



Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

(Scottish Charity Number 005538)

Annual Report 2016-2017

Part 1 – Trust Events and Reserve Activities

1. The 28th AGM

This was held in Lockerbie Town Hall on the 28th of September 2016 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. 2016 “**Castle Loch, Lochmaben: a community Approach**” by **Darren Flint**, Project Manager.

Nov. 2016 “**Caerlaverock in the Spotlight**” - **Brian Morrell**, Centre Manager for the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

Dec. 2016 “**Wild at Heart**” - **Gordon Rae** - Wildlife Photographer.

Jan. 2017 “**Scottish Seabird Centre to National Marine Centre**” - **Grace Martin**, Project Director.

Feb. 2017 Members' Night:

“**Capturing Nature Through the Lens**” - **George Trudt**, member.

“**River Annan Trust - Restoring Annan Water**” - **Sarah King**, Project Assistant.

Mar. 2017 “**Moths**” - **Alison Robertson**, County Moth Recorder.

3. **Excursion:** On the 13th May 2017 Members enjoyed a trip to the **Scottish Seabird Centre** at North Berwick and a boat trip round the Bass Rock.

4. Fund Raisers

a. **Coffee Mornings:** held on the 29th October 2016 and 6th May 2017 and together raised £1336.95.

b. **Nut Race:** this was held on the 26th February 2017 and raised £610.

c. **Gala Day Collection:** the collection on Gala Day 2017 raised £257.06.

d. **Jim's Sponsored Walk:** in June 2017 raised £285

e. **Charity Boxes:** this year the Charity Boxes raised £575.01

f. **Sale of Calendars**

Profits from the sale of calendars this year were £1,295

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 £849.65

5. Reserve Management

Maintenance

Maintenance work undertaken this year included: up-keep of walkways (including forest road, Eskrigg Farm road, woodland walks, mountain bike trail, 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 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.

Pondlife

Several years ago, some well-meaning person introduced Canadian Pondweed (*Elodea canadensis*) to the pond and it quickly took over and smothered out the native submergent and emergent vegetation. Volunteers have been attempting to keep this invasive species under control ever since. At some point last winter, the Canadian Pondweed all died out, leaving no vegetation for the pond animals to feed on this year. The result was a dramatic decline in the numbers and range of animal species in the pond. The reason for the death of the pondweed is not clear. Several explanations have been suggested. One possible explanation is that some form of pollutant got into the water. Another possibility is that there are now far too many duck on the pond and their excreta is fouling the water. The situation is being constantly monitored and it is hoped that the native plant species will recolonise the pond in time.

Country Code

There have been very few incidents of vandalism during the past year. However, there have been several incidents of inconsiderate or anti-social behaviour, where people do not follow the country code.

Wildlife Records

1239 species have been identified in Eskrigg Nature Reserve and Woodland Walks since the Reserve was opened in May 1988. These include 223 species of fungi (34 new this year), 301 species of moth (18 new this year), 100 species of beetle (mostly identified this year by Bob Merritt), 46 species of spiders, 96 species of birds (76 in the past year) and 20 species of mammals (12 in the past year).

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 year by the following volunteers:

- a. Adult Members and friends:
Sybille Spägele, David Hughes, John Wilson, Norah Muirhead, Stuart Black, Scott Mitchell, Ross Taylor, Colin McLean, Jilly Polson, Neil Laidlaw, Gary Hall, Freda Seddon and Kaye Borthwick.
- b. Lockerbie Academy student on Work Experience - Connor Jardine.
- c. Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award students:
Rory Holden, Michael Kerr, Patrick Malone, Keir Stewart, Brodan Gough
- e. Lockerbie Academy Employability Course students.
- g. St Joseph's College student - Maya Saunders.

6. Working with Schools

Oct. 2016

26th P7 pupils from Murray Primary School, East Kilbride carried out two investigations - Pond Life with Jim Rae and Wee Woodland Beasties with Norah Muirhead.

Mar. 2017

2nd Visit by Cummertrees Primary School.

29th Visit by Tarporley Primary School.

May 2017

Lockerbie Academy Employability Course

S4 and S5 students worked at the Reserve for four days during the month.

7. Working with Community Groups

Sep. 2016

18th Duncan Ford ran a **Fungal Foray** at the Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks, because there was a very poor showing of fungi at Kellhead and Kinmount.

Oct. 2016

2nd Babes in the Woods

Parents and children spent an interesting time investigating the **Wee Woodland Beasties**.

5th National Red Squirrel Week - Eskrigg Event

The ITV Border Life film crew filmed the Red Squirrels at the Reserve. Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and the Annandale Red Squirrel Group held a Red Squirrel Training Event for members of the Moffat Hill Woodland Project and other interested parties.

13th Mid-Annandale Playcare

A group of MAP youngsters came to the Reserve to investigate the **Wee Woodland Beasties** with **Jim Rae**.

Nov. 2016

15th Visit by the U3A

Thirteen members of the group paid a visit to the Reserve and Woodland Walks.

Dec. 2016

8th Dumfries and Galloway Outdoor and Woodland Learning Group visited Eskrigg Reserve for a Skills Share Activity - **Small Mammal Trapping, Tracks and Signs**, led by **Jim Rae**.

Feb. 2017

12th Members of the **Dumfries and Galloway Through A Lens** group visited the Reserve to learn of the history of the place and to take photographs of the wildlife.

May 2017

20th Children 1st Gruffalo Trail and Treasure Hunt at Eskrigg Reserve.

22nd Visit by members of the **Loreburn Camera Club**.

23rd Visit by **Annan Cubs**.

June 2017

13th Children and Staff from Lochmaben Nursery visited the Reserve. Following a **Gruffalo & Hunt**, the children investigated the **Mini-beasts** in the Scots Pine woodland and finished up **14th** with a snack in the picnic area.

15th Retired Members of Unison visited the Reserve as a follow-up to the talk earlier in the year.

July 2017

4th The U3A Rambling Club visited the Reserve and Woodland Walks.

12th Visit to the Reserve by **Collin Social Club**.

19th Visit to the Reserve by **Penrith Camera Club**.

24th Visit to the Reserve by **Loreburn Camera Club**.

August 2017

8th Members of the **Parent Inclusion Network (PIN)** visited the Reserve. The children took part in a range of wildlife activities including **Wildlife Orienteering, Pond Dipping, Woodland Mini-beasts and Nature Treasure Trail**.

8. Eskrigg Reserve Planned Programme of Events

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

Sept. 2016

20th Wild Autumn - September Moths with Jim Rae.

Oct. 2016

11th Wild Autumn - October Moths with Jim Rae.

16th Wild Autumn - Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford.

18th Wild Autumn - Den Building with Jim Rae.

25th Wild Autumn - Autumn Pond Life with Jim Rae

Nov. 2016

6th Wild Autumn - Eskrigg Lantern Parade - It was a cold, but dry, evening until the very end when there was a light flurry of snow.

Feb. 2017

5th Marshland Survey - Bob Merritt surveyed the beetles and some other invertebrates in the marshland area.

26th Annual Nut Race

Apr. 2017

6th Wild Spring - Spring Pond Life with Jim Rae.

9th Wild Spring - Red Squirrel Walk

13th Wild Spring - Wee Woodland Beasties with Jim Rae.

16th Wild Spring - April Moths with Jim Rae.

May 2017

6th Annual Spring Coffee Morning

21st Wild Spring - May Moths with Jim Rae.

13th LWT excursion to The Seabird Centre at North Berwick

Jun. 2017

14th Lockerbie and District Rotary Club - Walk the Walk

18th Wild Summer - June Moths with Jim Rae and Alison Robertson.

28th Marshland Survey - Bob Merritt surveyed the beetles and some other invertebrates in the marshland area.

Jul. 2017

4th Helen Dickinson of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust ran a Bumblebee ID event at Lockerbie Town Hall followed by a field visit to Eskrigg Reserve.

15th Wild Summer - Eskrigg Wildlife Weekend - July Moths with Jim Rae.

15th Wild Summer - Eskrigg Wildlife Weekend - Wee Woodland Beasties with Jim Rae.

16th Wild Summer - Eskrigg Wildlife Weekend - Small Mammal Survey with Jim Rae.

16th Wild Summer - Eskrigg Wildlife Weekend - Summer Pond Dipping with Jim Rae.

Aug. 2017

17th Wild Summer - August Moths with Jim Rae.

27th Wild Summer - Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford.

10. Promoting the Trust and Eskrigg Reserve

Sep. 2016

12th Sep. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Annan and District Brownies** about **The Red Squirrel**.

Oct. 2016

10th Oct. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **Johnstonebridge SWI** about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

Nov. 2016

2nd Nov. **Jim Rae** attended an **Introduction to Wildlife Recording** event in Moffat, run by **Mark Pollitt**.

9th Nov. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to members of the **St. Mary's and Greyfriars' Church Gardening Club** about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

22nd Nov. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **The Ramblers Association** about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

2017

Jan. 2017

30th Jan. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **Loreburn Camera Club** about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

Feb. 2017

24th Feb. **Jim Rae** attended a **Lichen Training Course** at the **Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh**.

Mar. 2017

8th Mar. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to children at the **Mid-Annandale Play Care on Birds at Eskrigg**.

10th Mar. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **U3A Camera Club** in Kirkton about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

16th Mar. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Retired Members of Unison** in Dumfries about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

19th Mar. **Jim Rae** and **Sybille Spägele** ran a **Lockerbie Wildlife Stall** at the **D & G Environment Fair**.

23rd Mar. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to **Penpont Friendly Group** on the developments at **Eskrigg Reserve** in the last two years.

24th Mar. **Jim Rae** set up a stall, for the **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** and **Annandale Red Squirrel Group**, at the **Wild Film Festival** in Dumfries.

25th Mar. **David Hughes** and **Norah Muirhead** helped **Jim** man the stall at the **Wild Film Festival**.

26th Mar. **Sybille Spägele** helped **Jim** man the stall at the **Wild Film Festival**.

May 2017

8th May **Jim Rae** represented the **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** at the launching of the **Annandale Way Guide Book at the Queens Hotel, Lockerbie**.

June 2017

7th Jun. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Lockerbie Stroke Club** about **Eskrigg Reserve**.

12th Jun. **Jim Rae** gave a talk to the **Locharbriggs Brownies** about **Red Squirrels**.

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, who in turn forward the bulletin to friends all over the world.
- b. Occasional Newsletters are posted out to Members who don't 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 **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 annual income from the donations posts at the Reserve increasing to £850. 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.

13. Access for All Project

Phase 4 - Upgrade of Woodland Walks

Work is continuing with the improvements to the Woodland Walks. Approximately 600m of walks have been upgraded to gravel paths this past year. Many thanks to all the volunteers involved.

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: 10th September 2017

Signed by the Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at 2017 AGM:



Date: 27th September 2017

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC005538

Receipt and Payments Account Summary						
2015-2016 & 2016-2017						
Trust Address: 12 Douglas Terrace, Lockerbie, DG11 2DZ						
	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary
Receipts	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
	from 01.09.15	from 01.09.16	from 01.09.15	from 01.09.16	from 01.09.15	from 01.09.16
	to 31.08.16	to 31.08.17	to 31.08.16	to 31.08.17	to 31.08.16	to 31.08.17
Memberships	£681.00	£718.00			£681.00	£718.00
Donations	£5,331.21	£2,914.58			£5,331.21	£2,914.58
Donation posts	£798.78	£849.65			£798.78	£849.65
Entrance fees	£192.60	£164.45			£192.60	£164.45
Raffle	£60.50	£142.50			£60.50	£142.50
Nut race	£644.00	£610.00			£644.00	£610.00
Coffee mornings	£1,515.25	£1,336.95			£1,515.25	£1,336.95
Sale of calendars	£1,576.00	£2,056.00			£1,576.00	£2,056.00
Postage of calendars	£4.19	-			£4.19	-
Sale of cards & notelets	£440.00	£530.00			£440.00	£530.00
Tesco & Xmas Lights	£1,155.30	-			£1,155.30	-
Sale of bird boxes	£25.00	£36.00			£25.00	£36.00
Sale of games, jam, tags	-	£26.50			-	£26.50
Sale of nuts & seeds	£17.20	£42.50			£17.20	£42.50
Sale of logs	£90.00	-			£90.00	-
Sale of T-shirts/fleeces	-	£114.00				£114.00
Calendar sponsors	£230.00	£267.00			£230.00	£267.00
Charity boxes	£386.66	£575.01			£386.66	£575.01
Gala collection	-	£257.06			-	£257.06
Jim's Sponsored Walk	-	£285.00				£285.00
Visit to Seabird Centre	-	£500.00				£500.00
Standing Order donation	£15.00	-			£15.00	-
PayPal donation	£4.74	£112.19			£4.74	£112.19
Bank interest	£1.91	£1.74	£1.03	£0.77	£2.94	£2.51
Refund of manager exp.	-	£2.90				£2.90
Donation from Co-op	-	£652.95				£652.95
Donation from E.on UK	-	£500.00				£500.00
Transfer from Gen. A/C						
Total	£13,169.34	£12,694.98	£1.03	£0.77	£13,170.37	£12,695.75

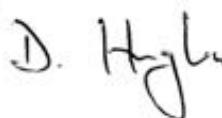
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Signed by Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at 2017 AGM:

Date: 27/9/17



Payments	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
	from 01.09.15	from 01.09.16	from 01.09.15	from 01.09.16	from 01.09.15	from 01.09.16
	to 31.08.16	to 31.08.17	to 31.08.16	to 31.08.17	to 31.08.16	to 31.08.17
Ironmongery	£395.19	£569.92			£395.19	£569.92
Advertising	£110.00	£132.00			£110.00	£132.00
Town Hall	£49.27	£60.27			£49.27	£60.27
Donation LA	£30.00	£30.00			£30.00	£30.00
Speakers' expenses	£30.00	£30.00			£30.00	£30.00
Bird & squirrel food	£1,751.50	£2333.35			£1,751.50	£2333.35
Fire extinguisher service	£26.40	£30.00			£26.40	£30.00
Dalgliesh – serv. & repair	£65.82	£523.23			£65.82	£523.23
Grange Q. path gravel	£464.40	£1,089.32			£464.40	£1,089.32
M.W.Plant - terram	-	*£655.08				*£655.08
Rent	£100.00	£100.00			£100.00	£100.00
Secretary's expenses	£11.88	£7.42			£11.88	£7.42
Insurance policies	£1,050.51	£1050.49			£1,050.51	£1050.49
ATI registration/hire	£25.00	£95.95			£25.00	£95.95
Res. management exp.	£970.73	£1,513.65			£970.73	£1,513.65
Printing	£2,384.13	£2,329.46			£2,384.13	£2,329.46
Boot scrapers	£25.90	-			£25.90	-
T-shirts & Fleeces	-	£88.49				£88.49
Timber - J. Beattie	£29.84	£29.33			£29.84	£29.33
Gala tent	£785.16	-			£785.16	-
Compost toilet	£6,584.40	-	£1587.60	-	£8,172.00	-
Total	£14,890.13	£10,667.96	£1,587.60	-	£16,477.73	£10,667.96
Receipts minus payments for year	-£1,720.79	+£2,027.02	-£1,586.57	+£0.77	-£3,307.36	+£2,027.79
Balance brought forward	£3,939.60	£2,218.81	£3,141.44	£1,554.87	£7,081.04	£3,773.68
Balance in Bank Acc.	£2,218.81	£4,458.11	£1,554.87	£1,555.64	£3,773.68	£6,013.75
*Uncleared cheques		*£212.28				*212.28
Bal. to carry forward	£2,218.81	£4,245.83	£1,554.87	£1,555.64	£3,773.68	£5,801.47

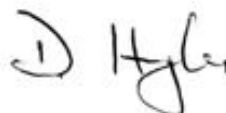
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Date 22/09/2017



Signed by Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at 2017 AGM:

Date 27/9/17



Annual Report 2016-17

Part 2 – Treasurer's Report

Notes on the Annual Receipts and Payments Account Summary

Receipts

1. Membership

This year, the income from membership fees was up slightly, by £37, on the previous year. 44 of the 120 members also signed up for Gift Aid.

2. Donations

The major donations, from the Co-op and E.on, are listed separately from the other donations. When combined, like last year, the total would have been £4,067.53 - a drop of £1,263.67 on last year.

3. Sale of Christmas Cards, Nature Notelets and Calendars

Last year the sale of these items at the Xmas Lights event and at the Tesco Stall were lumped together. This year the proceeds from the sale of these items are listed separately, allowing us to keep a better record of the income from each item.

This year the profit from the sale of calendars was approximately £1,295.

4. Additional Fund Raisers

Unlike last year, Jim was able to carry out the usual collection on Gala Day, join in with the Lockerbie and District Rotary Club Charity Walk and raise a total of £542.06.

Payments

1. Animal Food

The cost of squirrel and bird food was high, up £581.85 on last year. There are two main reasons for this, the increase in the purchase price of the food and an increase in the amount of food consumed (more duck on the pond). In November 2016, we applied for assistance from the Lockerbie Trust, just as we had in the past, but the Lockerbie Trust has yet to meet to discuss the application.

2. Servicing and repairs

The reason for the higher than normal cost for repairs is that the road trailer had to have its suspension renewed. The trailer is now 28 years old and has served us well. However, the suspension was damaged a few years ago when a fork lift driver working for James Jones was loading a pallet of timber. From then on the suspension had steadily deteriorated. Replacing the suspension was, however, much cheaper than replacing the whole trailer. Members of the Trust replaced the floor of the trailer. The trailer should now continue to serve the Trust for many years to come.

3. Terram membrane (from M.W.Plant) and Gravel from Grange Quarry

A lot of time and effort this year has been put in to upgrading the woodland walks to hard-core paths as part of Phase 4 of the 'Access For All' project. The membrane and gravel were needed for this project. The cost would have been even higher if Grange Quarry had not generously donated a load of gravel. Thanks are also due to Lockerbie Academy who contributed two loads of gravel for the work done by the Employability Course students in May 2017.

4. Reserve Manager's Expenses

These were approximately £500 higher than last year for three reasons:

1. because of the extra petrol needed for the quad bike in order to transport the gravel for the paths.
2. the cost of wood preservative (bought at The Range in Carlisle because it was unavailable at D & W Ironmongery at the time).
3. the main difference was due to the way the Annual Trust outing to the Scottish Seabird Centre was organised.

The entry fees and travel costs were paid, by those who went on the trip, into the Trust account - see the £500 under visit to Seabird Centre on the receipts page.

However, Mr. Rae had to pay the £346 for entry to the Scottish Seabird Centre in advance of the Annual Outing using his Visa card over the phone. This sum was later reclaimed from the Trust as a Reserve Manager's expense. The Trust paid the ATI for the hire of the minibus directly.

Summary

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust has had another financially successful year.

At the start of the year we brought forward £3,773.68 and we finished the year with a credit balance of £5,801.47. This will enable us to retain £1,500 in the contingency fund (Project Account) and still have £4,300 in working capital in order to continue the development of Eskrigg Nature Reserve and Woodland Walks. The Executive Committee recognises that some of the Interpretation Boards are in need of replacement and this will be done, one at a time, as the funds become available.

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 2016-2017

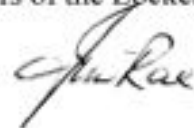
Sir John Buchanan-Jardine – President
Jim Manson – Honorary Vice-president
Bobby Smith – Honorary Vice-president

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

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.

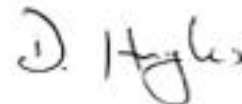
Jim Rae (Eskrigg Reserve Manager):



Date:

12th September 2017

Signed by the Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at 2017 AGM:



Date:

27/9/17

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 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: BSc; DIPLP.

Address: 55 HIGH STREET, LOCKERBIE DG11 2JJ

Date: 24/09/2017