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Fourth Annual Report
2023



Conglomerate, Auchmithie



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Chair's Message

I never tire in telling anyone who will listen – Scotland's diverse and remarkable geology is directly responsible for its unique and unforgettable landscapes, and has influenced the history, economic and scholarly development of this truly remarkable nation. It is something worth promoting, something worth celebrating and, perhaps most of all, something to be enjoyed by all.

The Scottish Geology Trust is here to do all of these things and more. In the last year it has transitioned from its early planning and growth phase to become an organization that is truly beginning to get things done – to make a difference and get noticed. Details of our

collective achievements are set out in this Annual Report document.

As ever, the Scottish Geology Festival held in September- October sits at the heart of what we do and how we do it. In 2023, we saw over 120 events held across the country and online, from guided walks to fossil hunting, and geology-inspired art exhibitions to online talks. Its continuing success is testimony to the outstanding efforts of Katie Strang, John Taylor and Emily Brown, together with our dedicated teams of grass-roots volunteers. We very much hope that you enjoyed it as much as they did delivering it!

Our ambitions to become a strong voice in Scottish geology are convincingly demonstrated by the Geosites project which has successfully created a new web-based portfolio of well-known - and some less well-known - geological sites across Scotland thanks to the efforts of a dedicated team of local volunteers overseen and co-ordinated by Angus Miller. This is already recognised as one of the most important and significant developments in the promotion of Scottish geodiversity in the last few decades.

Led by Rob Butler, the SGT are also working with others to bring the 38th International Geological Congress to Glasgow in 2028, a

major international event. In addition to the Congress itself, a whole host of associated cultural and educational events are planned, together with a swathe of fieldtrips for interested participants – especially those from overseas – to enjoy. A real chance for Scotland and Scottish geology to be discovered by visitors from far and wide.

These successes and initiatives are just a small part of what 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. We are 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



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Activities and Achievements

The Mile Dyke, cutting the Corrygills foreshore, Arran
Image from Alex Gabriel, part of the Geosites project

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

In 2023, SGT delivered another successful annual Scottish Geology Festival which ran from the 1st of September to the 8th October, offering unique and behind the scenes opportunities to learn about the incredible stories hidden within Scotland's rocks and landscapes.

This year we saw:

- Over 120 online and in-person events, including talks, guided walks, beach

pebble events, local museum exhibits, art exhibitions and UV mineral displays.

- Over 6000 live engagements (online and in person)
- Over 6000 YouTube views (and counting!)

Events were delivered by a wide range of organisations and individuals across the length and breadth of Scotland, from the Shetland Isles to the Scottish Borders.

We saw excellent media coverage including Visit Scotland, Scotrail, The Dunfermline Press, The Herald, Scottish Field, The Courier and BBC Radio Scotland, and Dr Katie Strang was interviewed by Anne McAlpine at Auchmithie for the BBC Scotland show, Landward.

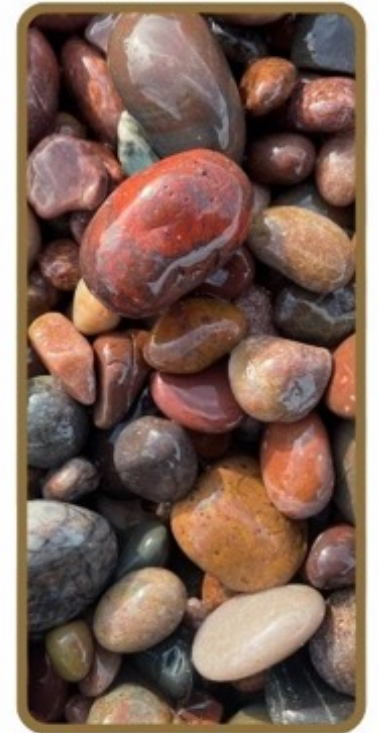
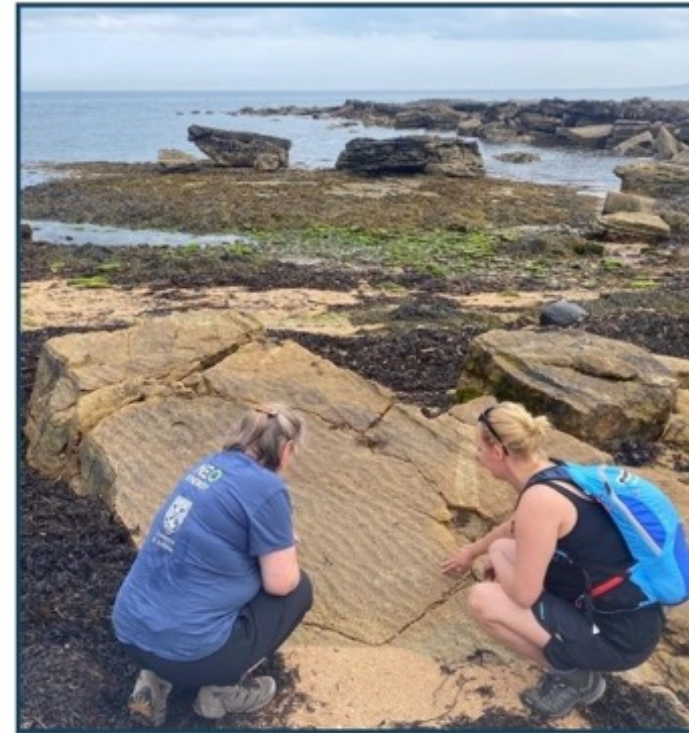
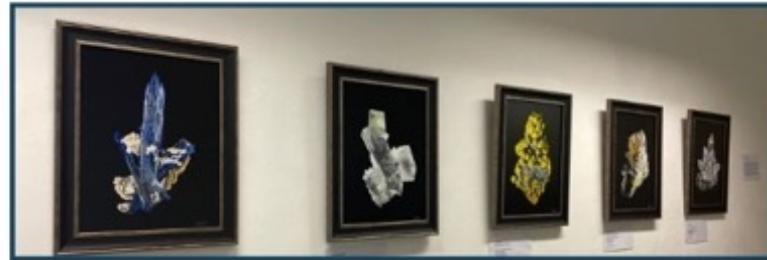
The core SGF2023 team included SGT Trustees, Dr Katie Strang, John Taylor and Emily Brown, who all contributed a significant amount of unpaid time during the lead up, organisation and wrap up of the Festival. Their estimated in-kind support totals over 500 hours.

As with previous years, the success of the Festival was down to grass-roots involvement by our key volunteers and partners, many of whom contributed significant in-kind support equivalent of £30,000. Previously developed partnerships and support networks were furthered, with many popular events returning for a second or third year, and new relationships were established.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as us!

SCOTTISH GEOLOGY FESTIVAL 2023

1ST SEPTEMBER - 8TH OCTOBER



Geosites Project

“The Geosites project, even though it is only in its pilot phase, is already one of the most productive and useful geoconservation projects I know of”
Rachel Wignall, NatureScot

The Geosites project launched in June 2023, with a new map interface (geosites.scottishgeologytrust.org) for Scotland's 880 Geological Conservation Review (GCR) sites.

Selecting a site on the map gives access to a site page, with a brief description and further information and photos uploaded by volunteers. This is the first phase of a long-term project to make it easier to find and share information, and report geoconservation

concerns, for the 1200+ sites in Scotland that are designated as important for geology and geomorphology at a national or local level.

We are grateful for funding and support from the Curry Fund of the Geologist's Association, the Geological Societies of Glasgow and Edinburgh and the Quaternary Research Foundation. In addition, Tayside Geodiversity closed in 2023; their remaining funds will support the Geosites project, particularly in the Tayside area.

In just 6 months, our team of 25 volunteers contributed data for 117 GCR sites, adding useful notes on access and safety and links to sources of further information. In total 567 photos were added for 137 sites. The map and



database were created by Daniel Burgess. As well as being one of the main contributors of site photos and information, Daniel put in an enormous amount of volunteer time and technical expertise to create the initial map, then to incorporate feedback, make improvements, and support other volunteers – In a separate, but linked development,

volunteer Bob McIntosh created a new online portal for most of Britain's GCR sites, (gcrseries.scottishgeologytrust.org). Previously these descriptions and photos were only available from printed GCR review volumes, or by navigating multiple websites and downloading large PDF files. This portal has great potential to grow and provide access to

information about specific localities in published site descriptions and excursion guides. Many people have commented on the value of this first phase of the project, even before it has been widely publicised. For the first time, the locations and boundaries of each site are available on an easy-to-use map interface, connected directly to further



Roches Moutonnées, Littlemill.
Alan Thompson



Coire Cheap Formation, Allt Mhainisteir. Daniel Burgess



Cementstone bed forms the rapids at Willies Hole,
Whiteadder River. Alison Tymon



Chrome band in ultrabasic rock, Punds to Wick of
Hagdale. David Rae

information about each site.

As we move into pilot phase 2 in 2024, we will involve more volunteers, and develop the project to provide more information for more sites, including adding Local Geodiversity Sites. We are very grateful to the volunteers and funders who have enabled rapid progress in 2023, and we look forward to developing the Geosites project further as a central plank of our activities.



Fossil trees at the Fossil Grove GCR site in Victoria Park, Glasgow. David Webster

International Geological Congress – Glasgow 2028 Bid

The Scottish Geology Trust has formed a partnership with the Geological Society of London and the British Geological Survey to lead a bid to bring the 38th International Geological Congress (IGC) to Glasgow in 2028.

The IGC is the longest-running meeting place for earth scientists from across the world, indeed it is one of the world’s oldest international conference in any science. Beginning in 1878 and held every 4 years, the IGC is likened to the Olympics for Earth Sciences and is similarly awarded through a competitive bidding process. It is the flagship event for the International

Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and was last held in the UK in 1948. IGCs bridge academic professional , national organisations including geological surveys, and key industries – and is one of the major international science conferences in the calendar. For us, it provides a great opportunity to promote the stunning geology of Scotland, its great geodiversity and heritage, along with the role of our science in serving the modern world.

Our vision for Glasgow 2028 is: “Geoscience delivers a sustainable and equitable future”. It places our science at the heart of the transition to new energies, the development of earth resources necessary to meet society’s needs and increasing our resilience to

environmental change.

We are building on Glasgow's hosting of COP26 (2021) and Scotland's 250-year history of geological science in the service of society, Glasgow is an ideal venue to share not only breaking scientific advances but also lessons from history – debating their application for all humanity's benefit.

Our congress vision maximises equality, diversity, inclusion and accessibility through its planning and delivery, and welcomes participants from all parts of the world. Glasgow is a great place for a conference – famous for its open, welcoming vibe, excellent value and close proximity, not only to Scotland's fantastic cultural heritage but also its exceptionally diverse geology.

The 38th IGC will run for a week in late summer 2028.

Alongside the main scientific conference we will offer a fantastic range of excursions for our participants along with outreach and educational events for the public at large, whether they be residents of Glasgow or elsewhere across Scotland, visitors and, through both virtual events and legacy resources, to those unable to be present in person.

Our bid for the 38th IGC is supported from across the community, from Scotland's First Minister, through public agencies, organisations and the broad education sector, learned societies and industry. Bids to host are submitted to the IUGS by end March 2024,

with a decision taken at the upcoming 37th IGC (Busan, Republic of Korea) in August 2024.

You can find out more about our bid at <https://igc2028glasgow.org>



Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes

The Scottish Geology Trust are delighted to be involved in the creation of the first industrial eco-museum in Scotland!

The 'Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes' is a fantastic new project lead by Dr Catherine Mills from the University of Stirling, supported by funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For this new project SGT has teamed up Dr Mills, along with the National Mining Museum Scotland, the Museum Friends, the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, and community artist Yvonne Weighhand Lyle to create 15 new 'landscape journeys' focused on geology,

ecology and landscape inspired arts. The project will be officially launched at the National Mining Museum Scotland in late Spring.

Website Upgrade

Our thanks to Gordon Lang who carried out a significant website upgrade this year, including moving us to a faster, better and cheaper provider and supporting the development of the geosites map.

We took the opportunity to integrate the content of scottishgeology.com into our website. We took over management of this standalone website when the Trust was established, but it was in need of a refresh and improved design. By bringing everything

together under a new section of the website, (www.scottishgeologytrust.org/geology) we have secured the future of some great geological content, including the 51 Best Places to see Scotland's Geology, and information about geoconservation and fossil collecting. We will benefit from the additional website traffic this content will bring.

Urras Geòlas na h-Alba

We have begun adding bilingual Gaelic-English content on our website, spearheaded by Dr Elsa Panciroli. Thanks go to Dolina MacLeod for the translations, and Prof Frank Rennie and James Westland for their advice.

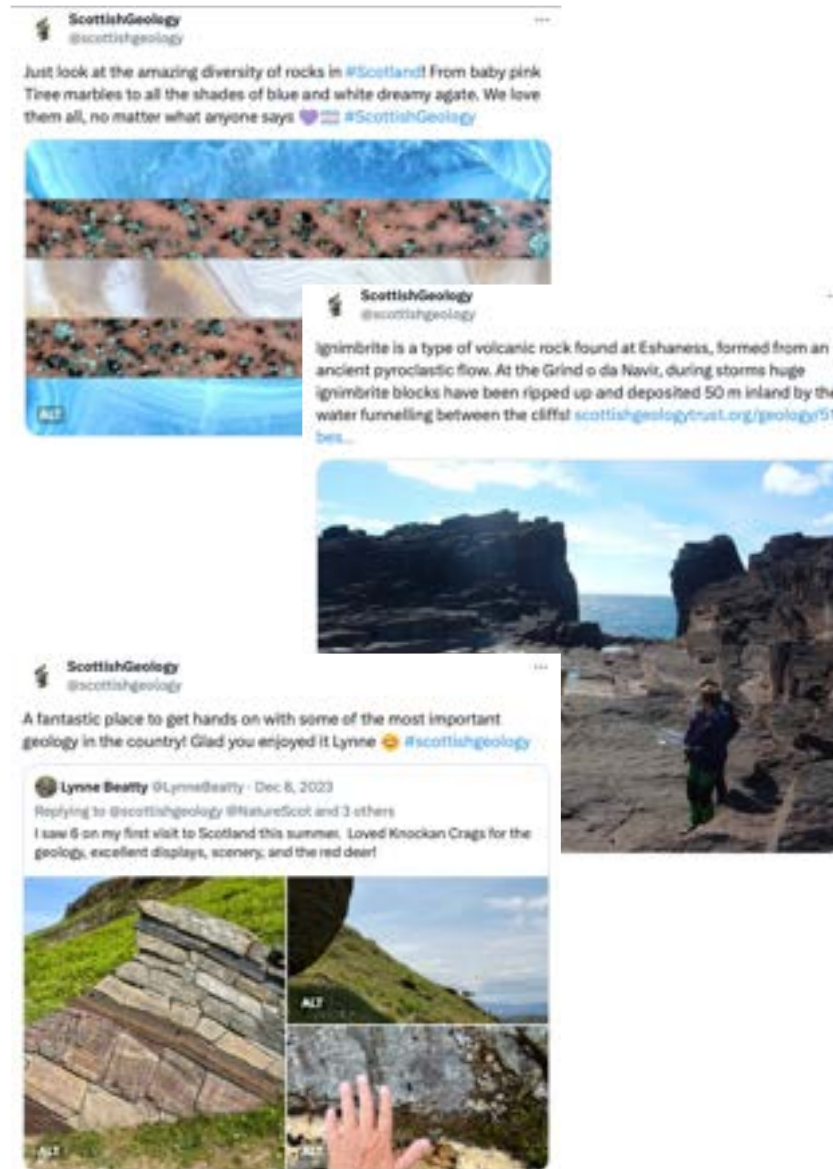
Our new bilingual logo will steadily replace our old branding, and we plan further text for our

website. We'll also be seeking to support Gaelic language and cultural projects that fit with the Trust's aims and objectives.

Social Media

Our social media presence continues to grow: we now have over 6,100 followers on Twitter, 2,200 on Instagram, and 2,300 on Facebook. This growth has exceeded our targets, and we're thrilled people are so keen to hear all about Scottish Geology!

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.

Thank you!

We are so grateful to all our supporters and volunteers who've helped drive SGT forwards in 2023.

Thank you to everyone who engaged in our working groups and attended events, to those 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.

Structure and Governance

Schiehallion viewed from Loch Rannoch
Image from Carol Pudsey, part of the Geosites project



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.



*...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.



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.



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.



*...Scotland's geological
heritage.*

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 was amended at the last 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 may be elected by our members and up to six 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 17.

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 2023 two Trustees, Eileen Tisdall and Elsa Panciroli, were re-elected and three new Trustees were elected following a membership vote; John Taylor, Keith Myers and Graham Lindsay.

There are five elected Trustee positions available in 2024. 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 2023, this is our team:



David Torr
Trustee (Co-opted)
/ Treasurer



Emily Brown
Trustee /
Secretary



Robina Barton
Trustee /
Communications
Lead



Eileen Tisdall
Trustee /
Education Theme
Lead



Keith Myers
Trustee



Bob Holdsworth
Trustee / Chair



Stephanie Flude
Trustee /
Vice Chair



Elsa Panciroli
Trustee



Rob Butler
Trustee



Graham Leslie
Trustee



Cara Wells
Trustee (Co-opted)



Angus Miller
Development
Officer



Katie Strang
Trustee / Festival
Director



John Taylor
Trustee

Ending their term:

Trustee and Staff News

In March, founding Trustee, Treasurer, and former Chair Don Stewart retired from the board, but remained on as an Honorary Treasurer, continuing to assist with our finances and ensure a smooth handover to our new Treasurer. Don's dedication to SGT since its formation has been invaluable and inspiring and we hope he will continue to remain involved as a Geosites volunteer.

In September 2023, founding Trustee, Vice-Chair, and former Secretary and Engagement Lead Angus Miller chose to step down from his position on the Board and terminate his SGT membership in order to take up a paid contractor position with SGT. Angus is currently working as our Temporary Development

Officer, finalising our strategy and policy review, and will continue to lead the Geosites project as a volunteer.

In October, the Board co-opted Cara Wells as a Trustee to replace Angus, and in November we co-opted Dave Torr as Treasurer. Both have proven to be a valuable addition to the Board.

Trustee John Taylor will be stepping down at the coming AGM due to travel and family commitments in the coming year. This will allow John to focus on his work with the Scottish Geology Festival.

This year we have 3 Trustees whose terms are coming to an end – Bob Holdsworth, Steph Flude and Katie Strang. All three are standing for re-election.

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.

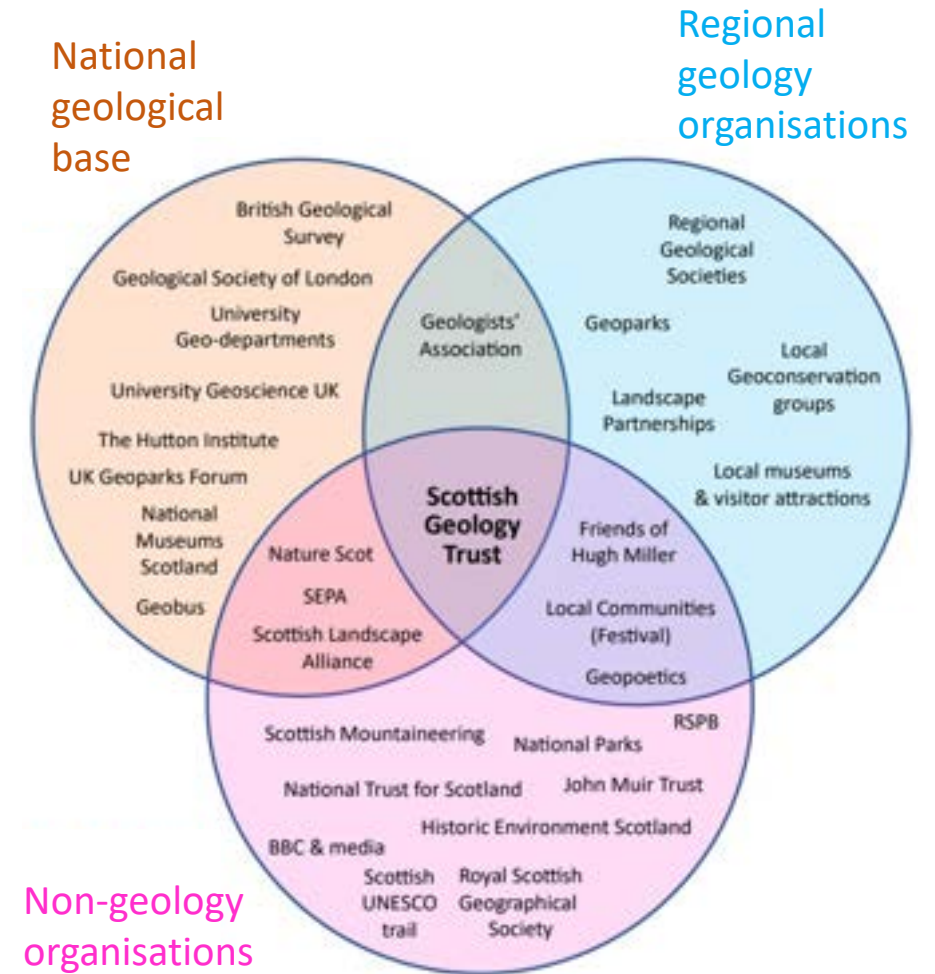
Strategy

During 2023, SGT continued to explore how we can take forward our mission to inspire people everywhere to understand, love and care for Scotland’s incredible geological heritage and its role in creating a sustainable future.

We aspire to be “a national voice for Scotland’s geology”, and we have been thinking about which organisations we would like to work with, to ensure that all relevant stakeholders have the opportunity to advocate for the value of Scotland’s geology.

From this, we began to set up the Scottish Geology round table – an informal forum for organisations to share ideas and concerns around Scotland’s geology and geoheritage.

We have also been continuing to develop and refine our governance practices, especially around data processing and safeguarding. We are on track to have a comprehensive set of governance policy and procedures in place in early 2024, along with a strategic focus for the next three years.



SGT EDI Training

The Scottish Geology Trust is aiming to widen its outreach and be as accessible as possible to people from diverse backgrounds, culturally, socioeconomically, and physically.

To meet this aim, in November 2023, our trustees attended a voluntary training session in Equality Diversity and Inclusion, run by Dr Anjana Khatwa.

The session included exercises to encourage us consider our own contexts and outlooks, and how they influence situations. This helped us raise our awareness and empathy for others.

With Dr Khatwa's expert guidance, we had really useful conversations sharing our experiences, and discussing practical ways to embed EDI within the Trust's framework, as well as in our daily lives.

As a result of our training and subsequent discussions, we have adopted a standing item on our monthly Board meeting agenda under the heading EDI.

Our trustee Dr Elsa Panciroli has taken on the role of leading this item, and we'll use it to raise issues and share ideas improving our inclusivity as a charity going forwards.



Rainbow over Màm Carraigh and Beinn an Dothaidh

Finances

Financial Review

The Accounts at 31st December show a cash resource of £43,289, of which £20,755 is restricted funds, leaving £22,533 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 £3,332 of funding this year in support of our Geosites project.

Our year-end result is a surplus, £5,976 on unrestricted operations, and £5,583 on restricted projects. This reflects a generous donation from Tayside Geodiversity and our continuing efforts to reduced costs.

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 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

19 / 03 / 2024

Report Of Accounts

From 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 25 to 31.

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 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: 12 March 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Income and Expenditure

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2023			2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	
Receipts					
Donations and Subscriptions	1	5,693	-	5,693	5,784
Grants	2	-	3,332	3,332	4,500
Fundraising	3	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Event Fees		92	-	92	89
Bank Interest		208	-	208	36
Gift Aid HMRC 2022 Claim		5,469	-	5,469	-
		11,462	13,332	24,794	20,409
Payments					
Charitable Activities	4	5,486	7,749	13,235	8,877
Fundraising Costs.	5	-	-	-	3,757
		5,486	7,749	13,235	12,634
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		5,976	5,583	11,559	7,775
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus after fund transfers	6	5,976	5,583	11,559	7,775

Statement of Fund Balances

	Notes	Year End 31 December 2023			2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<u>Total</u>
		£	£	£	£
Represented by cash:					
Cash and bank balances <u>b/f</u>		16,557	15,172	31,729	23,954
(Deficit) surplus for year		5,976	5,583	11,559	7,775
Cash and bank balances at end of year		22,533	20,755	43,289	31,729
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the <u>trustees</u>					
Signature 					
Full Name <u>STEPHANIE FLURE</u>				Full Name...David Torr	
Date <u>10th March 2024</u>				Date 10 March 2024	

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 263 members on 31 December 2023 (2022: 260). Members have generously provided additional donations which help to promote the science of geology, as a key agent in sustaining our environment and inspiring the next generation of activists and geologists to create real, positive change.

	Year ended 31 December 2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Members' subscriptions and donations	5,693	-	5,693	5,506
Festival event fees	92	-	92	-
<u>Lochranza field Centre Donation</u>	-	-	-	193
<u>International Womens Club donation</u>	-	-	-	75
Open University prize donation	-	-	-	10
Gift Aid HMRC (2022 claim)	5,469	-	5,469	-
Total	11,254		11,254	5,784

2. Grants

	2023	2022
	£	£
Edinburgh Geological Society	500	-
Geological Society of Glasgow	500	-
Quaternary Research Association	500	-
Tayside Diversity	1,832	-
Event Scotland	-	1,500
Scottish Water	-	3,000
	3,332	4,500

3. Fundraising Income

	Year ended 31 December		2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
First Scottish Trust	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total	-	10,000	10,000	10,000

4. Charitable Activity Costs

	Year Ended 31 December		2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Scottish Geology Festival	3,236	-	3,236	4,238
Science in Parliament	513	-	513	875
Membership Growth (Planned)	-	5,299	5,299	-
Geology Does Project Costs	-	-	-	1,545
Geosites	-	2,383	2,383	-
SGTA Conference Attendance costs	-	-	-	182
SGF Web site Hosting Costs	-	67	67	43
Finance Costs	161	-	161	160
Administration costs (see below)	1,576	-	1,576	1,834
Total charitable activity costs	5,486	7,749	13,235	8,877

4. Charitable Activity Costs (cont.)

<i>Administration costs</i>				
ICO GDPR Fee	35	-	35	-
Website	307	-	307	650
WebCollect charges (member records)	332	-	332	206
Zoom & Dropbox (Meetings & Filing)	332	-	332	322
Accounting Costs	-	-	-	196
Independent Examiners Fee*	180	-	180	100
GA Membership Fees	40	-	40	-
GA Group Insurance	179	-	179	254
AGM Expenses (Speaker).	50	-	50	106
RDT Systems (Choice Voting Fee)	121	-	121	-
Total administration costs.	1,576	-	1,576	1,834

*The accounts independent examination fee is a Governance cost.

5. Fundraising Costs

	Year ended 31 December 2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Consultants' Fee	-	-	-	3,757
Total	-	-	-	3,757

6. Funds

	01/01/23 £	In £	Out £	Transfers £	31/12/2023 £
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
General reserve	16,557	11,462	(5,486)	-	22,533
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
First Scottish Trust	6,242	10,000	(5,298)	-	10,944
Scotland's Geodiversity Charter	630	-	(67)	-	563
Inchnadamph	8,300	-	-	-	8,300
<u>GeoSites</u>	-	3,332	(2,383)	-	949
<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>	15,172	13,332	(7,748)	-	20,756
Total Funds	31,729	24,794	(13,234)	-	43,289

Nature and Purposes of Funds

The General reserve is to support the ongoing activities of the charity. The Trustees aim to hold at least £10,000 to protect liquidity. Scottish Geology Festival 2023 was funded from General reserve.

First Scottish Trust supports fundraising initiatives and planning.

Scotland's Geodiversity Charter Fund supports work in promoting Scotland's Geodiversity Charter, (information available at scotlandsgiodiversitycharter.org) it also provides the funding for hosting Scottish Geodiversity Forum, web site fees.

The Inchnadamph Fund remains to provide support to activities at Inchnadamph.

The GeoSites project operates in alliance with NatureScot to increase observance and access to Scotland's Geo-Conservation Review Sites, taking advantage of SGT's significant member resource, locations and geological skills. SGT supported the project from General reserve until the project funding was received.

7. 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 2023)
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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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