REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

FOR

KYLE OF SUTHERLAND FISHERIES TRUST

Goldwells Ltd 10 Knockbreck Street Tain Ross-Shire IV19 1BJ

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust (The Kyle Trust) is a charitable organisation which works to develop long term habitat and socio-economic enhancement programmes within the field of fisheries management in the Kyle of Sutherland catchment area. It attempts to create a symbiotic relationship between a healthy river system and a prosperous community.

It follows the footprint of the Kyle of Sutherland District Salmon Fisheries Board (KoSDSFB) and that includes the Rivers Carron, Oykel, Cassley, Shin and Evelix; all lochs and tributaries feeding into them and the tidal waters of the Kyle of Sutherland to a point 3 miles east of a line drawn between Embo Point and Tarbet Ness lighthouse. That is more than 940 miles of river bank and more than 60 named lochs covering an area of 163,647 ha.

The Trust has been actively established since 2004. It is governed by a Board of Trustees representing most of the interests of its objectives and is managed by a Director who is also Director of the KoSDSFB.

A comprehensive survey, looking at the economic value of angling to the Kyle region and completed in spring 2007, demonstrated that the industry is worth some £3.73m and is responsible for the employment of 86 FTE jobs which represents some 13% of local employment. This is highly significant in such a fragile economic area as the Kyle of Sutherland.

Primary Objectives include:

- o habitat improvement
- o socio-economic benefit
- o environmental enhancement
- o pulling together fisheries data to produce a formally constructed management plan
- o long term monitoring of a finely balanced ecological system
- o public education and information
- o major contribution towards bio-security
- o economic, habitat and species data research
- o employment opportunities
- o collaboration and co-operation between estates, communities and angler's interests on a renewed focus to riparian management within the Kyle Catchment

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Much of the Trust's activities in the seven-month period centred around the continuation of the Kyle Riverwoods project, which aims to increase riparian tree cover to act as a buffer against the potential for rising river temperatures; and the delivery of an important project on the main stem of the River Shin which aims to improve habitat available for pearl mussels and Atlantic salmon. Educational projects were also delivered in partnership with East Sutherland Active Schools and Davochfin Farm. The National Electrofishing Programme for Scotland did not take place during the year, but funding was received to conduct adult salmon tracking on the River Oykel as part of an ongoing national programme. As with all projects undertaken by the Trust, cooperation with landowners and river workers is essential if delivery is to be successful. Small contracts were received for survey work and work of this nature will continue to be sought within the catchment. The Trust continues to attract funding from a wide variety of individuals and organisations in support of its projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

A modest surplus was achieved during the period. The unrestricted funds position remains robust. Given that increasingly large projects are being delivered, the Trustees are keeping a watchful eye on cash levels in order to ensure that all invoices can be paid promptly. Whilst cost burdens, particularly energy costs, have increased markedly the Trustees remain confident that financial objectives can be met in the near to medium term.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is governed by the memorandum and articles of assocation as lodged with Companies House and available for reviews on the Trust's website. We are a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered with OSCR. The process of election and eligibility of charity trustees is set out within the articles of association sections 49-66. Kyle Fisheries Trust website - Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC207989 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

030207

Registered office

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Ardgay

Sutherland

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Trustees

M A S Brown

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R D Miller

R D Sankey

A G R Windham

E R Boothroyd

Company Secretary

Dr K L Williams

Independent Examiner

Goldwells Ltd 10 Knockbreck Street Tain Ross-Shire IV19 1BJ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on	. and signed on its behalf by:
A G R Windham - Trustee	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KYLE OF SUTHERLAND FISHERIES TRUST

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages four to eleven.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have 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.

Mr Gary Addison The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Goldwells Ltd 10 Knockbreck Street Tain Ross-Shire IV19 1BJ

Date:	 	 	 	 	 	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Year Ended 31.12.23 Total funds £ 22,383	Period 1.6.22 to 31.12.22 Total funds £
Other trading activities	2	14,924	125,914	140,838	209,382
Investment income	3	11,524	- -	11,524	12,748
Total		37,213	137,532	174,745	223,428
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		1,309	73,084	74,393	138,712
Charitable activities Fisheries Trust		36,212	55,297	91,509	38,808
Total		37,521	128,381	165,902	177,520
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(308)	9,151	8,843	45,908
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		207,500	112,507	320,007	274,099
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		207,192	121,658	328,850	320,007

BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	8	82,999	-	82,999	83,072
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	7,862 117,939	121,658	7,862 239,597	4,939 234,173
		125,801	121,658	247,459	239,112
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,608)	-	(1,608)	(2,177)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		124,193	121,658	245,851	236,935
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		207,192	121,658	328,850	320,007
NET ASSETS		207,192	121,658	328,850	320,007
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	11			207,192 121,658	207,500 112,507
TOTAL FUNDS				328,850	320,007

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The	financial	statements	were	approved	by	the	Board	of	Trustees	and	authorised	for	issue	on
	and were signed on its behalf by:													

A G R Windham - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

		Period
		1.6.22
	Year Ended	to
	31.12.23	31.12.22
	${f f}$	£
Habitat/Survey Contract	45,674	10,858
Smolt Tagging Project	-	2,100
Pearl Mussel Shin Project	8,580	122,562
Riverwoods Project	86,584	73,757
Youth Angling YAD	-	105
	140,838	209,382

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

		Period
		1.6.22
	Year Ended	to
	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Rents received	10,000	12,500
Deposit account interest	1,524	248
	11,524	12,748

4. **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

		Period
		1.6.22
	Year Ended	to
	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	73	85
Hire of plant and machinery	643	295
		

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the period ended 31st December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the period ended 31st December 2022.

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6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Scientific		Year Ended 31.12.23 2	Period 1.6.22 to 31.12.22 2
	No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.			
7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIA	L ACTIVITIES Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	1,158	140	1,298
	Other trading activities Investment income	12,370 10,248	197,012 2,500	209,382 12,748
	Total	23,776	199,652	223,428
	EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	3,154	135,558	138,712
	Charitable activities Fisheries Trust	15,142	23,666	38,808
	Total	18,296	159,224	177,520
	NET INCOME Transfers between funds	5,480 (4,141)	40,428 4,141	45,908
	Net movement in funds	1,339	44,569	45,908
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	206,161	67,938	274,099
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	207,500	112,507	320,007

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

•		Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	COST				
	At 1st January 2023 and				
	31st December 2023	82,573	3,179	2,641	88,393
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1st January 2023	-	2,680	2,641	5,321
	Charge for year		73		73
	At 31st December 2023		2,753	2,641	5,394
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31st December 2023	82,573	426	-	82,999
	At 31st December 2022	82,573	499	- =====	83,072
9.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE W	TITHIN ONE YEA	AR	2023	2022
	Trade debtors VAT			£ 7,862	£ 4,478 461
				7,862	4,939
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE	WITHIN ONE Y	EAR		
				2023 £	2022 £
	Trade creditors			(61)	531
	Social security and other taxes			264	568
	Pension creditor			(2)	(2)
	VAT			327	-
	Accrued expenses			1,080	1,080
				1,608	2,177
					

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		Net	
		movement	At
	At 1.1.23	in funds	31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted	207,500	(308)	207,192
Restricted funds			
Shin Restoration	-	7,919	7,919
DNA Mapping	6,558	-	6,558
Trap Funding	12,500	_	12,500
Riverwoods	92,903	631	93,534
Remedial Tree Planting	256	-	256
YAD Youth Development Project	290	601	891
	112,507	9,151	121,658
TOTAL FUNDS	320,007	8,843	328,850
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources £	expended £	in funds £
Unrestricted funds	~	~	~
Unrestricted	37,213	(37,521)	(308)
Restricted funds			
Shin Restoration	8,580	(661)	7,919
Riverwoods	128,051	(127,420)	631
YAD Youth Development Project	901	(300)	601
Tib Todai Bevelopment Toject			
	137,532	(128,381)	9,151
TOTAL FUNDS	174,745	(165,902)	8,843

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	Transfers	
		movement	between	At
	At 1.6.22	in funds	funds	31.12.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted	206,161	5,480	(4,141)	207,500
Restricted funds				
Shin Restoration	3,988	(7,088)	3,100	-
DNA Mapping	6,558	-	-	6,558
Trap Funding	10,000	2,500	-	12,500
Riverwoods	47,392	45,511	-	92,903
Remedial Tree Planting	-	-	256	256
YAD Youth Development Project	<u>-</u> _	(495)	785	290
	67,938	40,428	4,141	112,507
TOTAL FUNDS	274,099	45,908		320,007
				

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted	23,776	(18,296)	5,480
Restricted funds			
Shin Restoration	122,562	(129,650)	(7,088)
Trap Funding	2,500	-	2,500
Riverwoods	74,485	(28,974)	45,511
YAD Youth Development Project	105	(600)	(495)
	199,652	(159,224)	40,428
TOTAL FUNDS	223,428	(177,520)	45,908

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The trust received £10,000 of rental income from the Board.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Period

				1.6.22
			Year Ended	to
	T T	D 1	31.12.23	31.12.22
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total
	funds £	funds £	£	funds £
	2	2	£	2
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Member Donations	8,039	2,136	10,175	1,079
Gift aid	2,726	-	2,726	-
Grants	-	9,482	9,482	219
	10,765	11,618	22,383	1,298
Other trading activities				
Habitat/Survey Contract	14,924	30,750	45,674	10,858
Smolt Tagging Project	-	-	-	2,100
Pearl Mussel Shin Project	-	8,580	8,580	122,562
Riverwoods Project Youth Angling YAD	-	86,584	86,584	73,757 105
Toutil Alighing TAD				
	14,924	125,914	140,838	209,382
Investment income				
Rents received	10,000	-	10,000	12,500
Deposit account interest	1,524	-	1,524	248
	11,524		11,524	12,748
Total incoming resources	37,213	137,532	174,745	223,428
EXPENDITURE				
Other trading activities Purchases	1,309	73,084	74,393	138,712
Turchases	1,507	73,004	74,373	130,712
Charitable activities				
Wages	268	51,400	51,668	28,379
Pensions	3,024	-	3,024	2,067
Hire of plant and machinery Rent & Rates	643 412	-	643 412	295 394
Insurance	969	-	969	547
Light and heat	3,743	- -	3,743	1,129
Telephone	768	-	768	411
Other Office Costs	7,458	-	7,458	1,621
Plant and machinery	73	-	73	85
	17,358	51,400	68,758	34,928

Support costs

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Period

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year Ended 31.12.23 Total funds	1.6.22 to 31.12.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Support costs Finance				
Bank charges	108	-	108	69
Information technology				
Insurance	2,262	-	2,262	1,276
Advertising & Website Costs	2,800	-	2,800	948
Subscriptions	2,121	-	2,121	45
Auction Costs	-	3,897	3,897	-
Training	-	-	-	313
Clothing Costs	546		546	469
	7,729	3,897	11,626	3,051
Governance costs				
Accountancy and legal fees	11,017		11,017	760
Total resources expended	37,521	128,381	165,902	177,520
Net income	(308)	9,151	8,843	45,908