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<h1 style="margin: 0;">OSCR</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Scottish Charity Regulator Trustees' Annual Report for the period</p>							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	15	8	2024	To	31	3	2025

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Calton Hill Conservation Trust
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC 053572
Charity's principal address	9/1 Carlton Terrace, Edinburgh
	Postcode EH7 5DD

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Holledge	chair		
2	Susan Poupard	vice chair		
3	Simon Preston	treasurer		
4	Vikki Brooks	secretary		
5	Adrian Laird Craig			
6	Gerald Wells			
7	James McCormack			
8	Adda Gogoris			
9	Peter Millar			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution of the Calton Hill Conservation Trust

Trustee recruitment and appointment

According to the constitution, clauses 25 to 70.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To promote and encourage the conservation, preservation, protection and improvement of the area known as Calton Hill, Edinburgh; to inform the public of the significance of the area, its history and environment, and its future sustainability, with the intention of encouraging a responsible attitude towards the area's amenity and attractions; to promote and encourage enjoyment and a responsible use of the area by a wide range of people and organisations, including those who live and work in the locality.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We organise activities for both members and non-members, including walks, talks, and meetings devoted to geology, history, architecture, astronomy and nature, as well as members' meetings, fund-raising parties, volunteering days and litter picks. We apply for funding for projects, including repairs and reinstatement of the grounds, biodiversity management planning, archaeology and outreach activities. We work in cooperation with the local council and local community organisations to realise projects, sharing skills and manpower and enabling matched funding.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

This period of little more than six months, started with the acceptance by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) of our application for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('SCIO') status on 15 August 2024, following the adoption of a new name and constitution on 18 May 2024.

Our major project during 2024-2025 was for biodiversity management funded by Inspiring Scotland. This enabled us to complete a professional Vegetation Survey in October 2024, the most detailed ever done for an Edinburgh park.

Our volunteers progressively cleared the stone rainwater runoff channel drainage system on Calton Hill, supported by corporate volunteers from local businesses. We organised four litter pick ups, with volunteers and our members removing extensive amounts of litter from the hill. Limiting vehicular access at night during the winter of 2024-2025 also led to a noticeable reduction in un-binned waste. We successfully applied for a Calton Hill Firework Control Zone (1 to 10 November 2024) which resulted in substantially less firework debris and damage to the hill than in previous years. Together with other stakeholder organisations, we removed all major graffiti in 2024. We worked with the Edinburgh Access Panel (a government-appointed panel) to complete disabled audits for toilets and the access barrier on Calton Hill Drive.

Our use of media developed. Followers to our Bluesky micro blog account, started in November 2024, reached over 360, opening communication to local news organisations. News posts on our website reached 121, with hundreds of media files and documents published as an archive and resource for the Trust. We published 8 newsletters to 150 subscribers. Our membership increased to more than 100.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level of 6 months revenue payments in order to safeguard Calton Hill Conservation Trust's ongoing activities from any unexpected fluctuations in expected membership receipts and payments.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Financial review

During this first operating period the Trust received total income of £4,107.38, made up of grants, membership fees, donations and a small amount of event income. Expenditure for the period was £1,132.71, covering project costs, insurance, subscriptions, marketing and direct activity expenses. This resulted in a net increase in funds of £2,974.67 and a closing bank balance of £3,606.39 at 31 March 2025. Of this, £2,743.84 relates to restricted grant funding carried forward for project delivery in 2025–26, and £862.55 remains as unrestricted funds available for general charitable purposes.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures



Full name(s)	Simon Charles Myles Holledge	Simon David Preston
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	10 December 2025	16 December 2025