



Reforestation Scotland

Annual Report 2008-2009

with approved annual accounts



Directors' Report

Report of the Directors For the Year Ended 31 March 2009

The Directors are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Structure, Governance and Management

Reforestation Scotland is a company limited by guarantee with the liability of the members limited to £1 each. The company is governed by the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered Scottish Charity.

Directors are elected annually at the AGM or co-opted by the Directors until the next AGM when they may stand for election. The Reforestation Scotland management structure is non-hierarchical; day-to-day management decisions are made jointly or individually by the staff in discussion with directors as necessary. Each staff member is allocated a 'link director' with whom they discuss their individual work programmes. Long-term and strategic decisions are made at Directors' meetings, held quarterly, or at special meetings. A joint staff/director Management Group manages activities and projects and other operational issues.

The Directors are aware of the major risks affecting the charity and consider that, as far as possible, appropriate procedures are in place to mitigate those risks. Risks are regularly reviewed at directors' meetings.

Objectives, Activities and Achievements

The principal objectives of the company are:

- To promote education, and in particular, to conduct research into, and promote public awareness and understanding of, the role of woodland restoration in the stabilisation and regeneration of ecosystems;
- To promote the principles of ecologically sound sustainable forestry practice for the rural communities of Scotland.
- To carry out work to provide, maintain, restore or improve public amenity woodlands, parks and other green spaces; or structures and access or interpretation works (including paths, signs, information boards, etc) within such places, in the vicinity of landfill sites and elsewhere in Scotland.

In order to further its aims, Reforestation Scotland carries out activities and projects with funding from a number of sources including membership subscriptions, advertising revenues, sales of publications and grant funding. Core activities include the production of a journal 'Reforestation Scotland' and a membership newsletter (Radical Rowan), running a website, organising events for members and others, responding to public consultations by the Scottish Government and other bodies and developing new projects to further its aims.

During the year projects managed by RS staff and directors have included:

Woods For All; the main output has been the evolution of the Blarbuie Hospital Woodland near Lochgilphead. Hugh Fife has built a solid partnership team and at some stage it might be a self-supporting social enterprise, but in the meantime, RS still carries financial responsibility for the project.

Forest harvest: Emma Chapman has managed and maintained the Forest Harvest website project as well as the Wild Harvest Support Project. Following a number of meetings, by the end of the financial year, interest from producers had grown to the point where a national network for producers of wild harvest products was able to be launched..

Sustainable Forest Harvests: Alison Dyke kept the Sustainable Forest Harvest project on target and delivered on her outcomes, mainly guides to sustainable harvesting for fungi, moss and lungwort.

Rural Alternatives: Jake Paul saw the Rural Alternatives project to conclusion.

Scottish Woodfuel News: Nick Marshall has worked under the RS umbrella on Scottish Woodfuel News, aiming to make woodfuel information and options more accessible to home owners.

Directors' Report

Report of the Directors (continued)

Objectives, Activities and Achievements (continued)

Forest Policy: This is now being focussed through a new group called the Forestry Policy Group, incorporating Reforesting Scotland (represented by directors), Community Woodlands Association, Borders Forest Trust, Scottish Native Woods, North Highland Forest Trust, Association of Scottish Hardwood Sawmillers and several independent forestry consultants.

Book project: Work has started on an RS book project celebrating the work of Reforesting Scotland and our relationship with woodlands.

At the end of April 2008 Mary Watson finished her contract helping RS with accounts management and handed over to Anna Alexander who has very ably kept the RS central office functioning smoothly and has kept a good tab on finances.

Kristin Olsen finished as Development Officer and Amanda Calvert was recruited on a short term contract to focus on fund raising efforts for a communications project.

Mandy Meikle finished as Journal Editor and was replaced on a contract basis by Ida Maspero.

Main outreach events have been Edinburgh Treefest and the Big Tent festival in Falkland, with the RS display reaching additional venues.

There was a successful Annual Gathering at GlenHouse in the Scottish Borders.

Financial Review & Reserves Policy

Incoming resources in the year amounted to £119,262 and total resources expended were £110,521, resulting in a net increase in funds of £8,741, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7. This breaks down to an increase of £9,625 in restricted funds and a decrease of £884 in unrestricted funds. Further analysis of grants and donations is given in notes 1 & 2 (page 9) and analysis of resources expended in note 3 (page 10).

The movements on each fund are shown in note 7 on page 12. There was a deficit of £14,454 in the Woods for All project, which has been covered by a transfer from the general fund. The balance on Rural Alternatives has been transferred to the Sustainable Harvest project. Total restricted funds of £26,270 have been carried forward, which includes £20,180 for the Book project.

The general fund, representing the free reserves of the charity, presently stands at £14,637. The policy of the charity is to maintain reserves at a level representing 3 months' expenditure (approximately £28,000), in order to provide a measure of short-term financial security, so the present balance falls some way short of this.

During the early part of 2009/10 significant funding has been secured for the Woods for All project, including grants from statutory sources and charitable trusts. The implications of these grants on staffing levels and cashflow are currently being assessed.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Director: Paul Ritchie

Date: 18/9/9

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Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 March 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Incoming resources:		
Project grants (note 1, page 3)	74,243	115,069
Core grants & general donations (note 2, page 3)	12,138	7,657
Members' subscriptions & donations	18,071	16,196
Advertising & sponsorship	2,744	2,089
Annual gathering	2,906	4,340
Consultancy fees & other income	6,674	12,148
Publications & seminars	1,718	1,450
Bank interest	768	1,355
Recharges for office facilities	-	199
Total income	<u>119,262</u>	<u>160,503</u>
Resources expended:		
<i>Charitable expenditure:</i>		
<i>Project costs:</i>		
Rural Alternatives	8,745	48,428
Woods for All	40,204	86,081
Development & marketing	8,471	11,437
Sustainable Harvest project	23,188	8,382
Wild Harvest project	10,936	-
Book project	2,820	-
International networking	-	5,022
<i>Membership & management costs:</i>		
Annual gathering	2,899	4,429
Publications & membership costs	6,175	14,413
Fundraising costs	4,222	8,884
Governance costs	2,861	3,947
Total expenditure	<u>110,521</u>	<u>191,023</u>
Net income / (expenditure) for year	8,741	(30,520)
Funds brought forward	32,572	63,092
Funds carried forward	<u>41,313</u>	<u>32,572</u>

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2009

	2009 ££	2008
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	<u>406</u>	<u>353</u>
Current Assets		
Accrued income & trade debtors	12,144	35,806
Tax recoverable on gift aid	3,692	6,699
Prepayments & other debtors	20	333
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>38,877</u>	<u>31,331</u>
	<u>54,733</u>	<u>74,169</u>
Creditors		
<i>Amounts falling due within one year:</i>		
Deferred income	-	33,442
Accruals & other creditors	<u>13,826</u>	<u>8,508</u>
	<u>13,826</u>	<u>41,950</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>40,907</u>	<u>32,219</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>41,313</u></u>	<u><u>32,572</u></u>
Funds:		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
Fixed asset fund	406	353
General fund	<u>14,637</u>	<u>15,574</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>15,043</u>	<u>15,927</u>
<i>Restricted funds:</i>		
Woods for All	-	1,776
Rural Alternatives	-	16,914
Sustainable Harvest project	4,727	(2,045)
Wild Harvest project	1,363	-
Book project	<u>20,180</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted	<u>26,270</u>	<u>16,645</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>41,313</u></u>	<u><u>32,572</u></u>

The accounts set out on pages 1 to 3 are a summary of information extracted from the full financial statements.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the company. For further information the full financial statements with the report of the independent examiner and the report of the Directors should be consulted. These are available from the registered office of the company at 58 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, EH2 4RT.

Reforesting Scotland is grateful to the following organisations for their support:

Argyll & Bute Council
Argyll Green Woodworkers' Association Barnluasgan
Big Lottery Fund
Forestry Commission Scotland
Harbinson Trust
Heritage Lottery Fund
Heritage Lottery Fund
JJ Charitable Trust
Mark Leonard Trust
Network for Social Change
Scottish Centre for Regeneration
Scottish Community Foundation
Scottish Enterprise
SNH
Walking on Wheels Trust



THE J J CHARITABLE TRUST

THE MARK LEONARD TRUST

Reforesting Scotland's mission is to support the restoration of Scotland's deforested land to ecologically healthy and productive forestry, bringing benefits to communities directly through the creation of local job opportunities and the improvements of their surroundings, to the Scottish community by producing more woodland products and attracting visitors and to the health of the natural environment itself .

Reforesting Scotland thanks all our funders

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