



# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

(Scottish Charity Number 005538)

## Annual Report 2023–2024

### Part 1 – Trust Events and Reserve Activities

#### 1. The 35th AGM

This was held at Lockerbie Town Hall and as a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday 27th of September 2023 and was followed by a brief slide show in which Jim displayed the pictures of the 2023 Christmas Cards and 2024 Calendar.

#### 2. LWT Committee Meetings

All 8 committee meetings were conducted as Zoom Meetings and will continue to be until further notice.

#### 3. Reserve Planned Activities, Community Events and Visits

##### Sept. 2023

A new container for storing equipment was purchased from J.J. Currie and delivered to the forest road next to the reserve. It was then timber lined and insulated by Scott McLean.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Graham Ovens and family
- Glasgow University Honours Zoology Class of 1969-70
- Carlisle U3A Bird and Nature Group



##### October 2023

- A Red Squirrel Walk with Stevie McKillop took place to mark the start of Mammal Week.
- Fifty family groups took part in the Eskrigg Halloween Hunt, organised by Sandra Proudfoot on behalf of Annandale and Eskdale Active Schools and Community Sport.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Members of Lockerbie and District Rotary Club - who helped prepare the feeder burn for the Annual Nut Race in the following February 2024.
- Members of the Corona Group, from Edinburgh, visited the Scots Pine they had planted in the Reserve in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

##### November 2023

- A Poppy Cascade was put up in order to mark Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.
- In recognition of his work for the local community, Jim Rae was invited to Dumfries House to mark King Charles III's 75th Birthday.
- Lockerbie Wildlife Trust ran a stall at the switching on of the Lockerbie Christmas Lights.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Members of the Dumfries U3A Ambling Group, who were given a guided tour of the Reserve and Woodland Walks.



## December 2023

- a. A Christmas Tree Trail was set up and ran from the 16th until the 27th December. The Lockerbie Ladies Craft Group created a large, knitted, Christmas Tree which was pinned to the side of the Eskrigg Centre. Six timber 'Christmas trees' were decorated and spaced out along the trail with information boards between them about the various conifers that were grown in the area and sometimes used as Christmas Trees. During the opening weekend, Lockerbie and District Rotary Club sold timber products and the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust sold Calendars, Christmas Cards and Notelets, at the Rotary Trailer. The proceeds were donated to local charities.
- b. The Trust ran its Christmas Stall at Tesco, in Lockerbie, on the 1st and 2nd of December.
- c. Ross Gemmell and James Hall cleared willow trees from the Reserve soak-away.



**January 2024** - There were no events held at the Reserve.

## February 2024

- a. Alan Thomson's staff fixed the tin roof on to the container.
- b. The NERC Frog Study, Project Tadpole, was started and water samples taken from the Reserve pond.
- c. The Annual Nut Race was held on Sunday 25th of February and raised £701. The winners where: 1st Prize £25 - Caroline Fraser; 2nd Prize £15 - Archie Dalgliesh; 3rd Prize £5 - Geoff Ruston.



## March & April 2024

The Reserve's Easter Family Programme included

- a. 27.03.24 A Woodland Minibeast Hunt
- b. 31.03.24 A Stream Study - new species recorded: Riffle Beetles (*Limnius volckmari*), Hairy-eyed Cranefly Larvae and Mayfly Nymphs of the species *Paraleptophlebia submarginata*
- c. 07.04.24 Scavenger Hunt

The Trust held its first Volunteer Maintenance Sunday. Only 4 people, including the Reserve Manager, turned up.

Moth Trapping on the 2nd of April - 4 new species were identified: the Narrow-winged Pug (*Eupithecia nanata*), Pale Brindled Beauty (*Phigalia pilosaria*), Red Chestnut (*Cerastis rubricosa*), and the Tawny Pinion (*Lithophane semibrunnea*).

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Primary 7 pupils from Mount Cameron Primary School, East Kilbride, carried out a Woodland Minibeast activity and a Scavenger Hunt.

## May 2024

The Trust organised a day trip to Yorkshire where they visited the **Southercales Nature Reserve** and the **Muker Wildflower Meadows**.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Members of Lockerbie and District Rotary Club helped tidy parts of the Northern Loop for a day.
- Four Lockerbie Academy pupils also helped tidy the Northern Loop for a morning.
- Biology pupils from Lockerbie Academy carried out some fieldwork on three different occasions at the Reserve.



## June 2024

- a. The Reserve Manager attended a Butterfly Training Day at Borgue.
- b. A moth-trapping event resulted in three new moth species being recorded at Eskrigg Reserve.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- The Royal Four Towns Ladies Group were given a guided tour of the Reserve.
- The Stewartry Bird Group were given a guided tour of the Reserve.
- Johnstonebridge Primary pupils investigated the Woodland Minibeasts and carried out a Stream Study.
- Lockerbie Scouts, Cubs, Explorers, Leaders and Parents cleared self-seeded trees, whin bushes, brambles and thistles from the sides of a ditch, south of the reserve during 'The Big Help Out'.



## July 2024

The July events were cancelled due to bad weather.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Members of 'The Repair Shop' team, Will Kirk and Kirsten Ramsay, and their film crew, visited on the 5th of July to record a sequence for a new TV series.



## August 2024

Once again, bad weather resulted in the cancellation of most planned activities and field trips. However, **Alison Wyllie** was given the go ahead to run a series of 8 classes for 'Forest Babes' on Mondays throughout August and September 2024.

Visitors to the Reserve included:

- Four Mortgage and Protection Advisers, from the local Cumberland Building Society, **Nathan Moloney, Gill Houston, Allan Nicol** and **Cat Armstrong**, spent their Annual Cumberland Community Day at Eskrigg Reserve helping **Jim** (the Reserve Manager) by clearing the banks along a section of the feeder burn.

## 4. Annual Talks Programme

These were hybrid meetings with some members attending in person at Lockerbie Town Hall and others on Zoom.

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| Oct. 18/23 | "My View" by Anthony Johnstone (Wildlife and Landscape Photographer)                     |
| Nov. 22/23 | "Landscapes of Life" by Andrew Taylor (Naturalist)                                       |
| Dec. 13/23 | "Lockerbie and Surrounding Area - A peek into our past" George Trudt (Local Enthusiast)  |
| Jan. 17/24 | "Folklore of Barnacle Geese" - by Dave Borthwick (Lecturer at GU Dumfries Campus)        |
| Feb. 14/24 | "North Coast 500" by Sybille Spägele and Jim Rae (Members)                               |
| Mar. 13/24 | "Strangers in the Night: Meet the Moths" by Alison Robertson (experienced moth recorder) |

## 5. Reserve Management

### a. Maintenance

With the recent commercial felling of large areas of mature trees next to the Reserve, a lot more light is getting to the ditches, Reserve paths and nearby woodland walks with a corresponding increase in the amount of plant growth that needs trimmed and raked up. Unfortunately, working with youngsters aiming for a Duke of Edinburgh Award, John Muir Trust Award or Saltire Award did not resume after Covid. This was due to the fact that the legislative procedures regarding pupils getting permission for such activities had become so complicated that members of school staff were not prepared to get involved. This resulted in a reduction in voluntary labour. To counteract this the Trust has introduced a Volunteer Maintenance Day on the third Sunday of each month. In July, only two people turned up but in August there were ten volunteers and a lot of work was completed. Hopefully this will continue.



The Reserve Manager, Jim Rae, would like to thank all the volunteers who helped, even for just an hour or two, to maintain the roads, hardcore paths, woodland walks, hides, shelter, compost toilet, centre, posts, jetty, streams, ditches and pond over the past year. These volunteers included Andrew Berry, Alistair Bertram, Elizabeth Blennerhassett, Kaye Borthwick, Alan Carmichael, Archie Dalglish, Findlay Farmer, Ross Gemmell, Greig Gibson, Robert Gray, Tom Hargreaves, Levi Houston, Aaron Howatson, David Hughes, Ben Karim, Ivan Kennedy, Karin King, Stuart Martin, Brian Mauson, Liam McNeillie, John Millar, Karen Miller, Norah Muirhead, Zack Nicholson, Sam Pattinson, Gordon Pringle, Mairi Pringle, Gordon Reid, Anna Spägele, Sybille Spägele, Ian Sloan, Alan Thomson, David Warner, Francis Wilbur, Sybil Williamson.

#### b. Pondlife

The only birds to nest on the pond this year were the Mallard and Moorhen. The frogs and toads arrived to breed on the 17th of March as usual. However, the numbers of young frogs and especially young toads leaving the pond in June was exceptionally high. There were literally thousands of them. They were climbing over each other to get over the path edging. Jim installed gravel ramps to help them get away. Many young frogs and toads were still being seen crossing the paths throughout July and August.

There has been so much reed-grass growing around the edges of the pond this year that some of it may have to be removed in the near future.

In order to sample and monitor the pondlife more easily the Trust will consider constructing a jetty out into the water.



#### c. Red Squirrels

Several young red squirrels have been visiting the Reserve in recent months but the number of adult squirrels appears to have declined. This may be due to the harvesting of the conifers near the Reserve, which will have cut down the number of potential nesting sites and reduced the food supply available to the squirrels.



#### d. New Species

During the past year, the following new species have been recorded within Eskrigg Nature Reserve and Woodland Walks (Note: These species may have been present previously but were not recorded):

##### Insects

Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>	Riffle Beetle	<i>Limnius volckmari</i>
Mayfly nymph	<i>Paraleptophlebia submarginata</i>	Hairy-eyed Crane fly larvae	sp?
Narrow-winged Pug	<i>Eupithecia nanata</i>	Pale Brindled Beauty (moth)	<i>Phigalia pilosaria</i>
Red Chestnut (moth)	<i>Cerastis rubricosa</i>	Tawny Pinion (moth)	<i>Lithophane semibrunnea</i>
White-pinion Spotted (moth)	<i>Lomographa bimaculata</i>	Clay Triple-lines	<i>Cyclophora linearia</i>
Satin Beauty (moth)	<i>Deileptenia ribeata</i>	Marbled Orchard Tortrix (moth)	<i>Hedya nubiferana</i>

##### Molluscs

White-lipped Snail	<i>Cepea hortensis</i>
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##### Plants

Charlock (Wild Mustard)	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Common Figwort	<i>Scrophularias nodosa</i>
Hairy Dog-rose	<i>Rosa corymbifera</i>	Sherard's Downy-rose	<i>Rosa sherardii</i>
Large Trefoil	<i>Trifolium aureum</i>	Large Bindweed	<i>Calystegia silvatica</i>
Large-leaved Avens	<i>Geum macrophyllum</i>	Curled Dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>
Heath Groundsel	<i>Senecio sylvaticus</i>	Common Stork's-bill	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>

A full list of the fungi, slime moulds, plants and animal species is available on the Trust's website – [www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk](http://www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk).



#### **e. Commercial Forest Activity**

In the Spring and Summer (March to August) of 2024, Castlemilk and Corrie Estates had to fell the two Larch plantations in the South Turmuir area of the forest North West of the Reserve due to the trees being infected with *Phytophthora ramorum*, a microscopic fungal-like organism closely related to algae. The youngest Larch plantation was accessible from the forest road and other tree species in the area were little affected by the harvesting procedures. However, the second plantation was of mature Larch and to access these trees an area of Scots Pine between them and the forest road had to be cleared. Some of the Scots Pine were also growing close to an electricity power line and had reached such a height that they had to be felled in any case or they could have brought down the power line in the event of a storm.

Members of the public, who use the forest road and woodland walks in the area affected by the work, were given two months' notice of the planned forest operations in the form of clear maps at all access points, on Reserve notice boards and on the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust Facebook page and website. The Estate also put up all the prerequisite signage so that people could stay safe during the timber operations. Unfortunately, a few irresponsible individuals endangered their own lives, and those of the forest workers, by ignoring the signs and even the warnings of staff strategically placed on site.

#### **f. Wildlife Hides**

The lock on the door of the Red Squirrel Hide was removed by person or persons unknown and is still to be replaced when the joiner comes down to the Reserve to complete a number of tasks at the Centre and Storage container. There have been no incidents of vandalism in recent months.

#### **g. Reserve Code of Conduct**

- Despite the notices, there are still some people who think it is OK to feed bread to the ducks.
- Around the Reserve and Woodland Walks there is the ongoing problem with litter, dog dirt and dogs off the lead.

### **6. Promoting the Trust and Eskrigg Reserve**

- a. Jim Rae gave talks about the Reserve to the following groups during the year:
  - 04 Oct. 23 Chest, Heart and Stroke Group at the Bowling Club in Annan.
  - 11 Oct. 23 Heathhall Friendship Club at Heathhall Community Centre
  - 07 Dec. 23 Waterbeck SWI in Waterbeck Village Hall
  - 19 Mar. 24 Lockerbie Lunch Group in the Hawthorn Room at Lockerbie Town Hall
  - 07 Aug. 24 Annan Visually Impaired Group at Kate's Kitchen in Annan
- b. Christmas Tree Trail - This was set up on the 14th of December 2023 and ran from the 15th until the 28th of December.
- c. 24.01.24 Zoologist Zoom Meeting  
Jim set up Zoom meeting with members of his 1976 Honours Zoology Class to keep them informed about the developments at Eskrigg Reserve.
- d. 14.03.24 Quaas Clean-up - Jim Rae and Sybille Spägele, of the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust, assisted with the Lockerbie and District Rotary Club clean-up of the Quaas loaning and bridge over the Motorway.
- e. 20.03.24 LWT held a recruitment meeting at Lockerbie Town Hall.
- f. 19.05.24 Lockerbie and District Rotary Club - Walk the Walk.  
Jim took part in the walk, completed 3 laps of the Castle Loch, and raised £100 in sponsorship for the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust's work at Eskrigg Reserve.
- g. 08.06.24 Jim did his usual collection during the Lockerbie Gala Parade to promote the work of the Trust at Eskrigg Reserve and raised over £360.
- h. 08.07.24 Jim Rae, in the name of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust, sponsored the Lockerbie Golf Club's Dr Walker Trophy.
- i. 14.07.24 Jim Rae, in the name of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust, sponsored the Castle Douglas Soapbox Derby.

## 7. Communicating with Members and the general public

- Each month the Bulletin is posted on the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust website and sent to members and friends of the Trust who have expressed a wish to be kept informed in this way.
- All coming events will continue to be posted on the Trust's website. Many thanks to Sybille Spägele for the many hours she spends keeping the website updated and accessible from computers, tablets and mobile phones.
- People can follow what is happening at Eskrigg Reserve on **Facebook** - 'Eskrigg Nature Reserve'.

## 8. Visitors to the Reserve

The average number of visitors to the Reserve per day and approximate totals for the past 12 months were:

Sep. 2023 - 70/2097	Oct. 2023 - 70/2163	Nov. 2023 - 42/1275	Dec. 2023 - 39/1200
Jan. 2024 - 50/1550	Feb. 2024 - 50/1490	Mar. 2024 - 52/1606	Apr. 2024 - 48/1451
May 2014 - 67/2096.	Jun. 2024 - 98/2950.	Jul. 2024 - 81/2517	Aug. 2024 - 64/1978

The total number entering and leaving via the Reserve car park during the 12 months was 21,373. There are many others who enter and leave via the Cemetery Entrance who are not counted. We may install a people counter at the Cemetery Entrance in the future to get a more accurate estimate of visitor numbers.

## 9. Summing up

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and Eskrigg Reserve have had a fairly good year. Committee meetings have continued to be held successfully on Zoom. Monthly meetings from September to April were held at Lockerbie Town Hall as hybrid meetings so that those who could not attend in person could join via Zoom.

The new information and interpretation boards have continued to prove helpful to visitors.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Trust over the past year. This includes Sir John Buchanan-Jardine, Jamie and Katryn Buchanan-Jardine and their staff on Castlemilk and Corrie Estates. We have been pleased to work with the recently appointed Forest Manager, Cat Kent, but she will soon be moving to a different post and another forest manager will take over in October.

Thanks to all the local firms that support and work with the Trust.

Particular thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time to assist with maintenance work and the members of the Trust's Executive Committee for their support, encouragement and hard work again this year.

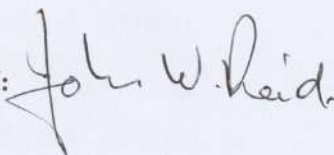
**Jim Rae (Eskrigg Reserve Manager)**

**Date: 1st September 2024**



**Signed by the Chairman on behalf of the LWT Trustees at the 2024 AGM:**

**Date: 25th September 2024**





# Annual Report 2023-24

## Part 2 – Treasurer's Report

### Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC005538

Receipt and Payments Account Summary							
2022-2023 & 2023-2024							
Trust Address: 12 Douglas Terrace, Lockerbie, DG11 2DZ							
	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary	
Receipts	2022-2023	2023-2024	2022-2023	2023-2024	2022-2023	2023-2024	
	from	from	from	from	from	from	
	01.09.22	01.09.23	01.09.22	01.09.23	01.09.22	01.09.23	
	to	to	to	to	to	to	
	31.08.23	31.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.24	
Memberships	£730.00	£755.00	-	-	£730.00	£755.00	
Donations – Cash	£2,653.06	£2,251.70	-	-	£2,653.06	£2,251.70	
Donations – Posts	£210.17	£382.33	-	-	£210.17	£382.33	
Donations – Ch. boxes	-	£69.32	-	-	-	£69.32	
PayPal donation	£292.76	£727.43	-	-	£292.76	£727.43	
Funeral Donation	-	£469.40	-	-	-	£469.40	
Nut race	£580.00	£881.00	-	-	£580.00	£881.00	
Sponsored Walk	£308.33	£100.00	-	-	£308.33	£100.00	
Poppy Walk	£534.45	-	-	-	£534.45	-	
Fungal Foray	£56.00	-	-	-	£56.00	-	
Raffle	-	£135.00	-	-	-	£135.00	
Sale of calendars	£2,822.00	£2,500.50	-	-	£2,822.00	£2,500.50	
Calendar sponsors	£820.00	£905.00	-	-	£820.00	£905.00	
Popcorn the Bear	£125.00	-	-	-	£125.00	-	
MACC event	£169.50	-	-	-	£169.50	-	
Sale of Christmas Cards	£518.50	£195.50	-	-	£518.50	£195.50	
Sale notelets, tags, beads	£442.00	£336.00	-	-	£442.00	£336.00	
Sale of scrap metal	£122.00	-	-	-	£122.00	-	
Sale of logs	£15.00	-	-	-	£15.00	-	
Sale of Tree Plaques	£80.00	-	-	-	£80.00	-	
Gala Day Collection	£631.62	£366.74	-	-	£631.62	£366.74	
Xmas at Tesco	-	£1,618.38	-	-	-	£1,618.38	
Refund of overpayment	-	£34.40	-	-	-	£34.40	
Transfer from Proj. A/C	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfer from Gen. A/C	-	-	£2,000	-	£2,000	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,110.39</b>	<b>£11,727.70</b>	<b>£2,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£13,110.39</b>	<b>£11,727.70</b>	

Signed by Independent Examiner:

Date:

19/9/24

Signed by Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2024 AGM:

John W. Reid

Date: 25th September 2024

	General Account		Project Account		Summary	Summary
Payments	2022-2023	2023-2024	2022-2023	2023-2024	2022-2023	2023-2024
	from 01.09.22	from 01.09.23	from 01.09.22	from 01.09.23	from 01.09.22	from 01.09.23
	to 31.08.23	to 31.08.24	to 31.08.23	to 31.08.24	to 31.08.23	to 31.08.24
Cheque 218 cleared	-	£20.00	-	-	-	£20.00
D&W Ironmongery	£169.83	£578.29	-	-	£169.83	£578.29
Town Hall bookings	-	£177.60	-	-	-	£177.60
Donation LA	-	£35.00	-	-	-	£35.00
Solway Agriculture	£2,027.60	£2,741.00	-	-	£2,027.60	£2,741.00
D&G Fire	£37.50	£37.50	-	-	£37.50	£37.50
SSAFA	£270.00	-	-	-	£270.00	-
Ross Gemmell	-	£420.00	-	-	-	£420.00
A Thomson & Son	£1,084.21	£346.27	-	-	£1,084.21	£346.27
Joiner (S. McLean)	£410.32	£1,340.72	-	-	£410.32	£1,340.72
GTR	£4,650.00	-	-	-	£4,650.00	-
Postage	£26.13	-	-	-	£26.13	-
G.L.S. Fencing	-	£8.98	-	-	-	£8.98
J&J Currie	-	£4,380.00	-	-	-	£4,380.00
R.C. Dalgleish	£661.28	£89.22	-	-	£661.28	£89.22
Rent	£100.00	£100.00	-	-	£100.00	£100.00
Speakers	£180.00	-	-	-	£180.00	-
D.Ford	£40.00	-	-	-	£40.00	-
A. Gordon (Wood)	-	£307.67	-	-	-	£307.67
Insurance policies	£721.00	*	-	-	£721.00	-
Peter Hands	-	-	£429.43	-	£429.43	-
Res. management exp.	£5,728.73	£6,494.75	-	-	£5,728.73	£6,494.75
Rotary	£50.00	-	-	-	£50.00	-
Linn Print	£3,342.02	£3,717.33	-	-	£3,342.02	£3,717.33
Transfer to Proj. A/C	£2,000.00	-	-	-	£2,000.00	-
Transfer to Gen. A/C	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,498.62</b>	<b>£20,794.33</b>	<b>£429.43</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£21,928.05</b>	<b>£20,794.33</b>
<b>Receipts minus payments for year</b>	<b>-£10,388.23</b>	<b>-£9,066.63</b>	<b>+£1,570.57</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-£8,817.66</b>	<b>-£9,066.63</b>
Balance brought forward	£22,497.45	£15,837.71	£8,748.55	£10,319.12	£31,246.00	£26,156.83
<b>Balance in Bank Acc.</b>	<b>£12,109.22</b>	<b>£6,771.08</b>	<b>£10,319.12</b>	<b>£10,319.12</b>	<b>£22,428.34</b>	<b>£17,090.20</b>
Uncleared cheque	£20.00	-	-	-	£20.00	-
Uncleared cheque	£3,708.49	£165.02	-	-	£3,708.49	£165.02
<b>Bal. to carry forward</b>	<b>£15,837.71</b>	<b>£6,936.10</b>	<b>£10,319.12</b>	<b>£10,319.12</b>	<b>£26,156.83</b>	<b>£17,255.22</b>

\* Note: The Insurance premium was paid this year, but by the Reserve Manager when the treasurer was unavailable, so the premium of £801.14 was included in the Res. management exp.

Signed by Independent Examiner:

Date:

19/9/24

Signed by Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2024 AGM:

Date: 25 September 2024

John W. Reid



### **Summary:**

The credit balance this year is down from just over £26,156.83 to £17,255.22 because our financial reserves have been put to good use for pre-planned projects.

We had no financial help this year in the form of government grants. However, the remains of grants received in recent years due to Covid were used this year to cover the cost of installing a half-size storage container, getting the container insulated and lined and servicing and repairing the strimmers and quad bike.

The cost of repairing and re-lining the old ammunition shed will be dealt with in the coming year. Work is still ongoing in this connection.

The Trust planned to get a new laptop and projector this year. In the end we did purchase a new laptop but not a new projector because the Town Hall has a compatible one that we are able to borrow for illustrated talks.

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

Our Honourary Vice-president, Bobby Smith, passed away during the year. We will miss his good humour and immense knowledge about wildlife. We welcome Graham Ovens to the position. He has considerable experience at setting up and developing nature reserves.

### **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust**

Executive Committee Members and Trustees for 2023–2024

Sir John Buchanan-Jardine - President

Bobby Smith / Graham Ovens - Honorary Vice-president

Duncan Ford - Honorary Vice-president

Chairman - John Reid

Vice Chairman - David Hughes

Minute Secretary and IT Coordinator - Sybille Spägele

Events Secretary - Norah Muirhead

Membership Secretary and Reserve Manager - Jim Rae

Treasurer - Kathryn Hughes

Other Committee Members – Gordon Reid, Gary Black

I would like to thank the members of the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust, all volunteers and the local businesses that have provided financial and in-kind support. Thank you all.

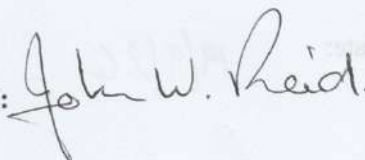
I commend this report to you, the members of the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust.

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



**Date: 9 September 2024**

**Signed by the Chairman on behalf of LWT Trustees at the 2024 AGM:**



**Date: 25 September 2024**

## 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 that ended on 31st August 2024, and which are set out in the accompanying Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity's 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.

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