, making a total of 1292 species recorded since the Reserve was opened in May 1988.

**A full list of protists (fungi and slime moulds), plants and animal species is available.**

### **Support**

**Jim Rae, the Reserve Manager, greatly appreciates the assistance given at various times during the past year by the following volunteers:**

- a. Adult Members and friends:  
Sybille Spägele, David Hughes, Norah Muirhead, Scott Mitchell, Jilly Polson, Cartriona Groves, Kaye Borthwick, Jenny Forsyth, Louise Herron and Shona Devlin.
- b. Lockerbie Academy students on Work Experience - Steven Jardine and Nathan Mckenzie
- c. Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award students:  
Rory Holden, Michael Kerr, Patrick Malone, Neil Stewart, Halime Yildiz, Phoebe Davidson, Heather Donaldson, Anthony Ison and Lewis Carrick.
- d. Lockerbie Academy Employability Course/John Muir Trust Award students.
- e. Lockerbie Academy Rural Skills Class.
- f. Applegarth Primary School children.
- g. Dumfries and Galloway Council Ranger Ross Gemmell.
- h. Lockerbie and District Rotary Club.

## 6. Working with Schools and Nurseries

### Sep. 2017

**5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award, Group 1** worked on woodland paths and studied the wildlife around the Reserve and Woodland Walks.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** worked on woodland paths.

### Oct. 2017

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award, Group 2** worked on the woodland paths and studied the wildlife around the Reserve and Woodland Walks.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Visit by P7 pupils from Murray Primary School, East Kilbride** investigated the Woodland Mini-beasts.

**14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** worked on woodland paths.

### Nov. 2017

**1<sup>st</sup> Visit by Annan Academy Advanced Higher Biology Class.**

**7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Rural Skills Class** helped upgrade the Woodland Walks.

### Dec. 2017

**5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Rural Skills Class** worked on the pipeline path.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** worked on the pipeline path.

### Jan. 2018

**5<sup>th</sup> Applegarth Primary Eco-group** visited the Reserve to put up bird nest boxes.

**6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** worked on the pipeline path.

**30<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Rural Skills Class** carried out the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch at the Reserve.

### Feb. 2018

**17<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** helped clean up the feeder burn after the forestry operations.

**20<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award students** helped clear up after the forestry operations.

**24<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** helped fill up the pot holes on Eskrigg Farm Road.

**27<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award students (Group 2)** were given a Guided Tour of the Reserve.

### Mar. 2018

**6<sup>th</sup> The Rural Skills Class from Lockerbie Academy** helped clear up debris from the paths around the felled area.

**13<sup>th</sup> The Rural Skills Class from Lockerbie Academy** helped plant trees on either side of the shelter at the Reserve.

**14<sup>th</sup> Primary 2 pupils from Gretna Primary School** studied Woodland Mini-beasts at Eskrigg Reserve.

**17<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** cleared debris left by forestry workers when they cut back the beech hedge.

**20<sup>th</sup> Johnstonebridge Primary pupils** visited Eskrigg Reserve to study Woodland Mini-beasts.

**20<sup>th</sup> The Rural Skills Class from Lockerbie Academy** carried out a Scavenger Hunt to become more familiar with the wildlife that could be seen in March.

**24<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students** put topping on parts of the pipeline path.

## **Apr. 2018**

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** worked to complete the pipeline path.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Two students** doing the **National 4 Rural Skills Course** at **Lockerbie Academy** came down to the Reserve to practise putting in fence posts and become familiar with the tools involved.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** applied 10mm sub-base to the Reserve path.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award students** started work on the Northern Loop of the Woodland Walks.

## **May 2018**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award students** laid some gravel on the Northern Loop using wheelbarrows because the quad bike was being repaired.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** A group of **Lockerbie Academy pupils** came to the Reserve to carry out some field studies. These included a Stream Study, Pond Sampling, Tree Beating and a Plant Transect.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award students** spent a full day at the Reserve, treating timber structures with wood preservative and laying gravel on the Northern Loop.
- 9<sup>th</sup>** A second group of **Lockerbie Academy pupils** came to the Reserve to carry out similar field studies.
- 16<sup>th</sup>** A third group of **Lockerbie Academy pupils** came to the Reserve to carry out some biological fieldwork.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** extended the new gravel path.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lockerbie Academy John Muir Trust Award students** spent another full day carrying out timber treatment and doing pathwork. Over the last few visits the students had shifted around 20 tonnes of gravel and created 100 metres of new path.
- 26<sup>th</sup>** After helping **Jim** to install a new sleeper bridge, **Michael Kerr** helped the other **Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** working on the gravel path.
- 30<sup>th</sup> P4/5 pupils from Gretna Primary School** visited the Reserve. They first found and identified 15 different species of woodland mini-beasts. After a snack, they went on a Scavenger Hunt and followed up with pond dipping. A good day was had by all.

## **Jun. 2018**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** worked on the gravel path.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Steven Jackson**, from **Lockerbie Academy**, started a programme of **work experience**, one morning per week, at Eskrigg Reserve. This week, he raked up grass cuttings as **Jim Rae** strimmed the edges of the Reserve path.
- 20<sup>th</sup> P4/5 from Langholm Primary School** rotated, in three groups, round Pond Dipping with **Jim Rae**, Woodland Mini-beasts with **Norah Muirhead** and a Scavenger Hunt with **Julie McCauley**.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** 30 children from **Lockerbie Nursery** visited the Reserve in the morning and another 29 came in the afternoon. Activities, led by Jim Rae, included Story Telling, Gruffalo Hunt, Woodland Mini-beasts, Flower Search and Tree Leaf Spotting. The children had the usual snack and toilet breaks.
- 27<sup>th</sup>** Four and five year old children from **Sparkles Nursery, Gretna**, visited the Reserve. They also had some Story Telling, a Gruffalo Hunt, a Woodland Mini-beast Hunt and a Guided Walk through the woodlands.
- 30<sup>th</sup> The Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** worked on the gravel path round the Northern Loop.

## **Jul. 2018**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Children from **Mid-Annandale Playcare (MAP)** came to the Reserve to study Woodland Mini-beasts and help release some of the moths caught the previous night.
- 7<sup>th</sup> A Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer** worked with **Jim** on the gravel path round the Northern Loop.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Two Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** worked with **Jim** on the gravel path round the Northern Loop.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Children from **Scruffs Childcare, Castle Douglas**, took part in a Gruffalo Hunt and Scavenger Hunt, then identified Woodland Mini-beasts and broad-leaved trees from their leaves.

**30<sup>th</sup>** The Reserve was visited by members of the **Parents Inclusion Network (PIN)** - one group in the morning and another in the afternoon. Both groups did a range of activities to help the children get to know some of the native wildlife.

**Aug. 2018**

**11<sup>th</sup>** One of the **Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers** helped **Jim Rae** work on the gravel path.

**21<sup>st</sup>** **Steven Jackson (Work Experience)** helped **Jim Rae** put down more gravel on the Northern Loop.

**28<sup>th</sup>** **Steven Jackson (Work Experience)** raked some of the Reserve paths.

**7. Working with Community Groups**

**Sep. 2017**

**15<sup>th</sup>** Visit from **Carlisle U3A Bird Watching and Nature Group**.

**17<sup>th</sup>** Visit by **Babes in the Woods**.

**Mar. 2018**

**8<sup>th</sup>** **Jim Rae** gave members of the **U3A from Castle Douglas** a Guided Tour of the Reserve.

**29<sup>th</sup>** **Lockerbie and District Rotary Club** planted trees in the woods below the Reserve.

**Apr. 2018**

**5<sup>th</sup>** **Jim Rae** met up with the organisers from **Annandale and Eskdale Active Schools and Community Sport** to set up the **Scavenger Hunt** for the next day.

**6<sup>th</sup>** **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** worked with **Annandale and Eskdale Active Schools and Community Sport** to run a **Scavenger Hunt** at Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks. Two hundred and fifty people took part.

**May 2018**

**14<sup>th</sup>** In the evening, **Jim Rae** took members of the **Royal Four Towns Rural** on a Guided Walk round Eskrigg Nature Reserve.

**Jun. 2018**

**16<sup>th</sup>** Members of the **Dumfriesshire Trefoil Guild** were given a Guided Tour of the Reserve by **Jim Rae**.

**Jul. 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Visit by **Abbey Camera Club**.

**16<sup>th</sup>** Visit by the **Aberlour Group**.

**Aug. 2018**

**28<sup>th</sup>** **Jim Rae** gave the **Lockerbie Writers Group** a Guided Tour of the Reserve.

**8. Eskrigg Reserve Planned Programme of Events**

The following events were held at the Reserve during the past year.

**Sept. 2017**

**14<sup>th</sup>** **Wild Autumn - September Moths with Jim Rae**.

**29<sup>th</sup>** **Reserve Maintenance Day** - leaves raked up from Reserve path.

**Oct. 2017**

**15<sup>th</sup>** **Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford and Jim Rae**.

**19<sup>th</sup>** **October Moths with Jim Rae**.

**24<sup>th</sup>** **Autumn Pondlife with Jim Rae**.

**28<sup>th</sup>** **Invertebrate Survey by Bob Merritt**.

**29<sup>th</sup>** **Reserve Maintenance Day** - path from car park to Reserve strimmed and raked.

**Nov. 2017**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lantern Parade**

**26<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - leaves raked up from Reserve paths

**Dec. 2017**

**30<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - work cancelled due to bad weather.

**Jan. 2018**

**27<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - work cancelled due to bad weather.

**Feb. 2018**

**25<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Morning** - tidied up feeder burn for the Nut Race.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Nut Race**

**Mar. 2018**

**25<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - applied topping to the pipeline path.

**Apr. 2018**

**20<sup>th</sup> Moth Trapping with Jim Rae.** 12 Species were caught and identified.

**29<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - working on the Northern Loop.

**May 2018**

**17<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Noad** visited the Reserve to help **Jim** by identifying different species of mining bees.

**24<sup>th</sup> Moth Trapping with Jim Rae.** 14 Species were caught and identified.

**27<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - put netting on new sleeper bridge.

**Jun. 2018**

**7<sup>th</sup> Moth Trapping with Jim Rae.** 39 Species of macro-moth and 6 species of micro-moth were identified.

**24<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - strimming and raking.

**Jul. 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Moth Trapping with Jim Rae.** 44 Species of macro-moth and 19 species of micro-moth were identified.

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Ross Gemmell, D & G Countryside Ranger,** brought along a mini-digger to help with the new path, which is also a core path, branching off the Annandale Way to Lockerbie. **Jim Rae** and **Louise Herron** worked with him.

**25<sup>th</sup> Louise Herron** helped **Jim Rae** with the group from **Scruffs Childcare** before creating an access ramp at the pond for the Mute Swans and Mallard Ducks.

**29<sup>th</sup> Reserve Maintenance Day** - **Shona Devlin** helped **Jim Rae** clear a tree that had fallen across the Reserve path.

**Aug. 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ross Gemmell, Louise Herron** and **Jim Rae** cleared a fallen tree and then extended the gravel path round the Northern Loop.

**4<sup>th</sup> Moth Trapping with Jim Rae.** 32 Species of macro-moth were identified, including 4 new species for Eskrigg Reserve. 10 Species of micro-moth were identified, including 2 new species for Eskrigg Reserve.

**8<sup>th</sup> Jim Rae** strimmed the sides of the Reserve path then helped **Louise Herron** rake up the grass cuttings.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Ross Gemmell** and **Jim Rae** worked on the Northern Loop.

There were fewer planned activities for the general public this year than normal for two main reasons:

- a. The situation with the pond (explained earlier) means that Pond Dipping was off the agenda.
- b. With all the forestry operations going on next to the Reserve throughout 2018 so far, access to many areas of the woods previously used for Den Building, Fungal Forays, Small Mammal Trapping and Orienteering, for example, has not been possible. Nevertheless, we still managed to run over a hundred activities for different groups or individuals in the past year.

Maintenance and development work was carried out by the Reserve Manager throughout the year.

## 10. Promoting the Trust and Eskrigg Reserve

### Sep. 2017

19<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Royal Four Towns Golden Years Club** about Eskrigg Reserve.

28<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **Lockerbie Probus Club** about Eskrigg Reserve.

### Oct. 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> **Jim Rae** set up small mammal traps at **Nethermill**.

4<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** worked with **Nethermill Primary School** children on a small mammal survey.

5<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Brownhall SWI** about Eskrigg Nature Reserve.

7<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** represented the LWT at the **Fungal Foray and Night Sky Event** organised by the Dumfries and Galloway Outdoor Woodland Learning (OWL) group at **Corehead, Moffat**.

### Nov. 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **Shawhead residents**, at the Village Hall, about Eskrigg Reserve.

16<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** carried out a Bird Box workshop at **Applegarth Primary**.

18<sup>th</sup> **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust Stall** at the switching on of the **Christmas Lights** in **Lockerbie High Street**.

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust Stall** at **TESCO, Lockerbie**.

### Dec. 2017

8<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** represented **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** at the **D&G OWL** meeting at **Mabie Forest**.

### Feb. 2018

6<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** talked to the **John Muir Trust group** at **Lockerbie** about the **Red Squirrels at Eskrigg Reserve**.

9<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **Moffat Wildlife Club** about **Eskrigg Nature Reserve**.

20<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Loreburn Retirement Group** about **Eskrigg Nature Reserve**.

### Mar. 2018

1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** met with different groups of **YPI pupils at Lockerbie Academy** regarding a presentation and possible funding for the Reserve.

10<sup>th</sup> **The Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** ran a stall at the **Environment Fair** in Dumfries.

15<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk about Red Squirrels to **Retired Unison Members** at the **Georgetown Library**.

27<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk about Eskrigg Reserve to **The Rural Skills Class at Lockerbie Academy**.

### Apr. 2018

11<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** assisted **Scott McKeown** with a short documentary about Eskrigg Reserve.

12<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** attended a **BASC Training Course** in order to be able to assist with Grey Squirrel control in the area.

16<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** helped organise a **Hair Sample Training Event** at **Lochfield Cottage, Lochmaben**.

18<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Moffat Probus Club** about Eskrigg Reserve.

### May 2018

9<sup>th</sup> In the evening, **David Hughes** and **Jim Rae** represented **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** at a **Parliamentary Reception** in Edinburgh, organised by **Tesco** and **Green Space Scotland**, to outline how the pathwork sponsored by **Tesco Bags of Help** was progressing. It was a good opportunity to meet similar groups from all over Scotland.

13<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** took part in the **Lockerbie and District Rotary Club's** annual **Walk the Walk**. This was a sponsored event and Jim managed to raise £286.50 as well as drawing people's attention to the facilities available at Eskrigg Reserve.

### Jun. 2018

28<sup>th</sup> **Jim Rae** and **Kath Davidson** were invited to the **University of Glasgow School of Interdisciplinary Studies**, at the **Crichton Campus**, to receive a cheque for £993.78 from Professor Carol Hill in recognition of the work we do with local communities.

### Jul. 2018

21<sup>st</sup> **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** had a stall at the **Farmers' Market, in Lockerbie** to promote the Reserve and raise a few funds.

## 11. Communicating with Members and the public at large

- a. Hard copies of the Eskrigg Reserve Monthly News Bulletin are available for the public to read in the Lockerbie Library, in the Dryfesdale Lodge Visitors' Centre and in the Eskrigg Centre. Each month the Bulletin is posted on the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust website and sent to members and friends of the Trust who have an email address and have expressed a wish to be kept informed in this way.
- b. Occasional Newsletters are posted out to Members who do not have email facilities to help keep them informed about events.
- c. Posters advertising events are displayed in local libraries, shops and hotels.
- d. All events are posted on the Trust's website: [www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk](http://www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk). Many thanks to Sybille Spägele for the many hours she spends keeping the website updated and accessible from computers, tablets and mobile phones.
- e. People can follow what is happening at Eskrigg Reserve on **Twitter** @JimRaeWildlife or @wildseasonsD&G, on **Facebook** - 'Eskrigg Nature Reserve' and 'Lockerbie Wildlife Trust' and on **Pinterest** - Jim Rae.

## 12. Visitors to the Reserve:

Although we do not have exact figures, the number of people visiting the Reserve each week is up on previous years, with the monthly income from the donations posts at the Reserve now averaging about £100. I am grateful to all the photographers who send me copies of photographs taken at the Reserve and allow me to publish them in the monthly bulletins or on the Reserve's Facebook page.

Since putting in the new car park we have not been able to record accurately the number of visitors to the Reserve. However, a rough count one week in August came to an average of 72 per day or 500 per week. This figure does not include group visits.

## 13. Access for All Project

### Phase 4 - Upgrade of Woodland Walks

Work is continuing with the improvements to the Woodland Walks. The Southern Loop (1.47km) was completed on the 14th of March and work then started on the Northern Loop. Our target is to complete the Northern Loop by the end of November.

## 14. Summing up

This has been another good year for the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and Eskrigg Reserve. The Reserve is continuing to provide the local community with a valuable resource and is helping to attract tourists to the area. The Trust is also helping to educate people of all ages about local wildlife and their habitats.

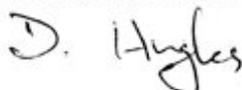
My thanks to everyone who has supported the Trust over the past year. Thanks to Sir John Buchanan-Jardine and his staff on Castle Milk and Corrie Estates. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have given of their time and efforts over the past year in order to assist with events, maintenance and fund raising. In closing, I should like to thank the members of the Trust's Executive Committee for their support, encouragement and hard work again this year.

**Jim Rae (Eskrigg Reserve Manager)**



**Date: 7th September 2018**

**Signed by the Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at 2018 AGM:**



**Date: 26th September 2018**

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC005538

## Receipts and Payments Account Summary 2016-2017 & 2017 - 18

Trust Address: 12 Douglas Terrace, Lockerbie, DG11 2DZ

Receipts	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2016-2017	2017-2018	2016-2017	2017-2018
	from 01.09.16 to 31.08.17	from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18	from 01.09.16 to 31.08.17	from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18	from 01.09.16 to 31.08.17	from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18
Memberships	£718.00	£723.00			£718.00	£723.00
Donations	£2,914.58	£5,317.88	-	£8,000.00	£2,914.58	£13,317.88
Donation posts	£849.65	£861.07			£849.65	£861.07
Entrance fees	£164.45	£117.00			£164.45	£117.00
Raffle	£142.50	£108.00			£142.50	£108.00
Nut race	£610.00	£650.00			£610.00	£650.00
Coffee mornings	£1,336.95	£1,240.06			£1,336.95	£1,240.06
Sale of calendars	£2,056.00	£2,419.00			£2,056.00	£2,419.00
Postage of calendars	-	£7.22			-	£7.22
Sale of cards & notelets	£530.00	£710.00			£530.00	£710.00
Sale of bird boxes	£36.00	-			£36.00	-
Sale of games, jam, tags	£26.50	-			£26.50	-
Sale nuts, seeds, apples	£42.50	£113.00			£42.50	£113.00
Sale of logs	-	£80.00			-	£80.00
Sale of T-shirts/fleeces	£114.00	-			£114.00	-
Calendar sponsors	£267.00	£440.00			£267.00	£440.00
Charity boxes	£575.01	£491.79			£575.01	£491.79
Gala collection	£257.06	£524.68			£257.06	£524.68
Jim's Sponsored Walk	£285.00	£286.50			£285.00	£286.50
Visit to Seabird Centre	£500.00	-			£500.00	-
Legacy	-	£1,000.00			-	£1,000.00
Charitable Giving	-	£170.00			-	£170.00
HMRC - Gift Aid	-	£59.57			-	£59.57
PayPal donation	£112.19	£173.89			£112.19	£173.89
Bank interest	£1.74	£3.81	£0.77	£0.93	£2.51	£4.74
Refund of manager exp.	£2.90	-			£2.90	-
Scavenger Hunt	-	£250.00			-	£250.00
Donation from Co-op	£652.95	-			£652.95	-
Donation from E on UK	£500.00	-			£500.00	-
Transfer from Proj. A/C	-	£450.00			-	£450.00
Transfer from Gen. A/C	-	-	-	£3,000.00	-	£3,000.00
	<b>£12,694.98</b>	<b>£16,196.47</b>	<b>£0.77</b>	<b>£11,000.93</b>	<b>£12,695.75</b>	<b>£27,197.40</b>

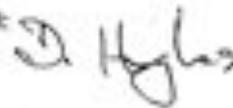
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Date: 26/09/18



Payments	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2016-2017	2017-2018	2016-2017	2017-2018
	from 01.09.16 to 31.08.17	from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18	from 01.09.16 to 31.08.17	from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18	from 01.09.16 to 31.08.17	from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18
Ironmongery	£569.92	£227.15			£569.92	£227.15
Advertising	£132.00	£110.00			£132.00	£110.00
Town Hall	£60.27	£79.23			£60.27	£79.23
Donation LA	£30.00	£30.00			£30.00	£30.00
Speakers' expenses	£30.00	£120.00			£30.00	£120.00
Bird & squirrel food	£2,333.35	£2,274.90			£2,333.35	£2,274.90
Fire extinguisher service	£30.00	£30.00			£30.00	£30.00
Daigleish - serv. & repair	£523.23	£273.37			£523.23	£273.37
Grange Q. path gravel	£1,089.32	£557.00	-	£1,289.55	£1,089.32	£1,846.55
M.W.Plant - terram	*£655.08	£450.00			*£655.08	£450.00
Paterson & Sons	-	£790.06			-	£790.06
Rent	£100.00	£100.00			£100.00	£100.00
Secretary's expenses	£7.42	£38.94			£7.42	£38.94
Insurance policies	£1,050.49	£1,039.98			£1,050.49	£1,039.98
ATI registration/hire	£95.95	-			£95.95	-
Res. management exp.	£1,513.65	£1,535.39			£1,513.65	£1,535.39
Printing	£2,329.46	£2,931.04			£2,329.46	£2,931.04
T-shirts & Fleece	£88.49	-			£88.49	-
Timber - J. Beattie	£29.33	-			£29.33	-
Transfer to Project A/C	-	£3,000.00				£3,000.00
Transfer to Gen. A/C	-	-	-	£450.00	-	£450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,667.96</b>	<b>£13,587.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£1,739.55</b>	<b>£10,667.96</b>	<b>£15,326.61</b>
<b>Receipts minus payments for year</b>	<b>+£2,027.02</b>	<b>+£2,609.41</b>	<b>+£0.77</b>	<b>+£9,261.38</b>	<b>+£2,027.79</b>	<b>+£11,870.79</b>
Balance brought forward	£2,218.81	£4,245.83	£1,554.87	£1,555.64	£3,773.68	£5,801.47
<b>Balance in Bank Acc.</b>	<b>£4,458.11</b>	<b>£6,855.24</b>	<b>£1,555.64</b>	<b>£11,088.18</b>	<b>£6,013.75</b>	<b>£17,943.42</b>
*Uncleared cheques	*£212.28			*£271.16	*212.28	*£271.16
<b>Bal. to carry forward</b>	<b>£4,245.83</b>	<b>£6,855.24</b>	<b>£1,555.64</b>	<b>£10,817.02</b>	<b>£5,801.47</b>	<b>£17,672.26</b>

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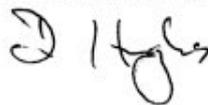
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# Annual Report 2017-18

## Part 2 – Treasurer’s Report

### Notes on the Annual Receipts and Payments Account Summary

#### Receipts - General Account - Points to note

##### 1. Membership

This stands at the same level as last year.

##### 2. Donations

Last year donations totalled £5,861.44.

(Cash donations - £2,914.58, Reserve donation posts - £849.65, Co-op - £652.95, Charity Boxes - £575.01, Gala Collection - £257.06, Eon - £500 and Paypal - £112.19)

This year the donations totalled £8,598.88.

(Cash donations - £5,317.88, Reserve donation posts - £861.07, legacy - £1,000, Charitable Giving - £170, Charity Boxes - £491.79, Gala collection - £524.68, Paypal - 173.89 and Gift Aid - £59.57)

An increase in donations of £2,737.44 on last year. Part of this was a donation of £993.78 from the University of Glasgow Crichton Campus.

##### 3. Sale of Christmas Cards, Nature Notelets and Calendars

###### Christmas Cards and Nature Notelets

Receipts from the sale of cards and notelets went up from £530 to £710 an increase of £180.

###### Calendars

This year we sold 302 calendars, 45 more than last year - an increased profit of £180.

Sponsorship of the calendars went up from £267 to £440 - an increase of £173.

Taking into account the cost of postage (£7.22), The total increased revenue from the sale of calendars was up by £345.78 on last year.

##### 4. Additional Fund Raisers

###### Sponsored Walk

Jim joined in with the Lockerbie and District Rotary Club Charity Walk and raised £286.50.

The Sponsored Scavenger Hunt, held at the Reserve at Easter and managed by Annandale and Eskdale Active Schools and Community Sport, raised £250.

##### 5. Transfer of funds from Project Account

£450 was transferred from the Project Account into the General Account (see Payments - Terram Membrane below)

#### Receipts - Project Account - Points to note

##### 1. Donations

The £8,000 entered under this heading includes:

- a. £3,000 from Tesco Bags of Help. This is part of a £4,000 award to cover the cost of upgrading the Northern Loop of the Woodland Walks. The balance of £1,000 will be received on completion of the project.
- b. £5,000 from Joanne Barnett, in memory of Nigel Render, to pay for the upgrade of the East Hide and part of the costs of replacing the boardwalk next year.

The transfer of £3,000 from the General Account (see below under Servicing and repairs).

## Payments - General Account

### 1. Animal Food

The cost of squirrel and bird food is still high, but down £58.45 on last year.

### 2. Servicing and repairs

The annual servicing and repair bills from Dalgliesh were down approx. £250 on last year, but are offset by a major repair bill from Paterson and Sons (£790.06) for the Quad Bike which is now 29 years old. The Quad Bike will last a while yet but will eventually need to be replaced and so the Trust has transferred £3,000 to the project account to partially cover this eventuality.

### 3. Terram membrane (from M.W.Plant)

The sum of £450 paid for two rolls of Terram Membrane for the Northern Loop was mistakenly paid for out of the General Account and was recouped from the Project Account.

### 4. Gravel (from Grange Quarry)

Phase 4 of the 'Access For All' project, the upgrading the woodland walks to hard-core paths, is on-going. The gravel needed to complete the Southern Loop cost £557.

The cost of materials for the Northern Loop will be paid out of the funds from Tesco Bags of Help.

### 4. Printing costs

These are up on last year because of the increased demand for calendars and the need for more Reserve leaflets.

## Payments - Project Account

### 1. Terram membrane (from M.W.Plant)

As mentioned above, £450 was transferred to the General Account to replace the sum withdrawn from that account by mistake.

### 2. Grange Quarry - path gravel

The sum paid to Grange Quarry for gravel used on the Northern Loop, so far, is less than expected for two reasons:

- a. The most recent cheque for £271.16 has yet to be cleared by the bank.
- b. Grange Quarry has kindly donated two 20 tonne loads of gravel to the project.

So far we have completed 285m of the 530m path.

### 3. Northern Loop

Once the uncleared cheque has been dealt with, the total sum paid for materials (membrane and gravel) for the path so far is £2010.71. Two more rolls of membrane have been ordered, but yet to be delivered and paid for - making a total outlay, so far, of approximately £2550.

## Summary

### **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust has had a very successful financial year.**

At the start of the year we the General Account stood at £4,245.83 and we finished the year with a credit balance of £6,855.24. This means that we can put a bit more aside for the eventual replacement of the Quad Bike and trailers.

The Project Account stood at £1,555 at the beginning of the year and £10,817.02 at the end.

Of this, £5,000 is earmarked for the replacement of the East Hide and part of the boardwalk.

£3,000 is set aside towards the cost of replacing the Quad bike and trailers. This leaves a contingency fund of £2,817.02.

This report has been prepared by me on behalf of the Trustees. I wish to thank Kathryn Hughes, once again, for her meticulous book keeping and the clarity of the Receipts and Payments statements.

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust  
Executive Committee Members and Trustees for 2017-2018

Sir John Buchanan-Jardine – President  
Bobby Smith – Honorary Vice-president  
Duncan Ford – Honorary Vice-president

David Hughes - Chairman  
Freda Seddon - Vice Chairman  
Alan Elkington - Minute Secretary  
Kathy Davidson - Bookings Secretary  
John Reid - Membership Secretary  
Kath Hughes - Treasurer  
Sybille Spägele - IT coordinator  
Jim Rae - Reserve Manager  
George Trudt.  
Norah Muirhead

I would like to thank the members of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and all volunteers who helped with the various fund-raising events, all the people in the area who supported these events and the local businesses who have provided financial and in-kind support. Thank you all.

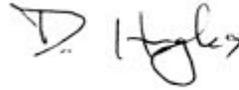
I commend this report to you, the members of the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust.

**Jim Rae (Eskrigg Reserve Manager):**



**Date: 7th September 2018**

**Signed by the Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2018 AGM:**



**Date: 26th September 2018**

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

I am reporting on the accounts of the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust (SC005338) for its financial year which ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, and which are set out in the accompanying Trustees' Annual Report.

The charities trustees were 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 considered that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations did not apply. It was my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters came to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures 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.

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

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 Regulationshave 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.

Name: ALISTAIR JAMES STEVENSON

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: SOLICITOR

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Date: 17/9/2018