



Once again this year Merkinch Greenspace work has been dominated by Merkinch local nature reserve.



A welcome point has been established at the turning circle, this consisted of removing a 13-14ft high shrub bed, installing 3ft high posts, 3ft apart to stop unauthorised vehicle access.

2009 has been on reflection a very productive year with the targets set out in our management plan being achieved and in some cases surpassed. Our path network has been completed along with a new disabled access ramp at the silver pool.

This has successfully resulted in a less intimidating and more open entrance to the reserve.



Some of the achievements during 2009 are:

- January - Habitat and Species Management Plan completed.
- March - Interpretive plan for the reserve completed.
- May - 3 people counters installed. In June/ July over 100 people per day visited the reserve.
- June - LNR celebration Day in association with BBC Breathing spaces
- July - Logo for the reserve agreed.



In December, we commenced with a maintenance contract using a local contractor who will do regular maintenance work one day a month, mainly in the reserve but not confined to the reserve.

*The Reserve Website*

We now also have our own dedicated website for the reserve [www.merkinclnr.org.uk](http://www.merkinclnr.org.uk).



We will continue, along with our partners to manage the Reserve and hopefully achieve our aim of “creating the best Local Nature Reserve in Scotland”

*Merkinch Local Nature Reserve*

In September, we identified that future staffing would be required for the further development of the LNR and potential funding streams have been identified.



Integrative maps have been installed in the monoliths as well as benches sporting poetry by a local Merkinch poet. Motorcycle usage has decreased with the installation of deterrent measures along the seawall path.



*The Green Gym*

The Green Gym continues to deliver their Inverness project on the reserve, this is no longer funded through Merkinch Greenspace, but is continuing and hopefully will do so in the future.

### Greenspace

Other Greenspace work during the year included the ongoing clearance of the river bank at Friars Shot, low level care and maintenance of Carnarc Point, the management of the hanging basket provision in Merkinch as well as investigating the interest in the creation of allotments in the Merkinch area through a public meeting held in December and we intend on pursuing this in 2010.



It is important to realise that none of this would be possible without our funders, volunteer directors and partners in the Merkinch local nature reserve management team as well as Colin Downie of Merkinch Enterprise and Anne Sutherland of the Merkinch Partnership who do a tremendous amount of work on our behalf.

We also welcomed the addition of three new directors during the period.



### Finally

As chair of Merkinch Greenspace my thanks and appreciation goes to everybody evolved in what has been a very successful 2009

*Ali Locke*  
Chairperson



### Treasurers Report

Once again, as Finance Manager for the organisation I am more than happy to report on the state of the organisation on behalf of the Treasurer.

I always find it amusing that the Annual Report covers the current period and in this case for the full year of 2009, whereas the Accounts only look at the last audited financial period which ended in March 2009.

That aside the organisation has once again had a financially successful year as you can see from the report and they will continue for the next period with the same success.

The accounts do show that we carried forward total funds of £17,811 which is well up on the previous year of £9,009, these funds however include finance processed to us during last year that will and have been spent during the next period.

For such a small organisation the incoming resources for the period have more than doubled to that of £77,905 an amount that previously would have been called the Turnover of the organisation.

That said it just remains for me to state that Greenspace has had a further successful year and with the current financial indications, we can as I always say look towards a very bright future indeed.

## Abridged Accounts - Balance Sheet

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*Year Ending 31st March 2008*

	2009		2008
	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<i>Debtors</i>	417		5,321
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	<u>18569</u>		<u>6,307</u>
	11,628		11,628
<b>CREDITORS:</b>			
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>	<u>(1,175)</u>		<u>(2,619)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		17,811	9,009
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>17,811</u>	<u>9,009</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
<i>Restricted income funds</i>		5,600	-
<i>Unrestricted income funds</i>		12,211	9,009
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>17,811</u>	<u>9,009</u>

*These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).*

*These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 and are signed on there behalf by:*

*Mr Ali Locke*  
*Chairperson*

*A full copy of the accounts are available in the Merkinch Enterprise office at No. 14 Grant Street.*

## *Abridged Accounts - Detailed Statement of Financial Activities*

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*Year Ending 31st March 2008*

	<i>2008</i>		<i>2007</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b><i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i></b>			
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		77,905	35,179
<i>Land Rental</i>		-	2,500
<b><i>INVESTMENT INCOME</i></b>			
<i>Bank interest receivable</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>139</u>
<b><i>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</i></b>		<b>77,905</b>	<b>37,896</b>
<b><i>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</i></b>			
<i>Local Nature Reserve Open Day</i>	6,133		-
<i>Hire of rooms</i>	267		234
<i>Stone Markers</i>	-		8,000
<i>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i>	46,881		21,531
<i>Insurance</i>	83		964
<i>Website costs</i>	-		-
<i>Professional Fees</i>	5,000		7,945
<i>Other Office Expenses</i>	2,609		-
<i>Training</i>	489		-
<i>Grants Payable - Welfare Trust</i>	2,000		-
<i>Sundry Expenses</i>	<u>1,611</u>		<u>60</u>
		<u>65,073</u>	<u>38,734</u>
<b><i>GOVERNANCE COST</i></b>			
<i>Management Fees</i>		2,864	705
<i>Accountancy Fees</i>		1,166	546
<i>Legal Fees</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>
		<u>4,030</u>	<u>1,215</u>
<b><i>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</i></b>		<b>69,103</b>	<b>39,985</b>
<b><i>NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</i></b>		<u><u>8,802</u></u>	<u><u>(2,149)</u></u>

## *Acknowledgements*

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*Merkinch Greenspace would like to acknowledge the support of the following organisations who have provided financial assistance during the past year:*

*The Merkinch Partnership*

*The Highland Council*

*Inverness City Partnership*

*Scottish Natural Heritage*

*British Waterways*

*Merkinch Enterprise*

*Culloden Rotary Club*

*British Trust of Conservation Volunteers*

*Moray Firth Radio*

*We also take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated volunteers, members and supporters of Merkinch Greenspace, whose recurring support and assistance we would not be the success we are today.*



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