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This year has been another successful year for the trust, and although we have not seen the grand projects of previous years, the trust has continued to manage the existing woodlands to its usual high standards.

We have continued to develop our vision of ownership of land and green burials however we have had to do this through different paths due to our unsuccessful lottery bid last year. We have also continued to liaise with Altyre estate with the purchase of land however this has had to wait until finance is in place to enable us to do so.

We have also had talks with Wild Things, and looked at the possibility of working with them to develop a woodland centre. The trust is applying for funding to carry out a feasibility study for the centre to enable Wild Things and the Trust to develop further.

We have continued to be financially stable this year, although some finances are earmarked for specific purposes which are still in development. Our main challenge this year has been our lack of service and control of membership which will continue to be high on the agenda for the following year.

We hope that the development and extension of the Trust's activities to improve the quality of the access infrastructure will continue to serve Forres well and give the local community confidence in the Trust. Through the Trust's efforts, we hope that we can show that community woodlands can be managed well and sustained as a long term community asset.

Finally I would like to extend my utmost thanks to our members and volunteers who continue to support the Trust, to the various contractors who carried out work to the highest standard, and to the directors who continue to give their time and energy that enables the Trust to operate.