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Welcome and apologies

Dave Gibson Chair





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Minute of the Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting

Dave Gibson Chair





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Matters arising from the Minute

- Item 7, special resolution II, second part staff entitlement to nominate and vote
- Item 7, special resolution III ballot



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Chair's report

Duncan Macniven

Former acting Chair





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Inspiring and Connecting people to wild places





During 2019 we worked with 1,804 organisations across the UK to encourage people of all backgrounds to value and care for wild places in a variety of settings.

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Protecting and Conserving wild places



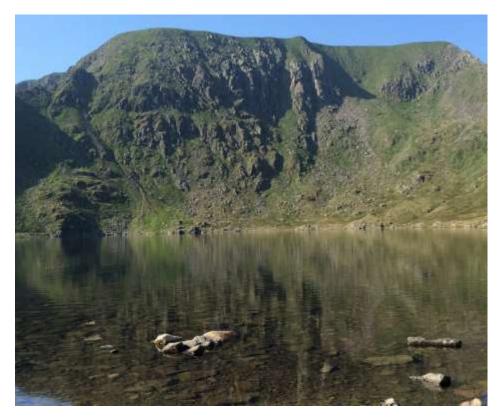
We welcomed the refusal of the Drum Hollistan wind farm application, but were disappointed at the decision to approve the nearby Limekiln development (both in the Caithness Flow Country).







Repairing and Rewilding landscapes and ecosystems





Local volunteer growers helped propagate willows, along with rare plants such as bitter vetch and alpine cinquefoil, for our Glenridding Common Team to plant on the high crags and coves of Helvellyn.





Financial report and annual accounts

Jim Gibson

Convenor - Finance Committee

Kerry Ross Director of Finance and Resources



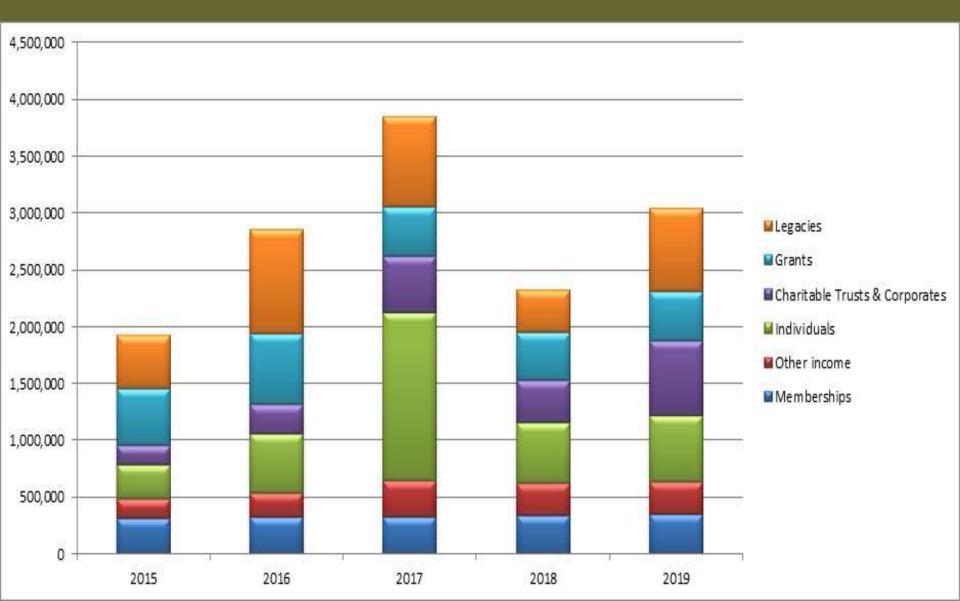




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Five year income composition



Variety

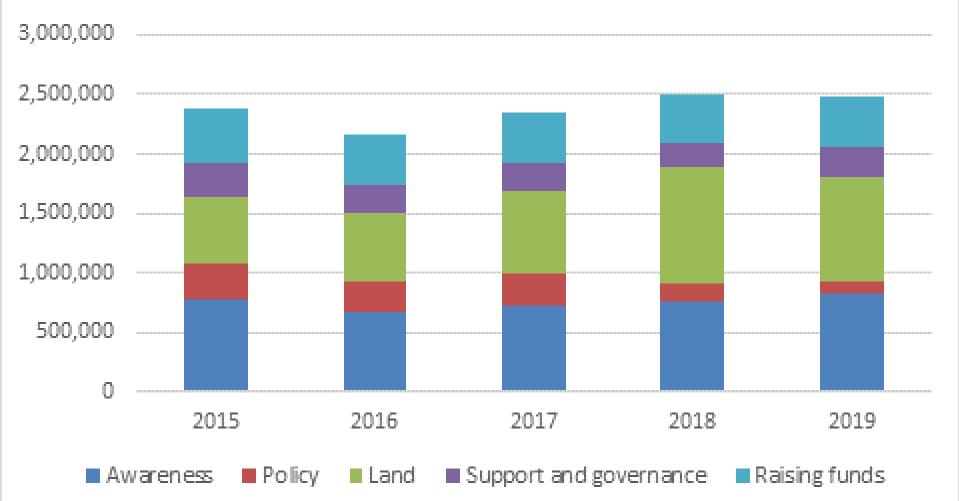


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Five year expenditure application

Expenditure utilisation



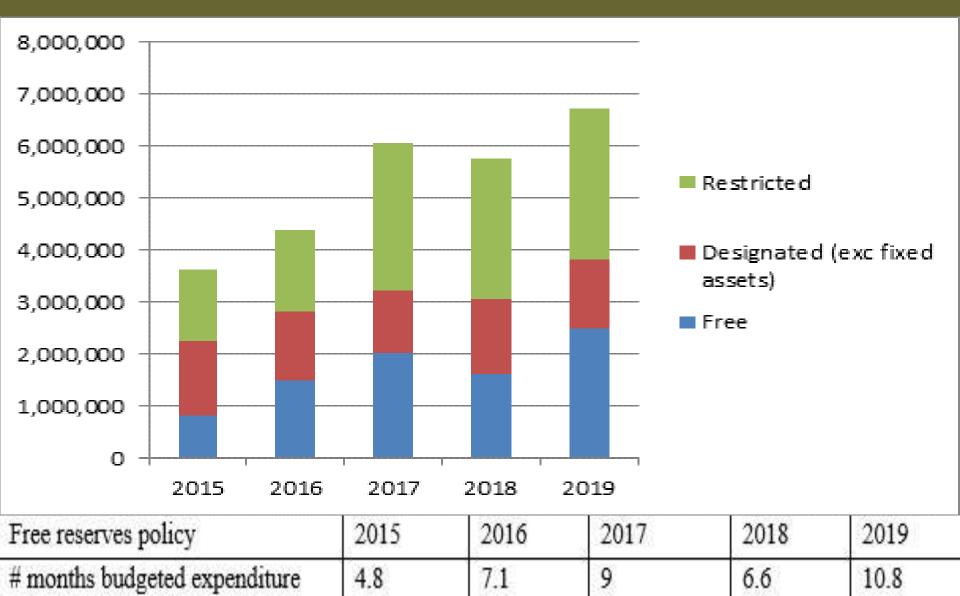




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Year end reserves position



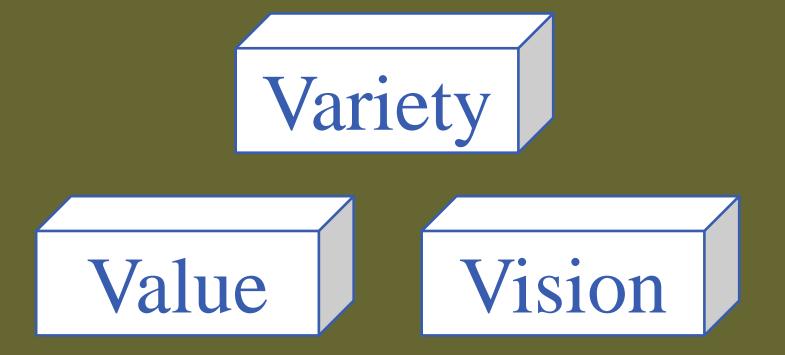




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Looking forward – 2020 budget

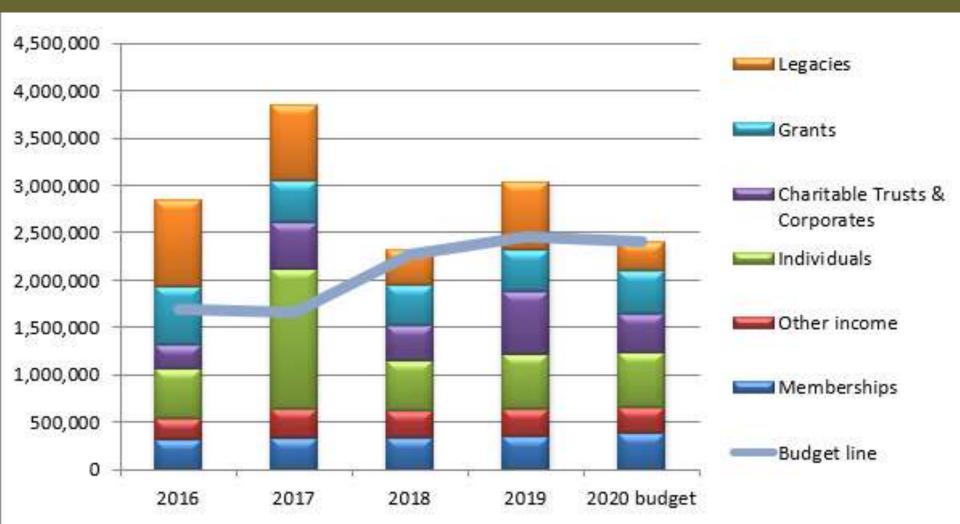




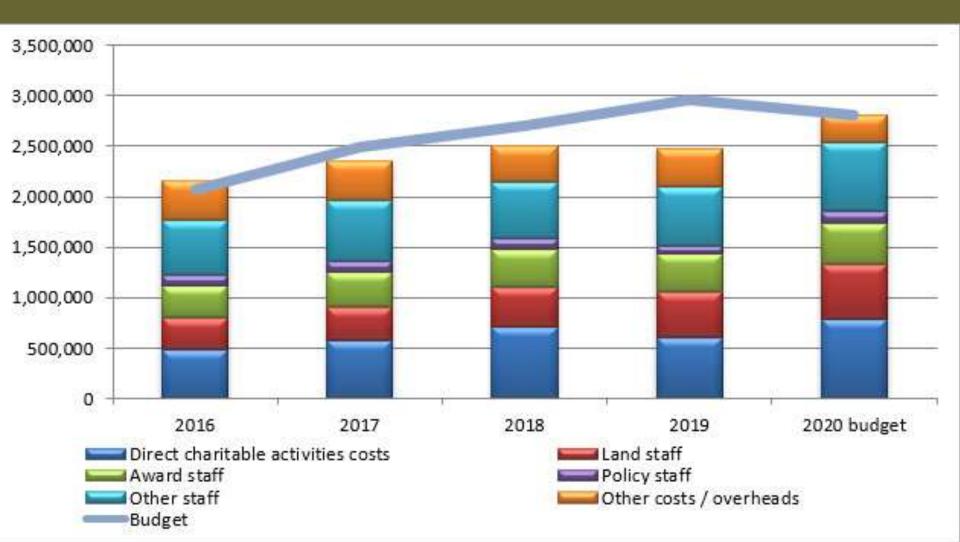
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Income plus budget



Expenditure plus budget



Beyond the budget

- Stress testing finances
- Revised fundraising plan
- Full corporate strategy review with updated costings
- Utilisation of furlough
- Revised working practices



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Members' subscriptions

- No changes proposed

Dave Gibson









Reappointment of auditors

Kerry Ross Director of Finance and Resources









Election results

David Balharry Chief Executive and Returning Officer





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Welcome to our 2020 Trustees



Alan Dobie



John Town



Jane Smallman



Andrew Whitfield



Chris Loynes



Raymond Simpson



Emily Henderson







Thank you to our Trustees who are demitting office





John Fox- Davies Derek Johnston



Duncan Macniven

Peter Pearson







Other relevant business, thanks and closing remarks



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Looking forward

David Balharry

Chief Executive









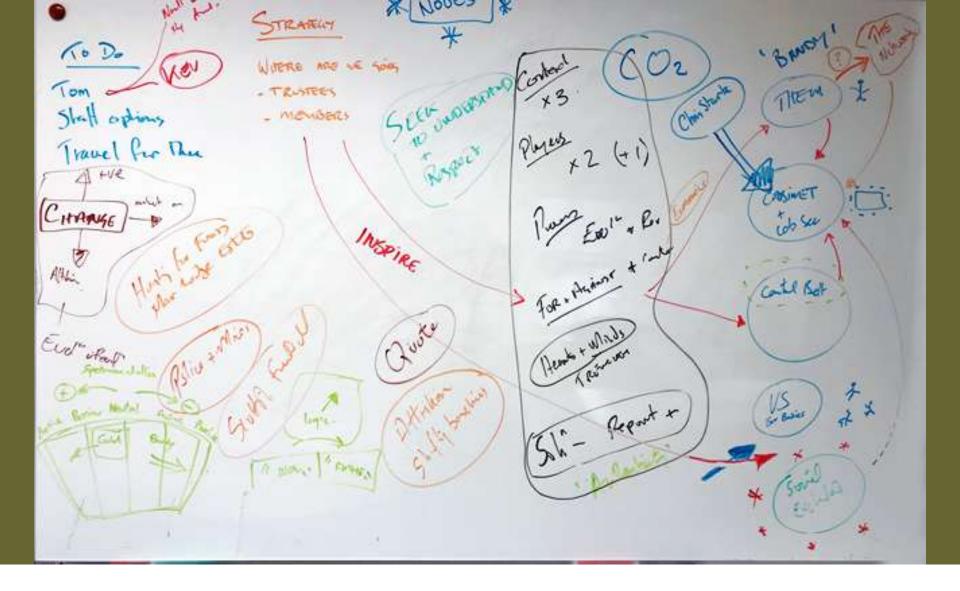




















































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The spread of wind farms and their visual impact across Scotland over time

1995-2018 An Animation

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Wild places: what am I thinking?

- Finite resource
- Attrition
- Threats
- Response options
- Measures of success





What to look out for in 2020-2021

- Cautious expansion and careful prioritisation
- Development in England and Wales
- Policy impact manifestos and green recover
- Review of Award and wider engagement
- Partnerships for landscape scale
- Best practice on land holdings
- Corporate Strategy for 2022-2025











OPEN FORUM







Topics of advance questions

- Covid-19
- Property purchase
- Tree planting and protecting rivers
- Inappropriate development
- Policy expenditure
- Climate emergency





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Covid-19 (Kerry Ross)

- How many staff have been furloughed during the current pandemic crisis, and will they all be reinstated when the furlough scheme ends? – Derek Sime
- Financial impact of Covid-19? Liz Corbett and Derek Sime
- What is the Trust doing to ensure Wild Space is 'Covid-19 secure' for employees, volunteers and visitors? – Derek Sime





Property purchase (Mike Daniels)

 Could you say a few words about the Trust's policy on purchasing additional properties and the possibility of this happening? – Cliff Robert





Trees and rivers (Mike Daniels)

- Is the Trust planning more tree planting over the next couple of years and if so how much and where? **John Thomas**
- With the current ecological threats to our rivers, would the Trust consider working with other conservation bodies – such as Marine Scotland, SEPA, The Freshwater Fisheries lab (Pitlochry), the Atlantic Salmon Trust and the Salmon and Trout Association – to better protect these habitats? – Raymond Simpson





Inappropriate development (Mike Daniels)

- Why is it that today our new strategy does not mention wind farms and we seem no longer to be calling them out as an act of vandalism by humankind against landscape wildness? Has the Trust gone soft on wind farms? – Ivor Coleman
- Are there any updates/news on the issue of ensuring that the Trust can win the economic arguments when it is dealing with planning applications and the question of wild land? – Bonnie VandeSteeg





Policy and expenditure (David Balharry)

- Should the Trust have a member of staff called the Head of Policy? — Bill Ball
- It is worrying to see that Policy funding has declined since 2015. I propose that annual Policy Expenditure at least shadows that of Land Expenditure - with the proviso that this may be relaxed when the Trust is making a major land purchase. – Peter Foulkes





Climate emergency (David Balharry)

 When and how is there going to be more information and publicity given to both members and a wider audience about how the work of the John Muir Trust is supporting and being part of the work to control global warming. As the John Muir Trust Articles are presently being revised, should it not be included that the Trust will work for and support all measures to prevent further climate change due to global warming? – Jennifer White





Other questions



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Thank you





