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Third Annual Report
2022



Scottish Agate



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Chair's Message

“Scotland has a secret. It’s unique character and long history of scholarship, innovation and industry are rooted quite literally in the rocks that lie beneath our feet and beneath the sea. I encourage all to come along to the Festival events to learn a little bit about that secret. It could change the way you look at the world just as it has influenced so much of this nation’s history, traditions, and ambitions to tackle climate change.”

These are words that I wrote to help promote the 2022 Scottish Geology Festival – but they neatly summarise what the Scottish Geology

Trust is all about – and what it is that we seek to achieve.

As a relatively young charitable organisation, we have made some significant progress on a number of fronts this year, and details of those advances are set out in this Annual Report document.

They include the Festival held in September-October, our keystone annual activity that promotes Scottish geology thanks to a small army of grass-roots volunteers. We saw a truly remarkable number of events organised across the length and breadth of Scotland and beyond.

Our ambitions to become a strong voice in Scottish geology are exemplified by our leadership in the submission, together with The James Hutton Institute, of an outline proposal to the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to get Siccar Point designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

We are also taking the lead in working with others to bring the 38th International Geological Congress to Glasgow in 2028, a major international event.

Using the truly awe-inspiring geology of Scotland, we also have ambitions to promote geology and the geosciences more generally to both governments and the public.

This has been exemplified by the launch in November of our highly successful social media campaign, 'Geology does...'. We intend to further develop this campaign in the future, creating new themes with resources for teachers and educators.

The ambitious new Geosites project, launched this year, gets right to the very heart of our aim to inspire people to understand, love and care for our Scottish geological heritage. It is designed to create an active and passionate community of local people who are involved directly in the promotion and conservation of the multitude of world-class geological sites that exist across Scotland.

This is a snapshot of just a few of the things that the Trust has been up to over the last year – I hope that it illustrates how we are beginning to make significant progress and create real impacts.

None of this would be possible without the hard work and inspirational dedication of all those on the Board, particularly Vice-Chairs Steph Flude and Angus Miller.

We are also hugely grateful to those members of the Board whose term of office has come to an end who are moving on and we thank them for their service and many contributions.

I can sign off by commending the Annual Report and the Trust to all as we look forward to the coming year with excitement and expectation.



Bob Holdsworth
Chair

Our Aims and Objectives



Engaging People and Communities

Scotland's geoheritage is truly remarkable. We're here to work with communities to promote their local geological sites and help conserve them, for all to discover and enjoy.



Education

We will campaign for more geological teaching in schools and encourage more students to seek careers in geology, promoting an environmentally sustainable future for Scotland through the study of geology.



Inspiring people everywhere...

Science and Society

The Trust's collective voice will promote the importance of Scotland's geology to society, raising awareness of the impact of geology and geological processes in the availability of resources, sustainability, biodiversity and future generations.



*...to understand,
love and care for...*

Supporting Scotland's Geoparks

Scotland has four incredible Geoparks. We want these parks to prosper as places where people can experience Scotland's geology, learn about how the planet works, and where local communities can benefit from their geology and scenery.



*...Scotland's geological
heritage.*

Aims and Objectives

The key objective of the Scottish Geology Trust is to inspire people everywhere to understand, love and care for Scotland's incredible geological heritage and its role in creating a sustainable future.

The Trust aims to bring together all sectors of the geological community in Scotland into a strong national voice that can campaign for change and support and encourage work at a local level. Those with an interest in and/or commitment to geology have the chance to contribute to a national charity which will build the resources to achieve more than regional or local organisations can do by working alone. We hope that all individuals and organisations will support this and share knowledge and resources for both their benefit and public benefit.

We operate under four main themes:

- Engaging People and Communities
- Supporting Scotland's Geoparks
- Education
- Science and Society

Engaging People and Communities

The Trust wants make it easier for people to understand Scotland's geological story, and have easy access to the sites where this can be appreciated.

We want to make the connections between geological sites and the contribution that geology makes to many aspects of life in modern Scotland, as well as to our understanding of how the Earth works, and future changes to Scotland's environment and climate.

We aim to connect local communities with expertise and relevant organisations, to help them maximise the value of their local geology while contributing to geoconservation.

We organise the annual Scottish Geology Festival and host the scottishgeology.com website. We are also working with partners to create better access to and promotion of key sites.

Supporting Scotland's Geoparks

Scotland's geoparks are where geology meets the public. With over 40,000 visitors to their visitor centres every year, they provide a key inter-face for promoting Scottish geology.

In the short-term, the Trust will provide a focus for the promotion of the geoparks and

provision of advice and information sharing. In the medium term, core funding for geoparks will be a priority, together with working with partner organisations to widen opportunities for the public to come face-to-face with geology.

The Trust will work to form relevant partnerships, building a strong case for the importance of geoparks to society as a whole, and bring this to the attention of government, industry, wider geological communities and the general public.

The long-term focus will be on ongoing advocacy and financial support to develop geosites as visitor attractions and ‘outdoor’ laboratories’. We aim to also extend support to areas that aspire to be geoparks, UNESCO Global Geoparks, or who want to explore other innovative management models.

Education

We support teaching about geology within the Curriculum for Excellence, looking for opportunities to work with/support teachers, highlight contexts for outdoor learning and promote geology as a career pathway.

We work with partners such as the Geobus, and aim to provide online resources for young people to explore Scotland’s geology.

We also aim to inspire more adult learning about Scotland’s geology, through organisations such as geoparks, adult education programmes and the University of the Third Age.

Science and Society

The Trust campaigns to promote the role and value of geology to society, policy makers and government.

We will raise awareness of the significance of geology and geological processes on the availability of resources, global and local sustainability, risk management, including climate change, flooding and coastal erosion, and changes in biodiversity.

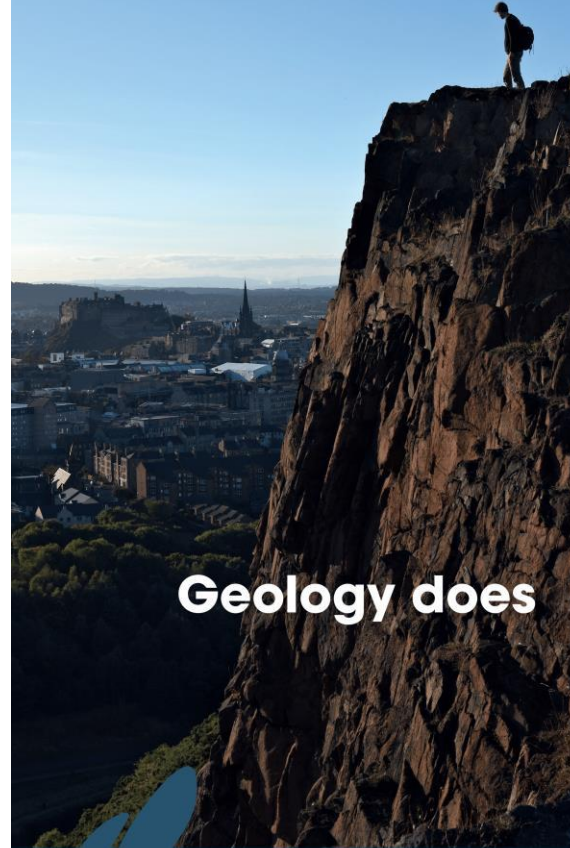
The Trust will campaign on behalf of Scotland’s geological community, including schools, universities, geological societies, geoparks, museums and other visitor attractions, to promote geological awareness, teaching, geo-conservation, research and the contribution geoscience makes to the economy.

We will collaborate with key UK and international organisations to build partnerships for mutual benefit, these would include Geological Societies, universities, related charities, and government bodies.

We will continue to support and build on Scotland's Geodiversity Charter.

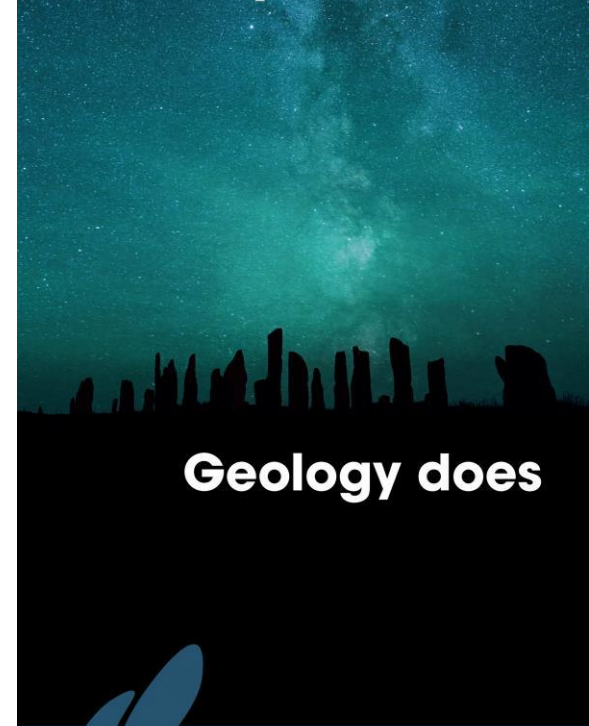
Our ultimate goal is to build the Trust into a voice for geosciences in Scotland, and campaigning in the short term for funding for key projects outlined in Trusts plans. In the longer term the aim is to provide an independent input on geosciences to the Scottish Government.

**What gives visitors
the best views?**



Geology does

**What tells
Scotland's story,
from Deep Time
to today?**



Geology does

Structure and Governance

Governing Document

The Scottish Geology Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) established in 2019. The Trust is governed by our Constitution which was approved by the Scottish Charity Regulator in 2019 and has been revised for 2023. The proposed changes to the constitution will be voted on by the membership at the 2023 AGM. A copy is available on request from our Secretary.

Organisation

Our organisation continues to pivot around the key activities and delivery of our four themes: Education, Geoparks, Science & Society, and Engagement (see pgs. 6 and 12).

Our Board of Trustees is comprised of up to 15 members, twelve of which are elected by our members and an additional three may be co-opted by the Board.

The Board is responsible for strategic planning, financial monitoring, driving Trust activities through its various working groups, and for ensuring that SGT is achieving its aims and upholding its values. The current Trustees that make up the Board can be seen on page 13.

Trustee Recruitment

Trustees are recruited from our members and may stand for a term of three years, with the option to be re-elected for a further three years.

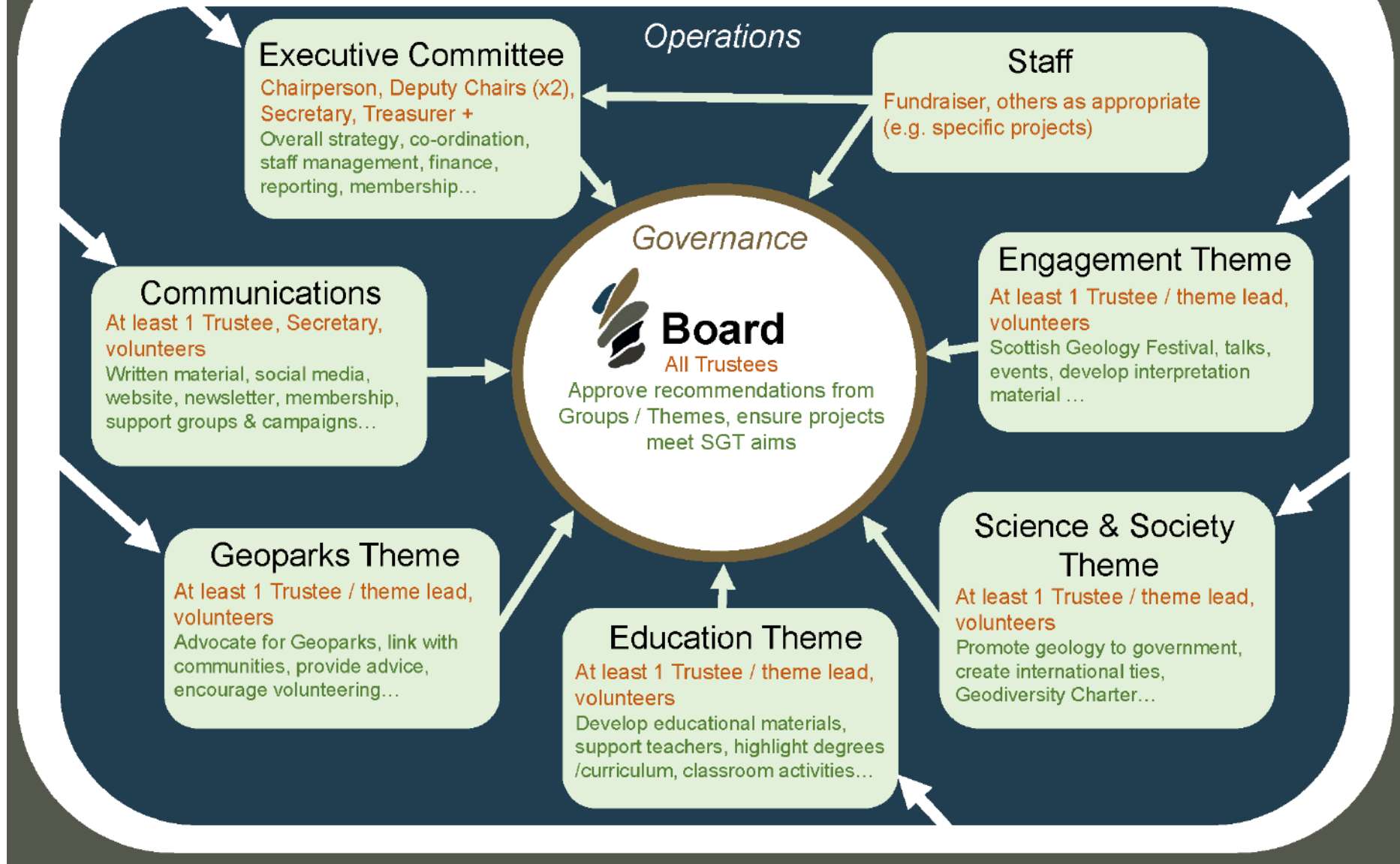
We run open nominations, where any member may put themselves forward for the position of Trustee, provided they have support from two other members. Nominees are then appointed to the position of Trustee through a membership vote.

In 2022 four new Trustees were elected following a membership vote; Rob Butler, Robina Barton, Emily Brown and Gary Hoare.

There are five elected Trustee positions available in 2023. Nominations and elections will take place prior to our AGM, and the results will be shared at the AGM and via our Members' Newsletter.

Our volunteers and members

Our volunteers and members are vital to everything we do!



Our Trustees and Staff

At the end of 2022, this is our team:



Bob Holdsworth
Chair



Stephanie Flude
Vice Chair



Emily Brown
Secretary



Don Stewart
Treasurer

Ending their term
(eligible for re-election):



Angus Miller
Vice Chair



Laura Hamlet
Trustee /
Geoparks Theme
Lead



Eileen Tisdall
Trustee /
Education Theme
Lead



Katie Strang
Trustee /
Engagement
Theme Lead



Rob Butler
Trustee



Robina Barton
Trustee /
Communications
Lead



Chris Fancy
Fundraising (staff)



Bob Gatliff
Trustee / Science
& Society Theme
Lead



Elsa Panciroli
Trustee

Staff and Trustee Farewells

In 2022 we were sad to say goodbye to Trustee Gary Hoare (March 2022 to May 2022), who chose to step down due to family and work commitments.

Gary continues to support us in a volunteer capacity, especially with the Scottish Geology Festival.



Gary Hoare
Former Trustee

At the end of 2022 we were sad to say goodbye to our Fundraising and Development Manager, Chris Fancy. Chris has played a vital

part in establishing the Trust, and we are incredibly grateful for his contributions. We wish him all the best for the future.

This year we have 4 Trustees who's terms are coming to an end - Angus Miller, Bob Gatliff, Elsa Panciroli and Laura Hamlet.

Founding trustees Bob and Laura are choosing not to stand for re-election this year, and we wish them all the best for the future and hope they continue to work with SGT.

All have made invaluable contributions to the work of the Trust and we can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication.

Volunteers

SGT's work is supported by dedicated volunteers. We are immensely grateful to you for all your help and hope you will continue to work with us in the future.

Without you, we wouldn't be able to deliver key events and activities, such as the festival or our upcoming Geosites project.

Thank you for all that you do.



Strategy Review

During 2022 The Board started undertaking a strategy review to look at the best ways to spend our time and resources.

We started by reviewing and reflecting on what we had achieved, which areas we wanted to make more progress on, and what the obstacles to success were.

The main obstacles we identified were access to resources (especially time and funding), how to measure success, and understanding Scottish Geology's stakeholders.

As time and resources are a critical limitation, we recognised the need to think more strategically about SGT's activities, and focus

on the activities that are most likely to contribute to a sustainable future for SGT.

We spent time thinking more deeply about what is needed for society and communities to value and benefit from geology, especially Scottish Geology, and how SGT can contribute.

These discussions helped the board to refocus on the original vision of SGT being a voice for Scottish Geology, and revalidated the need for Scotland's Geodiversity Charter (www.scotlandsgeodiversitycharter.org).

Having concluded that SGT's unique value proposition is the capacity to be the voice for Scottish Geology, we started thinking about what that involves, who we are speaking on behalf of, and who needs to hear that voice.

SGT's UVP (Unique Value Proposition)

- **A national voice for Scotland's Geology**
- Connectivity across all of the different geology stakeholder groups
- Working strategically
- Knowledge and Passion
- Building on Geology's universal appeal
- **The only national organisation that is for geology in Scotland**

Most recently we started exploring which organisations we should be developing closer relationships with and how SGT can facilitate networking and knowledge exchange between all of Scottish Geology’s stakeholders.

This ongoing strategy review has raised a lot of questions, but it has helped the board to

prioritise activities and campaigns that focussed on giving Scottish Geology a voice, and building relationships with relevant stakeholders. Some of these activities will be discussed further in this report (pg. 18 – 24).

As we enter our fourth year of existence, our main strategic challenges are centred around building relationships, sustainability, and

For the latter, we intend to hold a series of membership consultation events over the next few months.

We hope to draw together all of the findings from this ongoing strategy review to produce an up-to-date strategy document to guide SGT over the next 5-10 years.



Word Cloud poll - SGT’s achievements, May 2022



Word Cloud poll – if SGT is the voice of Scottish Geology, who should we be talking to? July 2022

Activities and Achievements

Our Trustees and volunteers have worked hard in the past year to meet the Trust's aims and objectives. Here are some of the highlights of their ongoing work.

Scottish Geology Festival

The Scottish Geology Festival 2022, held between 1st September – 9th October, was a huge success! Lead by our Engagement team and our awesome volunteers, it saw:

- Over 70 online and in-person events including talks, guided walks, local museum exhibits, UV mineral displays, and boat trips.
- Over 5,000 live engagements (online and in person) and over 5,000 YouTube views (and counting!).
- Scottish Water sponsorship of £3,000 which helped fund and support volunteers and resources at in-person events.

- Events spanning from London to Shetland.
- Involvement of more partners and volunteers than in 2021.
- Media coverage in local newspapers, BBC Radio Scotland and online. Significant increase in social media engagement across all channels.
- An estimated in-kind support of £21k, mostly from our dedicated volunteers who are involved in event planning and delivery!

As with previous years, the success of the Festival was down to grass-roots involvement by our key volunteers who worked alongside local organisations and groups to organise these fantastic events. Previously established partnerships and support networks were furthered, with many popular events returning for a second year, and new relationships were established.

The Festival involved a enormous amount of voluntary input, especially from Katie Strang, Angus Miller, Emily Brown, John Taylor, and a huge number of other volunteers, and rewards were great; we saw people from all over the country (and, in the case of online events, around the world!) come out and discover and explore the stories of Scotland's incredible geology.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as us!



SCOTTISH GEOLOGY FESTIVAL 2022



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SCOTTISH GEOLOGY FESTIVAL TELLS LANDSCAPE TALES

by Peter Ranscombe - 22nd August 2022




THE Scottish Geology Trust
celebrating Scotland's geological heritage



ROCKS AND FOSSILS

COLLECTING, CUTTING AND POLISHING
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 11AM - 5PM
& SUNDAY THE 25TH SEPTEMBER 11AM - 4PM

A Scottish Geology Festival event with Leith Lapidary Club, supported by Edinburgh Palette, The Scottish Geology Trust and Scottish Water



DISPLAYS OF ROCKS, MINERALS AND FOSSILS INCLUDING POLISHED STONES. BRING YOUR OWN ROCKS/FOSSILS TO SHOW AND TELL OR THEY WILL BE IDENTIFIED FOR YOU.

LEITH LAPIDARY CLUB HAS SURPLUS ROCKS INCLUDING SOME JEWELLERY AND POLISHED STONES.



Geology Does Campaign

What underlies everything? Geology does!

Our 'Geology does' campaign was launched at the *Science and the Parliament* event on Wednesday 23 November 2022, celebrating the contribution geology makes to Scotland.

The campaign consists of a series of eye -

catching images alongside simple questions and prompts, with the response: 'Geology does'.

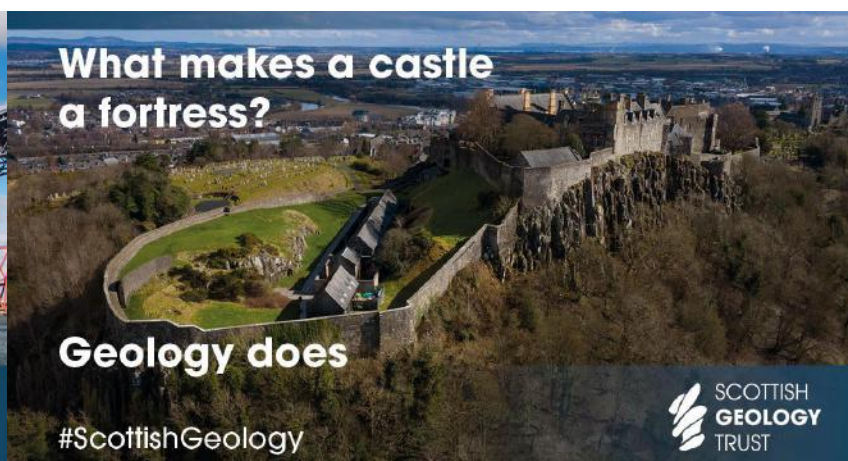
Each image is supported by a web page which expands on the theme and provides links to further information.

The intention of our campaign is to highlight the ways in which geology contributes to society in a fun, and hopefully engaging way.

We want to show how geology underpins Scotland's landscape, and contributes to history, biodiversity and resources.

The campaign was designed to not just be about rocks and nice views, but to highlight that geology matters for the future.

The launch of the campaign had a very positive response on social media, with a range of partners picking up and amplifying



the themes. This is just the start, and we are keen to support work by other organisations to utilise and interpret the campaign in ways that are useful for their work.

We also intend to build on the campaign in the future by developing further themes, and helping schools and educators to make use of the resources.

We would like to thank Rob Bushby and Gordon Lang for developing this campaign, led by our trustee and Vice-Chair, Angus Miller. Their extra effort made this campaign a success. We are also grateful to all of the individuals and organisations who contributed photographs, and shared the campaign with others.

Siccar Point

Scottish Geology Trust, together with The James Hutton Institute, has submitted an outline proposal to the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to get Siccar Point on the UK Tentative List for designation as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Siccar Point is a world famous geological locality, regarded as the birthplace of geology due to its links with James Hutton. This is the first stage in a lengthy process. We will hear in April whether or not we have reached the next stage.

This year Siccar Point was also recognised by the IUGS for inclusion in their list of top 100 Global Geosites, alongside the Moine Thrust Zone. SGT prepared a press release to celebrate this, which was picked up by multiple news outlets.

Geosites Project

We have started work on an ambitious project to bring information about all of Scotland's protected geosites together in one place, to make it easier for people to find out about these sites and contribute to their conservation.

This includes around 900 Geological Conservation Review sites, many of which are Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and a further 300 Local Geodiversity Sites. The long-term vision is a stable online platform where people can access information, post comments, questions and photos, and raise any concerns including irresponsible collecting, damage, vegetation growth or changes to the site condition.

We aim to build an active community of local ambassadors who can help local communities to learn about these sites and benefit from them. Following a seminar in May with Rachel Wignall of NatureScot, we have consulted with a group of volunteers and interested parties to plan a pilot project in 2023.

Inchnadamph Lodge Update

The iconic Inchnadamph Lodge was purchased by John Snyder, who also owns the Lochinver Larder. John is committed to significant refurbishments and improvement of facilities at the Lodge and plans to enhance the existing business model and field centre provision (www.inchnadamph.com).

The Lodge is now a North West Highlands

Geopark Ambassador. SGT continues to positively engage with the Lodge team, exploring options for the development of on-site geological, landscape/heritage interpretation and SGT/Geopark information.

We hope to contribute to this using the funds donated by University and SGT members last year and will contact them for permission once plans are finalised.

Science and the Parliament

The Trust had an exhibition booth, attended by a group of trustees, at the Science and the Parliament in November 2022.

Held at Edinburgh's Dynamic Earth, right next door to Holyrood, the event is a great way of raising geology's profile not only with

politicians but also with advisors and policy-makers in general. It's also a great place to network with other organisations and to provide a meeting-point with our allies like Nature Scot and the British Geological Survey.

For the Trust it coincided with launching our Geology Does campaign – which really struck a chord with delegates on the day.



Response to Consultations

SGT's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on National Planning Framework 4 resulted in the recognition of Scotland's UNESCO Global Geoparks in the revised version of the document, published in February 2023. We are thrilled that the hard work of SGT Trustees and Geoparks representatives has been effective in this matter, and we will strive to continue to champion Scotland's geological heritage in this way.

IGC Conference

The Trust is leading a partnership to bring the 38th International Geological Congress to Scotland in 2028. The IGC is often called the Olympics of geology, it happens every four

years, bringing together thousands of earth scientists from around the World.

It was last in the UK (London) in 1948, and most recently in Europe in 2008 (Oslo). For host nations, it provides a unique opportunity to share their geological heritage, not only through the conventional scientific conference but also through the associated exhibitions, fieldtrips and further outreach activities on offer to delegates.

Glasgow, and the Scottish Exhibition Campus, will provide the hub for all this. Like the Olympics, there is a protracted, and competitive bidding process. The initial expression of interest has gone in, with the main bid due in a year's time.

And More!

This has just been a taste of our activities this year! We have been busy holding members seminars, working with Geoweb, discussing Scottish Geology on BBC Radio Scotland, attending this year's SAGTeach conference, responding to consultations, and so much more.

Social Media

Our social media presence continues to grow, we now have over 5,400 followers on Twitter, 1,700 on Instagram, and 1,800 on Facebook, representing a significant increase on last year, especially on Twitter.

Our platforms are a wonderful way to share our passion for geology, the work we're carrying out and supporting, and to connect with supporters and members. Our tag #ScottishGeology continues to be a popular way for people to share their own content with us and our followers.

The #GeologyDoes campaign we launched at the end of 2022 used impressive visuals to convey our core message: that geology underpins every aspect of Scottish life, influenced our past, and will help us forge a better future.

Check out #GeologyDoes to see the 10 stunning images, and visit www.scottishgeologytrust.org/geology-does to find out more.



Thank you!

We are so grateful to all our supporters and volunteers who've helped drive SGT forwards in 2022.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged in our working groups and attended events, who have supported the Scottish Geology Festival and who keep a finger on the pulse of Scottish Geology through our newsletter.

A special thank you, also, to those who have been able to make donations this year, it's with your help we are able to keep championing Scottish Geology.

Finances

Financial Review

The Accounts at 31st December show a cash resource of £31,729, of which £15,172 is restricted funds, leaving £16,557 as unrestricted funds including our reserve of £10,000. The restricted funds still include the ring-fenced funds held from the Inchnadamph appeal.

We have attracted £3,000 of funding this year from Scottish Water, in support of our third successful Scottish Geology Festival.

Our year-end result is a surplus, £76 on unrestricted operations, and £7,699 on restricted projects. This reflects the reduced cost-base we established last year, and an underspend on fundraising as we continue to refine our strategies.

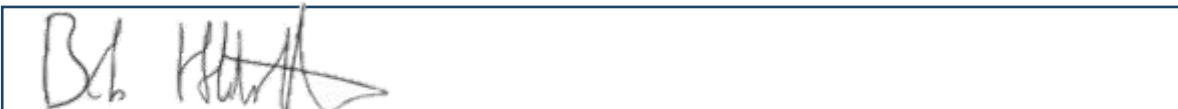
Statement of Policy on Reserves

The Trust continues to maintain a cash reserve in proportion to anticipated project expenditures, thereby maintaining financial resilience.

The reserve has now been set at £10,000, which more than covers our foreseeable risks.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees



Print Name

Bob Holdsworth

Designation

Chair

Date

02 / 03 / 2023

Report Of Accounts

From 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Scottish Geology Trust for the period ended 31 December 2022

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) Regulation 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 independent examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Chris Horton
Pirniefield Place
Edinburgh

Date: 2 March 2023


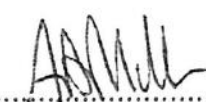
Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

<i>Statement of Income and Expenditure</i>	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2022			2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Receipts					
Donations and Members' Subscriptions	1	5,784	-	5,784	12,946
Grants	2	-	4,500	4,500	8,500
Fundraising	3	-	10,000	10,000	17,300
Event Subscriptions		13	76	89	-
Bank Interest		36		36	14
		5,833	14,576	20,409	38,760
Payments					
Charitable activities	4	4,596	4,281	8,877	31,885
Fundraising costs	5	-	3,757	3,757	14,379
		4,596	8,038	12,634	46,264
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		1,237	6538	7,775	(7,504)
Transfers between funds					
Scottish Geology Festival 2021	6	(1,161)	1,161	-	-
(Deficit)/surplus after fund transfers		76	7,699	7,775	(7,504)

Statement of Fund Balances

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2022			2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			£	£	£
Represented by cash:					
Cash and bank balances brought forward		16,481	7,473	23,954	31,458
(Deficit)/surplus for year		76	7,699	7,775	(7,504)
Cash and bank balances at end of year	7	16,557	15,172	31,729	23,954

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  

Full name..... DONALD JAMES STEWART ANGUS DANIEL MILLER

Date of approval 02/03/2023 02/03/2023

1 Donations and Members' Subscriptions

Membership costs £20 per person. Members help to inspire Scotland's people to love and preserve the nation's incredible geological heritage. There were 260 members at 31 December 2022 (2021: 269).

Members and many others have generously provided additional donations which help to promote the science of geology, as a key agent in sustaining our environment and inspire the next generation of activist and geologists to create real, positive change.

	Year ended 31 December 2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Members' subscriptions and donations	5,506	-	5,506	6,946
Tayside Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Whitaker Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Lochranza Field Centre donation	193	-	193	-
International Womens Club donation	75	-	75	-
Open University Prize Money donation	10	-	10	-
TOTAL	5,784	-	5,784	12,946

2. Grants

	2022	2021
	£	£
Event Scotland – Scottish Geology Festival 2021	1500	8,500
Scottish Water – Scottish Geology Festival 2022	3000	-

In 2022, the charity received the second and final instalment of a £10,000 grant from EventScotland - Scotland's Events Recovery Fund (Route B). It helped fund the delivery of the Scottish Geology Festival in autumn 2021. The balance of the grant (£1,500) was received in 2022.

The charity received a £3000 grant from Scottish Water to help fund the delivery of the Scottish Geology Festival in autumn 2022.

3. Fundraising Income

	Year ended 31 December 2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
First Scottish Trust	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Edinburgh Geological Society	-	-	-	2,000
Universities (various)	-	-	-	4,750
Other Donors	-	-	-	550
TOTAL	-	10,000	10,000	17,300

4. Charitable Activity Costs

	Year ended 31 December 2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Project manager	-	-	-	13,800
Science Stories	-	-	-	12,200
Scottish Geology Festival expenses	-	4,238	4,238	4,069
Science in Parliament event costs	875	-	875	-
Geology Does project costs	1,545	-	1,545	-
SGTA Conference attendance costs	182	-	182	-
SGF Hosting costs	-	43	43	-
Finance costs	160	-	160	217
Administration costs (see below)	1,834	-	1,834	1,599
Total charitable activity costs	4,596	4,281	8,877	31,885

4. Charitable Activity Costs (cont.)

Administration costs

Website	650	-	650	426
WebCollect charges (Member Records)	206	-	206	209
Zoom & Dropbox (meetings & filing)	322	-	322	80
Accounting costs	196	-	196	244
Accounts independent examination fee*	100	-	100	100
Venue Hire	-	-	-	510
Teachers' Conference	-	-	-	30
Insurance premium	254		254	-
AGM expenses	106		106	-
Total administration costs	1,834	-	1,834	1,599

*The accounts independent examination fee is a Governance cost.

5. Fundraising Costs

	Year ended 31 December 2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Consultants' fees	-	3,757	3,757	13,931
Crowdfunding rewards	-	-	-	448
TOTAL	-	3,757	3,757	14,379

Expenses incurred in 2022 related to engaging a fundraising and development manager who facilitates income that appears elsewhere in these accounts (donations and grants) - First Scottish Trust funds this role.

6. Funds	01/01/2022 £	IN £	OUT £	Transfers £	31/12/2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:					
General reserves	16481	5,833	(4,596)	(1,161)	16,557
RESTRICTED FUNDS:					
First Scottish Trust	-	10,000	(3,758)	-	6,242
Scotland's Geodiversity Charter	673	-	(43)	-	630
Scottish Geology Festival 2021	(1500)	1,500	-	-	0
Scottish Geology Festival 2022		3,076	(4,237)	1161	0
Inchnadamph	8,300	-	-	-	8,300
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	7,473	14,576	(8,038)	1,161	15,172
TOTAL FUNDS	23,954	20,409	(12,634)	0	31,729

Nature and Purposes of Funds

The general reserve is to support the ongoing activities of the charity. The trustees have set £10,000 of Free Cash Reserve to protect liquidity.

First Scottish Trust Fund supports fundraising initiatives and planning, including hiring a part time fundraising consultant.

Scotland's Geodiversity Charter Fund supports work in promoting Scotland's Geodiversity Charter.

Scottish Geology Festival was supported by EventScotland in 2021. The final grant payment of £1,500 was received in February 2022. The 2022 Festival was supported by Scottish Water with a £3,000 grant, spent in autumn 2022.

The Inchnadamph Fund remains to provide support to activities at Inchnadamph Lodge, now under new ownership. Discussions continue with founders and the new owners to agree to how the funds may be used to support ongoing field activities.

7. Cash and Bank Balances

	Balance at 31 December 2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Cash held at Triodos Bank	16,557	15,172	31,729
Cash held in PayPal account	-	-	-
TOTAL	16,557	15,172	31,729

8. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The following sums were paid to charity trustees in the year:

Katie Strang £1,200 in respect of ongoing support of event organisation (all costs related to the Scottish Geology Festival 2022)

Apart from costs incurred on behalf of the charity which were refunded to them, no other trustee received a payment or reimbursement of expenses from the charity.

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