Company number: SC194021 Charity number: SC028778

Clan-Sinclair Trust (A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Report of the trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

The charity was established for the purpose of:

- the preservation and promotion of Sinclair and Girnigoe Castles;
- the promotion of the history of the castles and the Sinclair Clan; and
- the establishment of a visitor centre.

Achievements and performance

Despite all the problems caused by COVID there have been a good number of visitors to the castle this year. Next year we plan to install a people counter to give the Trust an accurate figure. The removal of the portacabins has improved the aspect on the west side of the castle. A voluntary donations box has been set up for visitors. Maintenance works have been carried out with the help of the Andrew Morgan who farms the adjacent land.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

St James's Place continue to manage the investment in the stock market with the aim of producing capital growth and annual income to meet ongoing charity commitments. The charity will continue to apply for grants and donations from foundations, companies, trusts and individuals as and when appropriate. Any donations received are used to finance charity expenditure.

Reserves policy

Expenditure is only committed to when sufficient funds are available to cover the agreed and costed phase of the project.

Report of the trustees (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2021

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Clan Sinclair Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 4 March 1999 under the name of Sinclair and Girnigoe Castle Trust. It was recognised by the Inland Revenue as a Scottish charity on 19 October 1999. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers and is governed by its Articles of Association. On 19 October 1999 the charity changed its name to Clan Sinclair Trust to reflect its wider objects.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The rules governing the appointment of new trustees are laid out in the Articles of Association.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks.

Reference and administrative details

Company registration number:

SC194021

Charity registration number:

SC028778

Registered office:

Saffery Champness LLP

Kintail House Beechwood Park

Inverness IV2 3BW

Patron:

HRH The Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay

Trustees:

The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness
The Rt Hon The Viscount Thurso

Ms Isla St Clair

Secretary:

The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness

Report of the trustees (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2021

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, 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 responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness

Trustee

Date: 7 September 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Clan Sinclair Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Company 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland which is one of the listed bodies.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) 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 Regulation, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Eunice McAdam CA

Date: 14 September 2022

Saffery Champness LLP Kintail House Beechwood Park Inverness IV2 3BW

Clan Sinclair Trust (A company limited by guarantee)

Statement of financial activities (including the income and expenditure account) For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 total £	2020 total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	2,000	-	2,000	-
Investments	4	1,436	-	1,436	1,579
Total income		3,436		3,436	1,579
Expenditure on: Charitable activities	5	4,031	4,074	8,105	9,985
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Total expenditure		4,031	4,074	8,105	9,985
Net gains/(losses) on investments		13,121	-	13,121	2,284
Net movement in funds		12,526	(4,074)	8,452	(6,122)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		161,971	73,332	235,303	241,425
Total funds carried forward		174,497	69,258	243,755	235,303

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Clan Sinclair Trust
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Balance sheet As at 31 December 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		71,168		75,355
Investments	10		164,000		150,879
Total fixed assets			235,168		226,234
Current assets					
Debtors	11	1,553		1,481	
Cash at bank and in hand		12,933		13,488	
Total current assets		14,486		14,969	•
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	5,900		5,900	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			8,586		9,069
Net assets	13		243,754		235,303
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds	14		174,497		161,971
Restricted funds	15		69,258		73,332
Total funds			243,755		235,303

For the financial year ended 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime.

Balance sheet (continued) As at 31 December 2021

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness

Trustee-

Company registration number: SC194021

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2021

1) Accounting policies

Company information

Clan Sinclair Trust is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Saffery Champness LLP, Kintail House, Beechwood Park, Inverness, IV2 3BW.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1) Basis of preparation

The 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Clan Sinclair Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3) Incoming resources

Items of income are recognised and included in the financial statements when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- it is probable that the income will be received; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2021

1.4) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work.

1.5) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance and governance costs which support the charities activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

1.7) Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Land and buildings

2% per annum straight line basis

Library books

4% per annum straight line basis

1.8) investments

Investments are stated at market value. Gains and losses on the disposal and revaluation of investments are charged or credited to the statement of financial activities. Where there is a permanent diminution in the value of an investment, the loss arising is charged to the general reserve. No such charge is recorded in respect of temporary fluctuations in market values, which may result in a negative balance on the revaluation reserve.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2021

1.9) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

1.10) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

1.12) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2) Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

3) Income from donations and legacies

•	Unrestricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	2,000	2,000	-
	2,000	2,000	<u>.</u>

All of the income from donations and legacies in the current and prior year was unrestricted.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2021

4)	Income from investments	come from investments Unrestricted					
	Income from listed investments	£ 1,435	£ 1,435	£ 1,579			
	·	1,435	1,435	1,579			

All of the income from investments in the current and prior year was unrestricted.

5) Expenditure on charitable activities			4 - 4	e
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	2,928	-	2,928	2,844
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	2,000
Independent examiner's fees	990	-	990	954
Depreciation	113	4,074	4,187	4,187
	4,031	4,074	8,105	9,985

Expenditure on charitable activities was £8,105 (2020 - £9,985) of which £4,031 was unrestricted (2020 - £5,911) and £4,074 was restricted (2020 - £4,074).

6)	Net incoming resources for the year		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation	4,187	4,187
		4,187	4,187

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2021

7) Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from the charity during the year (2020 - nil).

8) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9) Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Library books	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021 and at 31 December 2021	1	104,663	104,664
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	-	29,309	29,309
Charge for the year	-	4,187	4,187
At 31 December 2021	-	33,496	33,496
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	1	71,167	71,168
At 31 December 2020	1	75,354	75,355
		-	

The ruins of Sinclair and Girnigoe Castles, which were gifted to the trust, are included in the accounts at a nominal value of £1. The trustees do not consider the cost of valuing the sites to be justified in terms of assessing their performance.

In 2003 books, maps and manuscripts were donated to the trust by Niven Sinclair. For the purposes of these accounts the books are included at a valuation of £100,000 and the acquisition of additional books is shown at cost.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2021

10)	Fixed asset investments		2021	2020
	,		2021 £	. £
	Listed investments		_	. –
	Market value at 1 January		150,879	148,595
	Acquisitions in year at cost		•	-
	Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments		13,121	2,284
	Market value at 31 December		164,000	150,879
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	Cost at 31 December		140,000	140,000
11)	Debtors			
			2021	2020
			£	£
	Prepayments		1,553	1,481
			1,553	1,481
		=	1,333	1,461
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12)	Creditors		2021	2020
			£	£
	Trade creditors		-	•
	Accruals		900	900
	Other creditors		5,000	5,000
		-	5,900	5,900
	·	-		
13)	Analysis of net assets between funds			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
	Tangible fixed assets	165,910	69,258	235,168
	Current assets	14,486	-	14,486
	Current liabilities	(5,900)	-	(5,900)
		174,496	69,258	243,754

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2021

14)	Unrestricted funds						
			At 1			Gains/	At 31
		Janı	uary	Incoming	Outgoing	(losses) on	December
		2	021	resources	resources	investments	2021
			£	£	£	£	£
	General fund	151,0	92	3,436	(4,031)	<u>-</u>	150,497
	Revaluation reserve	10,8	79	· -	-	13,121	24,000
		161,9	71	3,436	(4,031)	13,121	174,497
15)	Restricted funds	was seen as we are also the					
13)	restricted fullus		At 1			Gains/	At 31
			ary .	Incoming	Outgoing	(losses) on	
			021	resources		investments	2021
		2	£	£	£	rivestillellts £	2021 £
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	Noss Head library	73,3	32	-	(4,074)	-	69,258
		73,3	32	<u>-</u>	(4,074)	-	69,258

Purposes of restricted funds

Noss Head library - includes the value of books gifted by Niven Sinclair in 2003 (£100,000) and other donations towards the cost of the library (£1,850).

16) Related party transactions

At 31 December 2021 the charity owed £5,000 (2020 ~ £5,000) to The Rt Hon The Earl of Caithness. This loan is interest free and repayable on demand.