

ANNUAL REPORT Year ending 30th April 2015

West Lothian Archaeological Trust

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Financial Report

West Lothian Archaeological Trust Scottish Charity SC043118

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT: 30 April 2014 to 30 April 2015

Approved by the West Lothian Archaeological Trustees on 30th January 2016

Opening balance	£306
Total receipts	£0 (interest less than £1)

Total payments	£0
Balance carried forward	£306

Objectives and Membership

1. The registered name of the charity is West Lothian Archaeological Trust, also known as WLAT.
 2. The registered number of the charity is SC043118.
 3. The name and address of the charity Trustee who is the principal OSCR contact is Dr John Wells, 22 Mallace Avenue, Armadale, Bathgate, West Lothian EH48 2QE.
 4. The names of the charity Trustees at the date hereof are Dr John Wells, Mr James Knowles and Dr Cade Wells. These Trustees served throughout the financial year 2014.
 5. The West Lothian Archaeological Trust was formed on the 19th April 2012 and registered as Scottish Charity No. SC043118 on the 26th April 2012. The Trust was established to support the activities of the West Lothian Archaeology Group which was formed in 2010, having been known since 2007 as West Lothian Aerial Archaeology, which in turn was closely associated with the History of Armadale Association.
 6. The object of the Trust is to advance heritage and science by:
 - (a) Investigating (with emphasis on non-invasive techniques), recording and publicising (by publication and presentation) the archaeological/heritage sites of West Lothian, and elsewhere.
 - (b) Promoting the use of kite aerial photography as a low-cost, inclusive, environmentally friendly technique for archaeological/heritage photography and promoting the use of any other techniques which may be deemed appropriate by the Trustees.
 - (c) Running and maintaining an archaeological website (www.westlothianarchaeology.org.uk/) as part of an associated community and heritage website (www.Armadale.org.uk).
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The main activities and achievements of the charity in this current year have been related to promoting kite aerial photography through lectures, conferences, and its outreach activities.

During the year, all activities of the Trust were funded personally by the Trustees.

There is no deficit.

No services or equipment were donated to the Trust during the year.

Conferences

In April 2014, Trustees, Jim Knowles and John Wells along with Heidi Walker, attended the 'Archaeology Above and Below' conference in Ireland where the Irish Prime Minister gave an address which mentioned the Trust and the value of its work in a local and national context. This was a follow-up to the presentation in the previous year at the conference in Dublin, where the Trust was invited to become an Associated Partner of ArchaeoLandscapes Europe, Part of the European Culture Programme and later ratified by the E.U. Commission.

In 2015, the talks presented at the Rathcroghan Conference, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon, 'Archaeology Above and Below' were:

Kite Aerial Photography in the near and thermal infra-red (John Wells).

Kite Aerial Photography: How to get Started, Its uses and Safety (James Knowles).

Talks are planned for the conference in 2016.

Outreach

Trustees gave a variety of talks and participated in activities with a range of community, university and school groups.

THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEME (SNAPS)


In 2012, terminally ill Trust co-founder, Rosie Wells, asked for some of her money to be set aside (outside the Trust) for funding a pilot project to investigate and introduce cheap, simple, low-level aerial photography techniques to children and students. Therefore, as part of our activities, we donate kite aerial photography starter and standard kits to a range of groups and individuals. This pilot project is partly to establish a reliable system for working with children and

to encourage the progression to more interesting techniques, such as working in the near infra-red (NIR), phase 2 of the Scheme.

This has been the second year of the Scheme.

The Scheme has progressed well (<http://www.snapscheme.info/>) and the second annual prizes (Postcards and 1st Class postage stamps featuring the winning kite aerial photos) were awarded to recipients at the beginning of 2015.

Signed by Dr John Wells, Chairman:

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30th January 2016

and Mr James Knowles, Secretary:

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as an accurate account of the Trust's activities.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th April 2015

Opening balance	£306
Receipts	£0 (interest less than £1)
Payments	£0
Liabilities	£0
Balance carried forward	£306

The accounts provide a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the charity.

E. J. Hunter 26/1/16

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