

Charity Registration No. SC034376 (Scotland)

Company Registration No. SC250012 (Scotland)

**THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr A McNeil, Chair Councillor A J Markley Mr C H G Edwards Mrs J Lochhead Mr J Mitchell Councillor W Jefferson Mr R H S Shaw Councillor TE Sidgwick Mr M D Johnstone  Dr A M Lackie	(Appointed 7 December 2017)  (Appointed 7 December 2017)
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr P M Mackey	
<b>Charity number (Scotland)</b>	SC034376	
<b>Company number</b>	SC250012	
<b>Registered office</b>	Campbell House The Crichton Dumfries DG1 4UQ	
<b>Independent examiner</b>	John Simpson Montpelier Professional (Galloway) Limited 1 Dashwood Square Newton Stewart DG8 6EQ	
<b>Bankers</b>	Bank of Scotland 91 High Street Dumfries DG1 2BN	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

**Objectives and activities**

The charity's Business Plan 2015 – 2018 sets out how the organisation intends to maintain its strategic aims while adapting to meet the changing needs of the working environment. The Business Plan spans three years while recognising the need for review and revision during this time resulting from implementation of the Marine Acts. It is intended to supplement the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, provide clarity about the organisation's aims and set out actions against which progress could be measured. The Business Plan, as with all Solway Firth Partnership's governing and strategic documents, is available on the company's website: [www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk](http://www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk).

Solway Firth Partnership's mission is to support a vibrant and sustainable local economy while respecting, protecting and celebrating the distinctive character, heritage and natural features of the marine and coastal area.

The organisation's strategic aim is to provide a framework for marine planning and management that enables engagement by everyone with an interest in the local marine and coastal area.

The organisation is working towards the following strategic outcomes:

- To make a significant contribution to sustainable development and environmental protection through supporting integrated marine and coastal planning and management.
- To provide a transparent, balanced and respected mechanism that supports objective, impartial and evidence based decision making for the local marine and coastal area.
- To provide distinctive input to development of a cooperative network of relationships between everyone with an interest in the local marine and coastal area.
- To provide assistance to coastal communities and businesses resulting in tangible local benefits.
- To promote greater recognition and understanding of the high quality environment, culture and heritage of the local marine and coastal area.

Activities for achieving objectives

The Partnership's core activities, as set out in the Business Plan 2015 – 2018, can be categorised in terms of the following areas:

- Partnership
- Planning
- Environment
- Fisheries
- Energy
- Awareness

The charity does not distribute grants.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)  
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**Achievements and performance**

Partnership

- The Business Plan 2015 – 2018 is currently being followed.
- During this year Core staff consisted of Clair McFarlan 4 days/week and Paul Mackey 2 days/week. Project staff consisted of Nic Coombey 4 days/week as coordinator and Morag Walker 1.5 days/week as Project Assistant for the Solway Coastwise Project; Emma Baruah full-time as SIMCelt Project Officer until Dec 2017 and then SMILE Project Officer.
- Quarterly Board and Working Group meetings were held throughout the year.
- The thirteenth SFP AGM was held at Dumfries and Galloway Aviation Museum on Thursday 7 December.
- The Partnership had input to the work of a wide range of complementary initiatives such as Solway Coast AONB Steering Group, D&G Local Biodiversity Partnership Steering Group, the Local and National Coastal Partnership Officers' networks, and the EMS Officers network.
- SFP has contributed to the development of a coastal project within the proposed Galloway Glens HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme, led by Dumfries and Galloway Council.
- SFP has contributed to and sits on the LEADER Dumfries and Galloway Communities Local Action Group.
- The SFP website was regularly updated with relevant news throughout the year and an E-newsletter sent out to around 1000 subscribers in April, May, June, July, September, October, November, December 2017 and January, March 2018.

Planning

- SFP attended the Marine Protected Areas conference and European Maritime Day conference in Poole, May 17.
- There has been a contribution to a range of partnership initiatives including European Marine Site Officers network; National Coastal Partnership Network Forum; Scottish Coastal Forum and Irish Sea Maritime Forum.
- SFP has worked with the MMO on their EU funded Enhancing Stakeholder Engagement Project, providing local knowledge to help identify stakeholders and develop a communications plan.
- The final conference for the SIMCelt (Supporting Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in the Celtic Seas) Project took place in Liverpool at the end of November 2017. The Project Officer presented the results of the Solway Case Study to the 200 attendees from the European and international marine planning community.
- A range of marine planning events have been attended including a marine planning practitioner's workshop in Edinburgh, June 2017; A marine planning facilitation training course with the Kinharvie Institute and Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Dec 2017 and Coastal Futures conference in London, January 2018.
- The SMILE (Solway Marine Information Learning and Environment) Project was successful in raising £111,500 from the European Maritime Fisheries Fund and Scottish Government to produce a 'State of the Solway' review through stakeholder engagement/evidence gathering and a series of workshops/meetings.
- SFP has acted as facilitator for the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) North West Plan Stakeholder Engagement event, iteration 2 options, in Whitehaven, February 2018.

