

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

(Scottish Charity Number 005538)

Annual Report 2018-2019

Part 1 – Trust Events and Reserve Activities

1. The 30th AGM

This was held in Lockerbie Town Hall on the 26th of September 2018 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. 2018	"The South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project" by Philip Munro, Community
	Outreach Officer.

- Nov. 2018 "Why Restore Peatland" Matthew Cook, Peatland Project Officer.
- Dec. 2018 "Birds of Norway and Iceland" Gordon Rae Wildlife Photographer.
- Jan. 2019 "The Annandale Way 10 years on" Roger Turnbull, Co-author of recent guide.
- Feb. 2019 Members' Night:
 - "Peatland Poems from the Scottish Solway" Barbara Mearns.
 - "Canonkopje Game Sanctuary, Zimbabwe" Graham Ovens.
- Mar. 2019 "Bats The Stars of the Night" Freda Seddon, secretary D & G Bat Group.

3. Reserve Open Day - Saturday 6th April 2019

The Trust held an Open Day to encourage more people to make use of the Nature Reserve and Woodland Walks. It was a successful day with 204 visitors recorded over the day. The sum of £85.25 was received in donations. Activities included a Scavenger Hunt and Red Squirrel Trail Quiz.

4. Fund Raisers

- a. Coffee Mornings: held on the 10th November 2018 and 11th May 2019 and together raised £1,094.90.
- **b.** Nut Race: this was held on the 24th February 2019 and raised £640.
- **c. Gala Day Collection:** the collection on Gala Day 2019 raised £502.72.
- **d.** Sale of Calendars, Christmas Cards and Nature Notelets: These items were sold at various events throughout the year and brought in approximately £2,800.
- **e. Donations (General Ac + Project Ac):** These include Cash Donations, Donations Posts at the Reserve, Charity Boxes around the town, or through Gift Aid and PayPal) totalled over £11,000.

5. Reserve Management

Maintenance

Maintenance work undertaken this year included: up-keep of walkways (including forest road, Eskrigg Farm road, Woodland Walks and Reserve path); 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.

In the spring, Castle Milk and Corrie Estate replanted the area north of the Reserve. Most of the young trees are doing well, but some were eaten by rabbits and will have to be replaced next spring.

Work is well underway to replace the boardwalk with a hardcore path. Once completed the East Hide will be replaced by a bigger, better one.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the maintenance work over the past year.

Pondlife

The pond situation is similar to last year - no submerged, emergent or floating vegetation. Any plants that try to get established are quickly snapped up by the swans. The lack of food for invertebrate larvae meant another disappointing year for dragonflies and damselflies. However, the numbers of sticklebacks has increased this year to the point where the a pair of Little Grebe have taken up residence again and the Kingfishers visit from time to time.

Red Squirrels

As expected, the number of Red Squirrels visiting the Reserve has fallen since the felling of the large stand of Scots Pine north of the Reserve. Many will have moved on to pastures new. The number of squirrels left in the adjacent woods is thought to be in the region of 6 to 8 pairs. However, during the autumn, there is so much natural food available that the squirrels visit the feeders less frequently than during the rest of the year. This situation is not helped by the fact that there is someone hand feeding the squirrels at the other side of the wood most days of the week. Apparently this is not illegal so there is nothing the Reserve Manager can do about it. The largest number of squirrels seen recently in the Reserve at the one time has been 4. They are still breeding successfully because occasionally a young squirrel is spotted. Since the end of July, there have been three reported sightings of a Grey Squirrel at the far side of the wood, the latest near Pip's Corner. There are no reports of diseased reds. The matter is being investigated at the moment.

Wildlife Records

Again this past year, new species have been identified in Eskrigg Nature Reserve and Woodland Walks, making a total of 1312 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.

Reserve Code of Conduct

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

- a. A few dog owners are not keeping their dogs under control through the Reserve and this recently resulted in one of the cygnets being attacked and killed.
- b. A few dog owners not clearing up after their dogs resulting in extra work for the Reserve Manager.
- c. People attempting to feed the wildlife with inappropriate foodstuffs like bread for the ducks or 'Monkey Nuts' for the squirrels leaves a mess that has to be cleared up.
- d. People smoking in the hides, despite the no smoking signs being on clear display, or removing items such as window fixings, window cleaning materials and laminated wildlife information sheets spoils the experience for other visitors.
- e. Drivers speeding on the Eskrigg Farm road, disturbing local home owners and resulting in additional road maintenance work.

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:
 - Steven Dalgliesh + Erin & Fraser Dalgliesh, Alistair Gordon, John Graham, Rory Holden, David Hughes, Bert Kirkpatrick, Graham Robson and Sybille Spägele.
- b. Lockerbie Academy students on Work Experience:
 - Lewis Carrol, Findlay Crossan, Cairn Douglas, Liam Gibson, Jack Pritchard and Steven Jackson.
- c. Lockerbie Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award students:
 - Lewis Carrick, Anthony Ison, Josh Johnston and Neil Stewart,
- d. Dumfries and Galloway Council Rangers Ross Gemmell and Tom Henry.

6. Working with Schools and Nurseries

Sep. 2018

15th The proposed visit by **Applegarth Primary** had to be cancelled because of Storm Ali.

Pupils, staff and parents from **St Mungo Primary** held a sponsored walk through Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks.

Oct. 2018

18th Children from Mid-Annandale Playcare completed a Tree Trail in order to get to know the common species.

Nov. 2018

26th P7 Pupils from **Murray Primary School** completed a Wildlife Foray and Scavenger Hunt in the woods around Eskrigg Reserve.

Apr. 2019

2nd S3 Biology Students from **Dumfries Academy**, accompanied by their teacher Keith Walker, visited the Reserve to carry out some fieldwork.

Four children from Mid-Annandale Playcare (MAP), accompanied by their teacher, visited the Reserve for a few hours. They studied the Woodland Mini-beasts before lunch and enjoyed the challenge of a Scavenger Hunt after lunch.

May 2019

Several groups of **Lockerbie Academy** students and teachers visited the Reserve to undertake some Biology Field Studies.

Another group of students from **Lockerbie Academy** came to the Reserve to carry out some biological fieldwork.

Jun. 2019

19th Gretna Primary 2 pupils and staff visited the Reserve. After a picnic lunch, they studied the Woodland Mini-beasts caught in 24 pitfall traps.

Gretna Sparklers Nursery visited the Reserve. They followed the Gruffalo Trail and, after a snack, went on a scavenger hunt. After lunch they hunted for beasties in the heathland area before having a go at den building.

In the afternoon, the **Advanced Higher Biology Class** from **Lockerbie Academy**, accompanied by their teacher Ms Bowker, visited the Reserve to collect data in order to prepare ethograms.

7. Working with Community Groups

Sep. 2018

- 15th Elizabeth Tindal brought a **Befrienders Group** to the Reserve to enjoy a range of woodland activities.
- 25th Scottish Natural Heritage staff from the South of Scotland were given a guided tour of the Reserve
- 28th Members of the Ecclefechan Day Care Centre visited the Reserve.

Oct. 2018

23rd Eaglesfield Walking Group explored the woodland paths around Eskrigg Reserve.

Mar. 2019

- **Louise King,** a final year BA student, visited Eskrigg Nature Reserve as part of her project to document the work of Scottish Conservation Charities.
- 14th Maggie Driscoll and Friends, from Castle Douglas, visited the Reserve to see how things had changed in recent times.

Apr. 2019

6th Open Day at Eskrigg Reserve:

Visitors to the Reserve had a go at the **Red Squirrel Trail Quiz**, and/or **Scavenger Hunt**, while others were there to photograph the wildlife, have a stroll or walk the dog.

- 9th Members of the **Lochmaben WI** were given a guided tour of the Reserve by **Jim Rae**.
- **Fiona Armstrong,** presenter of **ITV Border Life,** visited the Reserve to interview **Jim Rae** and learn about his work at Eskrigg Reserve over the past thirty-three years. Her cameraman, Paul, filmed some of the wildlife as well as Fiona talking to some of the people who visited the Reserve during the day.

May 2019

Lockerbie Gala Rideout came down the forest road and a large turnout of cyclists came down through the Reserve to greet and follow the horses.

Jun. 2019

- 1st The Brownies visited the Reserve. After a short guided tour they had a go at identifying the Woodland Mini-beasts.
- **The Beavers** organised their own private visit to Eskrigg Reserve. One of the activities they did was to create some woodland art.
- In the morning, there was a visit by some members of the **Annan Probus Club. Jim Rae** gave the group a guided tour of the Reserve as a follow-up to a talk he gave them in May.
- 29th A Student Team from the Community College of the City University, Hong Kong visited the Reserve, accompanied by Russell Chan.

Aug. 2018

15th Kevin Cumming brought an adult group from Langholm to visit the Reserve.

8. Eskrigg Reserve Planned Programme of Events

Due to a series of unforeseen circumstances the planned programme of events for the year was severely curtailed

Autumn 2018

Due to forestry activities, bad storms and the need to complete the Northern Loop, most planned activities were cancelled.

Oct. 2018

7th Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford at Woodcock Air, Hoddom

Due to the forestry operations in the woods around Eskrigg Reserve, there were fewer fungi than normal this year, so Jim attended Duncan's event in order to practise his identification skills.

23rd Work on the Northern Loop was completed.

Spring 2019

Due to family illness, the planned programme for the spring was cancelled except for the Moth Trapping in April and May.

Summer 2019

Due to the death of the Reserve Manager's wife, and the need to catch up with maintenance work and the replacement of the boardwalk with a hard-core path, the planned activities for the summer were all cancelled except for the **Moth Trapping in June and August.**

9. Promoting the Trust and Eskrigg Reserve

During the past year Jim Rae gave talks to the following groups:

09.10.18 Eaglesfield Primary Classes P1-3 & P4-7

10.10.18 Kirkmahoe SWI

22.05.19 Annan Probus Club

28.08.19 Macular Society Support Group, Dumfries

10. 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**. 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 **Facebook** 'Eskrigg Nature Reserve' and 'Lockerbie Wildlife Trust'.

11. 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 £60. 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.

We do plan to install a people counter at the entrance to the Reserve in the near future.

12. 2019 Development Project:

This year's development project is the replacing of the boardwalk with a hard-core path and the East Hide with a bigger, better one. The cost of the hide was met last year by the donation of £5,000 from Joanne Barnett, in memory of Nigel Render and will be constructed by local joiner Scott McLean. The cost of replacing the boardwalk has been greatly reduced by doing the work ourselves (members and local volunteers) rather than paying a firm to do the work for us. The necessary hard-core materials are being purchased from the local firm Grange Quarry.

13. Special Year

This year, the Reserve Manager, Jim Rae, was awarded the British Empire Medal. He was presented with the medal by Dumfriesshire Lord Lieutenant Fiona Armstrong, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, at a special event at Lockerbie Town Hall on Friday 31st May. He received the award for services to Eskrigg Nature Reserve and the community of Lockerbie.

After the presentation, Jim used the opportunity to thank the many people who had helped over the years: the members of the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust, its Management Committee (past and present), President Sir John Buchanan-Jardine and Honorary Vice-presidents Bobby Smith and Duncan Ford for their help and advice over the last three decades; the staff and pupils (past and present) at Lockerbie Academy, with whom he has worked for the past forty-eight years; the forest manager Andy Brown and his staff on Castle Milk and Corrie Estate; local firms and contractors; local charity organisations; Dumfries and Galloway Ranger Service; Lockerbie and District residents; and visitors to the Reserve, including wildlife photographers from all over the world.

Jim accepted an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party at Holyrood Palace on the 3rd of July.

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. Unfortunately, due to forest operations, storms and unforseen family circumstances we haven't been able to run as many practical workshops at the Reserve as in previous years.

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 pay tribute to the members of the Trust's Executive Committee for their support, encouragement and hard work again this year.

Jim Rae (Eskrigg Reserve Manager) Jackse

Date: 9th Sept. 2019

Signed by the Chairman on behalf of the LWT Trustees at the 2019 AGM:

Date: 25th Sept. 2019

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Part 2 – Treasurer's Report

Notes on the Annual Receipts and Payments Account Summary

Receipts - General Account - Points to note

1. Membership

There are 8 family, 46 senior citizen, 12 adult and 0 junior memberships this year slightly up on last year. Like most local organisations, we are finding it difficult to attract young adults and junior members.

2. Donations

Last year the donations (under several headings) totalled £8,598.88.

This year the donations (under several headings) totalled £5,986.87 - down £2,612.01

3. Sale of Christmas Cards, Nature Notelets and Calendars

These are printed at different times and sold at various events throughout the year, so it is impossible to calculate the exact profit margin. However, the income from these items was down slightly on last year.

4. Coffee Mornings and other Fund Raisers

The income generated by these events was down on last year.

Receipts - Project Account - Points to note

Donations

The £6,600 entered under this heading includes:

- a. £2,000 from The Annandale Way. This was a contribution towards the cost of completing the the Northern Loop, which is part of the Annandale Way, in November 2018.
- b. £1,000 from Groundwork UK, the balance of the Tesco award for the above project.
- c. £3,000 from the Lockerbie Swimming Pool project.
- d. £600 from E.ON to cover the cost of the gabion baskets on which the new hide will be mounted.

Payments - General Account

1. D&G Media

This payment is the equivalent of that made under advertising last year.

2. Transfers from General to Project Account

The Lockerbie Wildlife Trust has, over the past few years, judiciously transferred sufficient funds into the project account (e.g. £3,000 last year and £5,000 this year) to meet the cost of replacing worn out maintenance equipment, (see under Project Account payments).

3. The other items are as expected and in line with expenditure in previous years.

Payments - Project Account

These have been made for three purposes:

1. Raw materials for this year's development project (boardwalk path & East Hide)

- a. Terram membrane from M.W.Plant £450
- b. Gravel and gabion stones from Grange Quarry £1,904.21
- c. Gabion baskets from Welded PVC £521.40

2. Replacement of old maintenance equipment

- a. Replacement of the quad bike and trailer (30 years old) with new ones
 - Paterson & Sons £8,142.00
- b. Replacement of the strimmer (appro. 20 years old) with a new strimmer, pole hedge cutter and pole chainsaw.
 - Galloway Tool Hire £1,748.60

3. Replacement of Shelter felt roofing with galvanised metal roof.

- A. Thomson (Blacksmith) - £319.50

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC005538

Receipt and Payments Account Summary 2017-2018 & 2018-2019 Trust Address: 12 Douglas Terrace, Lockerbie, DG11 2DZ General Account Project Account Summary Summary Receipts 2017-2018 2018-2019 2017-2018 2018-2019 2017-2018 2018-2019 from from from from from from 01.09.17 01.09.18 01.09.17 01.09.18 01.09.17 01.09.18 31.08.19 31,08.18 31.08.19 31.08.18 31.08.19 31.08.18 Memberships £723.00 €826.00 £723.00 €826.00 Donations. €5,317.88 €2,916.89 00.000,83 £6,600.00 £13,317.88 £9,516.89 €861.07 €706.96 Donation posts £861.07 £706.96 Entrance fees £117.00 €158.00 £117.00 £158.00 . Raffie £108.00 €163.50 £108.00 £163.50 €650.00 6650.00 6540.00 6640.00 Nut race: Coffee mornings £1,240.06 £1,094.90 . £1,240.06 £1,094.90 Tesco Xmas Stall 6593.71 £593.71 . £147.10 E147.10 Xmas Lights Stall Reserve Open Day €85.26 £85.26 . £2,419.00 £2,419.00 Sale of calendars £1,658.00 €1,658.00 . . Postage of calendars £7.22 . £7.22 £30.00 Sale of T-shirts £30.00 . €50.00 €50.00 Sale of Bird Boxes . . £710.00 €397.60 £710.00 £397.60 Sale cards, notelets, tags . * Sale of nuts, seeds & fruit. £99.35 £113.00 €99.35 £113.00 £80.00 £40.00 £80.00 £40.00 Sale of logs . £440.00 Calendar sponsors €440.00 00.0883 6660.00 . Charity boxes £491.79 £397.83 £491.79 €397.83 æ 4 Gala collection £524.68 6502.72 £524.68 €502.72 a Jim's Sponsored Walk £286.50 £286.50 Nuts Competition £168.00 £168.00 Legacy £1,000.00 £1,051,40 £1,000,00 £1,051.40 'n Charitable Giving. £170.00 £170.00 . HMRC - GIR Aid £59.57 £59.57 £173.89 £173.89 £411.07 PayPal donation £411.07 £4.74 Bank interest. £3.81 £0.93 Scavenger Hunt £250.00 £250.00 . Transfer from Proj. A/C £450.00 £450.00 €3,000.00 £5,000.00 Transfer from Gen. A/C €3,000,00 £5,000.00

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Signed by Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2019 AGM:

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£18,196,47

£12,798.29

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£11,600.00

Date: 25th Sept. 2019

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	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary
Payments	2017-2018	2018-2019	2017-2018	2018-2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
	from	from	from	from	from	from
	01.09.17	01.09.18	01.09.17	01.09.18	01.09.17	01.09.18
	10	to	10	to	to	10
	31.08.18	31.08.19	31.08.18	31.08.19	31.08.18	31.08.19
Ironmongery	£227.15	£109.38	+		£227.15	£109.38
Advertising	£110.00		1.4	- 4	£110.00	
Town Hall	€79.23	£132.00	1.4		£79.23	£132.00
Donation LA	€30.00	€30.00	7-4	0.8	£30.00	£30.00
Speakers' expenses	£120.00	€40.00	0.41		£120.00	£40.00
Bird & squirrel food	£2,274.90	£2,263.90	+		£2,274.90	62,263.90
Fire extinguisher service	£30.00	€30.00	+	-	£30.00	£30.00
D&G Media		£99.00	(4	34		£89.00
Dalgliesh - serv. & repair	£273.37	£421.72			£273.37	E421.72
Grange Q: path gravel	£557.00	+	£1,289.55	£1,904.21	£1,846.55	€1,904.21
M.W.Plant - terram	£450.00	(- 30 m) ¹		£450.00	£450.00	£450.00
Paterson & Sons	€790.06	£45.00		£8,142.00	£790.06	68,187.00
Welded PVC		4		£521.40	-	£521.40
Galloway Tool Hire		-		£1,748.60		€1,748.60
A. Thomson (Blacksmith)				£319.50		£319.50
NatSol		£56.40				£56.40
Rent	£100.00	£100.00			£100.00	£100.00
Printing T-shirts		£26.28				€26.28
Secretary's expenses	£38.94	£41.28		-	£38.94	E41.28
Insurance policies	£1,039.98	£1,054.92	-	-	£1039.98	£1.054.92
Res. management exp.	£1,535.39	£848.28		7.0	£1,535.39	€848.28
Refund Manager's exp.		-		68.083		€86.89
Printing	£2,931.04	£2,475.72			£2,931.04	£2,475.72
Transfer to Proj. A/C	£3,000.00	£5,000.00	4		£3,000.00	€5.000.00
Transfer to Gen. A/C	-	-	£450.00		£450.00	
Total	£13,587.06	£12,798.29	£1,738.66	£13,172.00	£15,326.61	£25,970.89
Receipts minus payments for year	+£2,609.41	+624,41	+£9,261.38	-£1,572.60	+£11,870.79	-£1,548.19
Balance brought forward	£4,245.83	£6,855.24	£1,555.64	£10,817.02	£5,801.47	£17,672.26
Balance in Bank Acc.	£6,855,24	65,879.66	£11,088,18	£9,244.42	617,943.42	£16,124.07
"Uncleared cheques			¥271.16		271.16	
Bal. to carry forward	€6,855.24		£10,817.02		£17,672.26	

Signed by Independent Examiner:

Date: 15/4/1

Signed by Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2019 AGM:

Date: 25th Sept. 2019

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Summary

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust has had another successful financial year.

At the start of the year, the General Account stood at £6,855.24 and we finished the year with a credit balance of £6,879.65, having transferred £5,000 to the Project Account in order to purchase new mainenance equipment.

The Project Account stood at £10,817.02 at the beginning of the year and having purchased new maintenance equipment, made significant progress with this year's development project and upgraded the shelter roof, we still have a credit balance of £9,244.42.

Much of this is earmarked for the replacement of the East Hide and rest of the boardwalk.

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 2018-2019

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 - Events 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 the 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): Julia

Date: 9th Sept. 2019

Signed by the Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2019 AGM:

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Date: 25th Sept. 2019

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 31st August 2019, 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 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.

Name: Alistair James Stevenson

Signature:

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: Solicitor

Address:

55 High Street Lockerbie

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Date: 1/4/19