

Scottish Borders Council

Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund

Charity Registration Number: SC015647

annual report and financial statements

for the year to 31 March 2017



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FOREWORD

The implementation of the audit and reporting requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity regulator (OSCR) now requires that full audited accounts for this Charity are prepared.

In late 2012/13 the reorganisation of 34 registered charities was formally recognised by OSCR and this work continued in 2015/16 with full approval of OSCR. The Thomas Howden Wildlife Fund was not included in this initial reorganisation but work which commenced in 2016/17 will be completed in 2017/18, in conjunction with OSCR to reorganise this fund into the SBC Education Trust.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Charitable Purpose

- The bequest is to be used to make provision for 2 prizes at Peebles High School for wildlife educational activities with Trustees discretion not to award in any year.

Summary of the Main Activities

- The Charity has taken steps to ensure that the assets of the funds are properly managed and accounted for. No funds have been disbursed during 2016/17.

Plans for the Future

- In 2016/17 work continued to reorganise the Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund into the SBC Education Trust which was established in the initial reorganisation of charities. This work was completed in March 2017 with Council approval for the reorganisation. A formal application will be made to OSCR in 2017/18.

Governance and Management

Type of Governing Documents

- a) The Charity came to be administered by the Council during local government reorganisation in 1996. The trust purpose was set out in a deed of trust by Williemeana Mary Andrew Howden in favour of the former education authority, The Borders Regional Council, dated 31 May 1988 although the principal deed is not held by the Council.
- b) The overarching governance of the Charity is the principle of statute and common law governing trusts and bequests. The statutory framework are through the Local Government Scotland Act 1994, with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 provisions still in force, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
- c) The funds are governed by Trustee's in line with the Local Code of Corporate Governance of Scottish Borders Council, consideration being given to:

Financial
Regulations

Code of
Corporate
Governance

Procedural
Standing
Orders

Scheme of
Administration

Scheme of
Delegation

- d) When considering any action in connection with the Charity the Trustees have to act in the interest of the Charity Funds.
- e) The financial statements comply with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

There is no recruitment process. Appointment is by virtue of election to the Council.

Financial Review

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements and the charity's governing document.

The applications of the Funds' are detailed in the Notes to the Accounts.

Reserves

The charity has considered the reserves required and have taken into account its current and future liabilities, ensuring reserves will be maintained at a level sufficient to respond to:

- all approved applications for grants
- all support and governance costs are covered

At 31 March 2017, the reserves of the Thomas Howden Wildlife Award amounted to:

- Restricted Income Funds - £4,432.37

Investments

Per the Councils Common Good and Trust Fund investment strategy the main balance of funds are invested in the Newton Real Return Fund.

Reference and Administrative Information

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Charity Name | Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund |
| Charity registration number | SC015647 |
| Business Address | Council HQ Newtown St Boswells Melrose Scottish Borders TD6 0SA |

Trustees

The Trustees of this charity for the year to 31 March 2017 were the duly elected members of Scottish Borders Council (the Council), a local authority constituted under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994, at that time. These were:

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sandy Aitchison | Willie Archibald | Michelle Ballantyne |
| Stuart Bell | Catriona Bhatia | Jim Brown |
| Joan Campbell | Michael J Cook | Keith Cockburn |
| Alastair Cranston | Vicky M Davidson | Gordon Edgar |
| James A Fullerton | Graham H T Garvie | Iain Gillespie |
| John Greenwell | Bill Herd | Gavin Logan |
| Stuart Marshall | Watson McAteer | John G Mitchell |
| Donald Moffat | Simon Mountford | Alexander J Nicol |
| David Parker | David Paterson | Francis Renton |
| Sandy Scott | Ron Smith | Rory Stewart |
| Jim Torrance | George Turnbull | Tom Weatherston |
| Bill White | | |

Due to Local Government elections on 4 May 2017, the trustees for the year to 31 March 2018 will change.

Chief Executive The Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council is Tracey Logan.

Auditor Audit Scotland
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Professional support

The Council provides the Administrative, Legal and Financial support and advice to the Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund

All financial transactions go through the Council's books of account and their Bankers are the Bank of Scotland, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose.

Shona Haslam
Trustee
Scottish Borders Council Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund
28 September 2017

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS102

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- **Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;**
- **Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;**
- **State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;**
- **State where applicable, whether the financial statements comply with the trust deeds and rules, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and**
- **Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.**

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the rules of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that Act. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial and other information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for year ended 31 March 2017

| 2015/16 £0.00 | | 2016/17 £0.00 | Notes |
|------------------|---|------------------|-------|
| 205.35 | Income from: Investments | 226.64 | 1 |
| 205.35 | Total Income | 226.64 | |
| 0 | Expenditure on: Charitable activities | 0 | 2 |
| 0 | Total Expenditure | 0 | |
| (54.09) | (Loss) / gain on investment assets | (14.97) | |
| 151.26 | Net Movement in Funds | 211.67 | |
| 4,069.44 | Reconciliation of Funds Total funds brought forward | 4,220.70 | |
| 4,220.70 | Total Funds Carried Forward | 4,432.37 | 6 |

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2017

| as at 31 March 2016 | | | as at 31 March 2017 | | Notes |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| £0.00 | £0.00 | | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| | | Fixed Assets | | | |
| 3,640.85 | | Investments | 3,625.88 | 3,625.88 | 4 |
| | 3,640.85 | | | | |
| | | Current Assets | | | |
| | 579.85 | Short term investment in SBC loans fund. | | 806.49 | 5 |
| | 579.85 | Net Current Assets | | 806.49 | |
| | 4,220.70 | Total Net Assets | | 4,432.37 | |
| | | The Funds of the Charity | | | |
| (4,220.70) | | Restricted income funds | (4,432.37) | | 6 |
| | (4,220.70) | Total Charity Funds | | (4,432.37) | |

All of the charity's activities are continuing.

The Accounting Policies on pages 10 and 11 and the Notes on page 12 form part of these Financial Statements.

The unaudited accounts were issued on 28 June 2017 and the audited accounts were authorised for issue on 28 September 2017.

David Robertson CPFA
Chief Financial Officer
28 September 2017

Shona Haslam
Trustee
Scottish Borders Council Thomas Howden
Wildlife Award Fund
28 September 2017

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the financial statements.

Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

- Donations and grants are recorded as expenditure when they are approved.
- Where income and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the balance sheet.
- Income and expenditure are credited and debited to the relevant revenue account, unless they properly represent capital receipts or capital expenditure.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include the designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Income Recognition

Under FRS102, income is recognised when it is receipt is “probable”, rather than “virtually certain”, which was the case under the previous Charities SORP 2005.

Full recognition criteria are:

- Entitlement – control over the rights or other access to the economic benefit has passed to the charity
- Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits will flow to the charity
- Measurement – the monetary value or amount of the income and the costs to complete the transactions can be measured reliably

Resources Expended

Resources expended are analysed between charitable activities, costs of generating funds and governance costs. Charitable activities include all direct costs and other support costs.

Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using closing quoted market price.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between market value at the beginning and the end of the financial year, or if purchased in the year the difference between cost and market value at the end of the financial year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds and cost.

Short Term Investments

Short Term Investments are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values. Short Term Investments comprise of call deposits with the Council.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Investment Income

| 2015/16 | | 2016/17 | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| £0.00 | | £0.00 | |
| 1.51 | Bank Interest Receivable | 1.93 | |
| 203.84 | Income from Investment Portfolio | 224.71 | |
| 205.35 | | 226.64 | |

2 Charitable Activities

There were no charitable activities during 2016/17.

3 Governance Costs

The fee for the external audit of the charity is charged against Scottish Borders Council General Fund. There were no governance costs paid directly by the charity. No Trustee remuneration or other expenses were incurred.

4 Investments

All investments are through regulated funds or are traded on a recognised investment exchange.

At 31 March 2017 all investments were with the Newton Real Return Fund.

5 Short Term Investments in SBC Loans Fund

All surplus cash invested on behalf of the charity with Scottish Borders Council

6 Reserves Policy

The charity has considered the reserves required and have taken into account its current and future liabilities, ensuring reserves will be maintained at a level sufficient to respond to:

- any and all applications for grants
- all support and governance costs are covered

At 31 March 2017, the reserves of the Thomas Howden Wildlife Award amounted to:

Restricted Income Funds - £4,432.37.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Scottish Borders Council Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund and the Accounts Commission

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the annual report and financial statements of Scottish Borders Council Thomas Howden Wildlife Award Fund for the year ended 31 March 2017 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Accounting policies and Notes to the Financial Statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK and Ireland (ISAs (UK&I)). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable legal requirements and ISAs (UK&I) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission. Those standards require me to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors. An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the charity and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

My objectives are to achieve reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK&I) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Other information in the statement of accounts

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the annual report and financial statements. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission or required by applicable law to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements in accordance with ISAs (UK&I), my responsibility is to read all the financial and non-financial information in the statement of accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Report on other requirements

Opinion on other prescribed matter

I am required by the Accounts Commission to express an opinion on the following matter. In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Asif A Haseeb OBE
Audit Scotland
102 West Port
Edinburgh
EH3 9DN

29 September 2017

Asif A Haseeb is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) 1973

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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