

Treasurer's Report to be submitted with the annual report to the Scottish Charities Regulator.

1. Status at the end of the financial year (31 Jan 2026)

The balance at the end of the financial year was £22,445.26 providing sufficient funds for day to day activities and to support planned, joint projects with the National Trust of Scotland (NTS). There are no outstanding liabilities to be carried forward to 2026/27.

2. Income and Expenditure in the year Feb 2025 to Jan 2026

The forecast in last year's report was for a surplus of between £1,000 and £2,000. However, two garden events were cancelled due to bad weather and the actual surplus ended up at £860.84.

Donations and the annual subscriptions from the membership continue to provide a much appreciated income and £91.28 was recovered from HMRC under the gift aid scheme.

To raise awareness of events, £590 was spent on banners and leaflets. The banners have been designed so they can be used for future occasions.

3. Comparison with the previous financial year.

The total income in 2025-26 was about £2,000 lower than in 2024-25 due to cancellation of two events. 2024-25 had also been boosted by a significant one-off donation.

The total expenditure in 2025-26 was lower by just over £3,000, mostly because the second payment for the gazebo floor had been paid in 2024-25.

Allocation between categories remains approximate with a significant amount of income arriving in cash.

4. Forecast for 2026-27

Based on the activities planned for 2026-27, we expect a surplus of between £1,000 and £2,000 unless the weather is as unfavourable as in 2025-26.

We are working with NTS on a joint project to the benefit of the garden and are expecting a one-off expenditure of about £10,000 in 2026-27.

Andrew Smith

Treasurer.