

North Harris Trading Company Limited

Annual Report

November 2022 – October 2023

Board of Directors

Directors

Steve McCombe

James MacRae

Tim Langley (NHT representative)

Barbara MacKay (NHT representative)

Kirsty MacKay (NHT representative)

Company Secretary

Michael Hunter

Directors' Report

Year ending 31st October 2023

The North Harris Trading Company (NHTC) is the wholly-owned subsidiary of the North Harris Trust (NHT). It was established in 2003 to deliver new income streams to the Trust to allow it to expand its community development activities.

NHTC owns and operates three solar PV installations and three wind turbines. The Urgha Westwind turbine was inspected following safety concerns. It was deemed unviable for repair. Options for replacement are being investigated.

After the first Huisinis turbine was returned to service after a factory rebuild, the second machine was also removed and returned to the manufacturer. The turbines have operated successfully for 11 years in very corrosive conditions.

NHTC continues to operate the North Harris Community Recycling Site on behalf of CnES. This year has once again been challenging with the site being closed on a number of occasions when skips have filled and not emptied on time.

Further investment has been made in the Urgha site. A new CCTV system was installed to reduce the occurrence of fly-tipping outside the yard.

The Crofting Supplies business has seen further growth, in response to community feedback. The product range has developed with the addition of dog food. Opening hours have extended, to include Thursdays. We continue to look for alternative sources of products to improve pricing as well as responding to customer demand for new products.

A new till system was commissioned making stock management and reporting simpler. There is now integration with the card payment system, simplifying financial reporting. Planning approval was received for a formal change of use for the retail operation. The provision of parking space is a condition of the permission. This will be addressed when work get under way on the adjacent Campervan Aire.