

PEAK DISTRICT AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1094975

Details

Other names	THE PEAK DISTRICT AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND, CPRE, CPRE SOUTH YORKSHIRE, FRIENDS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04496754
Registered	2002-12-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE AND IN PARTICULAR THE AREA WITHIN THE BRANCH BOUNDARIES AND ITS TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: We campaign to protect and enhance the countryside of the Peak District and South Yorkshire for the benefit of all by:-+Ç promoting its vitality;-+Ç encouraging sustainability;-+Ç influencing change;-+Ç increasing understanding and awareness.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Barnsley
- Derbyshire
- Doncaster
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£79,995	£204,599	-	-
2023-12-31	£429,827	£221,002	-	-
2022-12-31	£511,980	£205,320	£526,262	3
2021-12-31	£128,036	£194,614	-	-
2020-12-31	£115,378	£191,465	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Corinna Lincoln		2023-09-25
David Bryan Holmes		2019-03-04
Eugene Richard Walker		2021-04-12
Katharine Netherton		2026-04-24
Leslie John Sturch		2017-09-11
Richard Stewart Mills		2023-06-05

Linked charities

- COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - SHEFFIELD, PEAK DISTRICT AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH (1094975-1)

Accounts

Company registration number: 04496754
Charity registration number: 1094975

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2024

Full name

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Other names by which the charity is known

Friends of the Peak District

CPRE South Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number

1094975

Registered Company Number

04496754

Registered Address

Victoria Hall
37 Stafford Road
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President

Dame Fiona Reynolds

Vice President

currently vacant

Ambassadors

Mark Cocker
Helen Mort

Board of Trustees

Chair

Currently Vacant

Vice Chair

Les Sturch

Honorary Treasurer

Eugene Walker

Other Trustees

Faith Johnson (Resigned 6 February 2025)
David Holmes
Richard Mills
Corinna Lincoln

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Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2024

Branch Staff

Ian Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Simpson	Communications Officer
Tony Wallace	Planning Officer
Susan Belt	Administration and Finance Officer
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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report)
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The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("The Branch") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity with the Charities Commission. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (adopted in 2013).

The Board meets every 3 months and there are sub-committees formed as required. The Branch employs one full-time and several part-time members of staff, including the Chief Executive who manages the day to day work of the organisation and has trustee approved delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, campaigning activity, engagement and fundraising.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the members of the charity for a minimum of three years. At every annual general meeting all Trustees who have completed a three-year term shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms in office.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees receive an 'onboarding pack' containing several documents related to their role (including Memorandum, Articles, conflict of interest, expenses etc.). They also undergo an orientation day with the CEO to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law and to discuss the annual and five-year strategy, current campaigns, committee structure, meetings, staff and the last annual accounts and report.

Conflicts of interest

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Upon appointment to the Board any potential conflict of interest with any individual or organisation must be disclosed. Before each Board Meeting all trustees are requested to declare any conflict of interest with any agenda item.

Ambassadors, Vice President and President

The charity currently has (poet and author) Helen Mort and (writer and conservationist) Mark Cocker as ambassadors. Our Vice President post is currently vacant. Our President is Dame Fiona Reynolds DBE.

Regional and National CPRE Representation

The Yorkshire, Humber and Lincolnshire Regional Group of CPRE was disbanded in 2024. A Trustee attends regular 'Assemble' meetings with National CPRE. Until December 2024 we sub-let desk space in our office to National CPRE and benefit from the cross-pollination of having National CPRE staff working alongside us regularly.

The charity is a branch of the national charity Campaign to Protect Rural England, also known as "CPRE The countryside charity". The CPRE network operates as a network of over 40 branches, and the chairs of the branches hold voting rights to this centre network. The branding and core purposes are shared across the network. The Branch are also involved at a regional level (Yorkshire and the Humber) and are eligible to receive funds from this group.

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Campaign for National Parks / Friends of the Peak District

As well as being CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire the charity is 'double-hatted' in that it represents the Campaign for National Parks in the Peak District National Park. In our dealings with the Peak District National Park Authority in this specific role we are known as Friends of the Peak District. We ceased to offer a separate membership for Friends of the Peak District in 2021 because of the cost and administrative complexities.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular the area within the branch boundaries and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

The activity pillars within the current five year strategy (which is employed to achieve the charity's objectives and activities) are:

- Tackle the Climate Emergency
- Connect People and Countryside
- Promote Rural Life
- Empower Communities
- Grow Our Capacity

The major campaign (see later) that the charity undertook in this reporting period was carried out within the context of these pillars (to prevent damage to the landscape from unnecessary road building). Any spare resource after the campaigning activity went in to delivering the centenary celebration and activities of the charity in 2024.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

Our work in protecting the landscapes of South Yorkshire and the Peak District centred around the A57 Link Roads campaign (and the resultant judicial review in the High Court). In addition to this we undertook our 'normal' work around a gamut of planning issues, engagement opportunities and smaller campaigns. We have also been additionally involved in 'non-traditional' work around access, litter, fire, and communicating 'best practise' in the outdoors in conjunction with partners in South Yorkshire and the National Park.

The 7th of May 2024 marked the centenary of the formation of the charity. A celebration took place in Sheffield on that day and a year of related activities were subsequently held .

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Centenary

The charity was founded in Sheffield on 7 May 1924. One hundred years later to the day we embarked on a series of celebrations and fundraising activities to commemorate the work of the charity and to seek to raise funds to ensure its long term viability.

The main event was a celebration at Whirlow Hall in May attended by our President and over 100 guests, members, supporters, volunteers, trustees and staff. Dame Fiona Reynolds gave the keynote speech and Helen Mort launched the biography of Ethel Haythornthwaite.

Centenary Events and Activity (and attendance or participation figures where applicable)

2023

- 14th October – Volunteer task day at Haythornthwaite Wood - 15
- 21st November – Lord Mayor visit to Haythornthwaite Wood - 18
- 21st – 23rd – Hedgerow volunteering days at Haythornthwaite Wood - 18

2024

- 10th January – Centenary launched online
- 4th – 10th March – Ethel Beer for Sheffield Beer Week festival
- 8th March – International Women's Day Walk and Talk at Longshaw Estate - 25
- 9th March – Volunteer Work Day at Haythornthwaite Wood - 10
- 15th April – Talk to Ecclesall Ladies Group - 45
- 20th April – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Wirksworth Festival - 25
- 7th May – Centenary celebration at Whirlow Brook Hall - 90
- 7th May – Ethel, the biography launched
- 7th May – 100 Years that Shaped the Countryside launched
- 13th May – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Waterstones - 40
- 18th May – Bat Walk at Haythornthwaite Wood - 10
- 30th May – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Derby Book Festival - 30
- May – Get Outdoors online course launched in partnership with Pure Outdoor - 250+
- 5th June – Dawn Chorus Walk at Haythornthwaite Wood - 14
- June – 100 years achievement map created by Stepan
- 12th July – Peak Harmony choir at Hathersage church - 25
- July – Ethel, the biography gifted to Broomhill library
- 10th September – Sheffield Walking Festival – Ethel Walk from blue heritage plaque - 25
- 11th September – Sheffield Walking Festival – Stage 9 of Peak District Boundary Walk - 18
- 11th September – Launch of Peak District Boundary App
- 12th September – Sheffield Walking Festival – Four Ethels from Hathersage - 25
- 17th September – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Outside in Hathersage - 45
- 23rd September – Nick Hand of Letterpress Collective Printing Bike - 30
- 17th October – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Off the Shelf Festival - 30
- 19th October – Exploits of Ethel performed at Edale
- 22nd October – Exploits of Ethel performed at Newfield School
- 24th October – Exploits of Ethel performed at Sheffield Hallam University - 300 across the 3 events
- 14th November – Centenary Tree Planting launched
- 24th November – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Kendall Mountain Festival - 50
- 15th December Countryfile – Peak District episode with Helen Mort

2025

- March 2025 - 100 trees planted
- 14th March - Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Keswick Festival - 55
- 26th March – Lord Mayor of Sheffield joins Centenary Tree Planting - 5

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Local Plans

We remain involved with and concerned about the evolution of Sheffield as a City over the next 30 years. We have also continued to monitor the development schedules of the other six local authorities for any significant threats or opportunities. Our planning officer and volunteers are involved in submitting letters (both in support and opposition) to applications and proposals monthly.

During 2024 we began to see a spike in requests from the public asking for assistance in preventing solar farms. The public in South Yorkshire view large scale solar as a significant threat.

We continued to monitor the proposed development site in the Loxley Valley and communicated with both SCC and the developer.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation - A response was submitted to Government and to CPRE national on the revised National Planning Policy Framework consultation. No sign of a Government response to the consultation yet, and something may be released by the end of the year albeit it could range from a new NPPF to possibly just a holding comment from Government.

Peak District National Park Local Plan consultation - We submitted a representation on this consultation in Nov 2024.

Transport

By far the most significant part of our campaigning effort during this reporting period has been focussed on the legal battle over the A57 Link Road campaign. Having published our 'Low Carbon Travel Plan' and submitted an objection to the scheme in 2021 we were dismayed to learn that the government gave the green light to the project as part of the 'Trans Pennine Upgrade Programme'. Following very careful consideration and professional advice we filed our claim for judicial review of the decision by the Secretary of State with the High Court.

In 2022 the trustees of the charity, having sought legal advice, agreed to challenge the decision made by the Secretary of State for Transport (Mark Harper) to consent the A57 Link Roads Scheme – a proposed dual carriageway at Mottram on the eastern edge of Greater Manchester.

Our case had two Grounds: (1) that the Government's approach of allowing large road schemes to go ahead without assessing the cumulative impact of carbon emissions was unlawful, and (2) that in approving the Link Roads project they had failed to consider alternatives which would avoid harming the Green Belt, the National Park and the climate. We filed our claim with the High Court in late 2022.

Mrs Justice Thornton heard our claim at the High Court on October 3rd and 4th 2023 and published her verdict on our Ground 2 in late November 2023. She found against us.

The process for Ground 1 on climate emissions was more complicated. Ground 1 was adjourned (neither heard nor dismissed) due to its similarity to the Ground used in another live legal case (the Boswell case). Essentially, we were told (in October 2023) that we would have to wait for the Court of Appeal to hear the Boswell case before our Ground 1 could be heard in the High Court. The Boswell case subsequently failed in the Court of Appeal. The Boswell legal team then decided to take their case to the Supreme Court. We prepared papers for a further stay on our case pending the Supreme Court hearing of Boswell.

However, in March 2024 Mr Justice Holgate (the senior Planning Court Judge) made an order on another road building challenge case (Stonehenge) which applied directly to our case. He refused the application for a further stay in that case on the basis that the Boswell Ground was materially the same as the one that was unsuccessful in the Court of Appeal in Boswell and, because the Planning Court is bound by the Court of Appeal, he could not come to a different conclusion.

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Senior legal advisers to the charity recommended that we did not challenge the issue of the stay. Furthermore we were advised that because our Ground 1 was indistinguishable from that in the Boswell Case (and that the High Court in that case had already found against it) it was agreed that there would now be no legal basis upon which to have our Ground 1 heard by the High Court. This is why our Ground 1 was labelled as 'totally without merit' – it is the 'value' of having the High Court hear a case (ours) indistinguishable from a Ground in the Boswell case (which it had recently found against) which, in legal terminology, is 'totally without merit'. That terminology does not relate in any way to the value of our having brought the Ground to court in the first place.

With both our Grounds now having failed in the High Court we were left with the option of progressing to the Court of Appeal (to appeal against the High Court verdict). The board of trustees voted against this option.

The A57 Link Roads project is but the start of the ongoing threat to the Peak District National Park. Plans for a bypass of Hollingworth and Tintwistle and dualling of the trunk route through the National Park remain live. We will be seeking to ensure that the future roads programme does not include such schemes. They would do irreparable harm to our most treasured and highly protected landscapes as well as worsen the climate and nature crises. The new duty which requires National Highways to 'seek to further National Park purposes' should set a higher bar to progressing such development.

In the shorter term, we remain unconvinced that the A57 Link Roads scheme will solve the problems of chronic road congestion in the Mottram and Glossop area. Modelling prepared for us by transport experts suggests that new roads like this will simply move heavy traffic from one place to another – in this case, from Mottram to Glossop, Hollingworth and Tintwistle where through traffic will increase. We will continue to work with local transport groups to promote alternative low-carbon travel plans that provide viable alternatives to ever more private car journeys.

This was an enormous undertaking for the charity. The cost of the action was very significant and an online fundraising campaign using the 'Crowd Justice' platform was launched. Additionally there were some pledges of financial assistance to support this campaign (from private individuals) which persuaded the Board to tolerate the significant financial risks of proceeding with the undertaking.

We have also had representation at a local and regional level on several panels and focus groups on sustainable public transport and we are represented on the Transport Policy Committee at National CPRE.

Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW)

The PDBW is a walk that was conceived and launched by the charity and it continues to grow in popularity. We published the reprint of the guidebook in this reporting period (which was published by a local publisher and is retailed via an e-commerce platform by the publisher with the charity receiving a share of the profit). The social media community directly engaged with this walk numbers in excess of 1,000.

The 'Ethel's'

The 'Ethel's' was an idea of Doug Colton during the pandemic. He mapped the 95 high points of the National Park and South Yorkshire and named them after the founder of the charity and then went on to design and launch a tick-list app of the hills for walkers. The app has brought significant interest to the charity, and we are very grateful to Doug Colton for all that he has done. There have been approximately 50,000 downloads of the app since its creation in 2021.

Ethel Haythornthwaite Biography

After a selection process the author and poet Helen Mort was commissioned to write the biography of the founder of the charity (Ethel Haythornthwaite). The book was released on 7 May 2024.

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University of Sheffield Medical Students

We continue to work with a local GP surgery to incorporate medical students in to outdoor access and wellbeing projects that we are involved with. In this reporting period they (with our guidance) have helped us design a 'get outdoors' advice poster for local GP surgeries, and assisted with the content on a free to access online tool for accessing local countryside

Haythornthwaite Wood

Haythornthwaite Wood is a small copse in the village of Dore. Gerald Haythornthwaite purchased a 99 year lease on the wood and there are memorial stones therein to mark the contribution to local landscape protection that he and his wife (Ethel – our founder) made. National CPRE (via their 'Hedgerow Heroes' fund) and Dore Village Society have both kindly financially supported our work to reinvigorate the Wood and the surrounding wall and hedgerow. During 2024 we planned, organised and led a series of volunteer and engagement activities at the wood. We are grateful to Sheffield City Council Park Rangers Service for all their help, work and guidance. There is an engagement programme being arranged for the next few years in the wood.

Volunteers

The charity continues to receive support in a number of aspects of our work from volunteers – these are an intrinsic part of the charity. A team of volunteers came together to finalise the archive project and another team provided support and extra resource to our centenary plans. Additionally we have University of Sheffield Planning Students volunteering with us on planning issues. We also have volunteers involved in campaigning, administration and access. In Easter 2024 a Sheffield University Geography Dept student joined us for 10 days to digitally map our centenary of campaigning work. Anne Robinson volunteers nigh on full-time and is our highly regarded transport campaigns lead.

Across all aspects of volunteering (including trustees) the charity receives approximately 280 days of volunteer support per year.

Conclusions

2024 was our 100th year protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire. We want to record our thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, and to our Trustees, as well as to all of our members, supporters and advocates, without whom we would not be able to undertake our vitally important work.

Plans for the Future

The over-arching short term goal of the board and CEO is to ensure the viability of the charity going forward. At the March 2025 board meeting the Trustees agreed to undertake a series of cost saving reviews around staffing levels and hours and premises costs.

Despite significant efforts from the staff and a range of fundraising events the centenary year didn't deliver the financial boost we had hoped for.

We wrote and published the 5-year strategic plan (2025 – 2030) this year. A key challenge of the 2024 was continuing the work of the charity in whilst simultaneously delivering a series of events (centred on 7 May 2024) that did justice to our one hundred years work protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire.

The charity has for a long time struggled with the imbalance of doing an awful lot of important and necessary work with very little *actual* resources. The emergence of one or more major issues (eg A57 court case) and the resultant campaign effort *still* places enormous strain on a small team (e.g. our planning officer is only on a one day a week contract).

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Significant effort by Rebecca Simpson (communications lead) has allowed the charity to get much much better at digital engagement. We have a centenary sub-site to the website and are now much more able to articulate all aspects of our work as well as fundraise better online. We post campaign updates online and sending out e-newsletters.

Financial review

Our total income for the financial year was £79,995 compared with £429,827 in the previous year, which included legacy income of £317,333.

Total expenditure for the financial year was £204,599 compared to £221,002 in the previous year. The majority of costs are related to staff and office costs, with direct activity costs (Centenary costs, campaigning and project costs) varying from year to year.

The overall net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £124,604 (2023: surplus of £208,825 primarily due to the legacy income). The unrestricted funds were £728,868 at the beginning of the year and £600,008 at the end of the year.

Legacy from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose

The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose for the significant legacy. The Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects, not to be used simply to plug budget gaps. It remains essential and our top priority, to achieve sustainable fundraising to secure the Charity.

Reserves Policy

The trustees require that the equivalent of a years planned operational expenditure should be kept in reserve to ensure that the charity could continue to work through a period of unforeseen difficulty. The planned operational expenditure for 2024 is £167,000.

As at 31 December 2024 Free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets) were £600,008, which significantly exceeds the reserves target, but only due to the legacy income received in this and the previous year. As noted above the Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects but have not formally designated any monies towards this in the accounts.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis and will do so as part of work on the budget early in the current financial year with a view to ensuring that the charity both protects the legacy and remains viable over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The charity policy is to hold cash reserves rather than an investment portfolio.

Principle Risks

The charity has a risk assessment policy and a live risk register which is maintained by the CEO. The high impact risks include (but are not limited to): multiple paid personnel leaving; litigation by developer/landowner e.g. planning application we've opposed; negative publicity nationally about organisation's work; poor governance from trustees and loss of future legacies. The Board review the risk register annually.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 adequate 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 the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Small Company provisions:

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

Approved by the board on 13 June 2025.

Signed on its behalf by:



Les Sturch
Vice Chair

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Lightfoot

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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13 June 2025

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:							
Donations, grants and legacies		14,788	32,203	46,991	327,893	27,658	355,551
Subscriptions		14,035	-	14,035	17,229	-	17,229
Total donations and legacies	2a	<u>28,823</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>61,026</u>	<u>345,122</u>	<u>27,658</u>	<u>372,780</u>
Charitable activities	2b	164	-	164	25,416	12,435	37,851
Other trading activities	2c	6,207	-	6,207	6,144	-	6,144
Investments	2d	12,598	-	12,598	10,895	-	10,895
Other sources	2e	-	-	-	2,157	-	2,157
Total income		<u>47,792</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>79,995</u>	<u>389,734</u>	<u>40,093</u>	<u>429,827</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	28,891	-	28,891	25,128	-	25,128
Charitable activities	3b	145,709	29,999	175,708	147,305	48,569	195,874
Total expenditure		<u>174,600</u>	<u>29,999</u>	<u>204,599</u>	<u>172,433</u>	<u>48,569</u>	<u>221,002</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(126,808)	2,204	(124,604)	217,301	(8,476)	208,825
Transfer between funds	10	(2,052)	2,052	-	(5,983)	5,983	-
Net movement in funds		(128,860)	4,256	(124,604)	211,318	(2,493)	208,825
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		728,868	6,219	735,087	517,550	8,712	526,262
Total funds carried forward		<u>600,008</u>	<u>10,475</u>	<u>610,483</u>	<u>728,868</u>	<u>6,219</u>	<u>735,087</u>

All of the charitable company's operations are classed as continuing.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	5,151	9,173
Total fixed assets		<u>5,151</u>	<u>9,173</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	11,764	15,104
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>596,292</u>	<u>758,290</u>
Total current assets		<u>608,056</u>	<u>773,394</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,724)	(47,480)
Net current assets		<u>605,332</u>	<u>725,914</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		610,483	735,087
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total net assets		<u><u>610,483</u></u>	<u><u>735,087</u></u>
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		600,008	728,868
Restricted fund income	10	<u>10,475</u>	<u>6,219</u>
Total charity funds	11	<u><u>610,483</u></u>	<u><u>735,087</u></u>

For the year ending 31 December 2024 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 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board on 13 June 2025.

Signed on its behalf by:



Les Sturch
Vice Chair

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of receipt of any monies or on receipt of the estate accounts, when the amount due to the organisation can be quantified.

Subscription income for CPRE membership and FOPD membership is treated as a donation and recognised as income on receipt in the year it becomes due.

Income from local government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised where an there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. All expenditure is reported gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is either directly allocated to funds, or apportioned to the applicable funds on a line by line basis, based on staff time and use of office.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Any assets purchased below £500 are written off at the time of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off cost of those assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Equipment - 25%

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are either donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or grant income sought for specified activities.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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(i) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged against net incoming resources are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(l) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have plans in place to address the budgeted deficits by significant fundraising and controlling costs.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
2a Income from donations, grants and legacies						
Donations	13,237	32,203	45,440	10,560	27,658	38,218
Legacies	1,551	-	1,551	317,333	-	317,333
Subscriptions	14,035	-	14,035	17,229	-	17,229
	<u>28,823</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>61,026</u>	<u>345,122</u>	<u>27,658</u>	<u>372,780</u>
2b Income from charitable activities						
Grant income	-	-	-	25,000	12,435	37,435
Events income	164	-	164	416	-	416
	<u>164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>25,416</u>	<u>12,435</u>	<u>37,851</u>
2c Income from other trading activities						
Merchandising income	2,540	-	2,540	644	-	644
Rental income	3,667	-	3,667	5,500	-	5,500
	<u>6,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,207</u>	<u>6,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,144</u>
2d Investment income						
Bank interest	12,598	-	12,598	10,895	-	10,895
	<u>12,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,598</u>	<u>10,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,895</u>
2e Income from other sources						
Student placements	-	-	-	2,157	-	2,157
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure

3a Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Fundraising	-	-	-	141	-	141
Staff costs	5,527	-	5,527	5,247	-	5,247
Consultancy	23,184	-	23,184	19,560	-	19,560
Bank charges	180	-	180	180	-	180
	<u>28,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,891</u>	<u>25,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,128</u>

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3b	Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Campaigning costs	1,650	19,230	20,880	-	38,749	38,749
	Boundary walk costs	145	-	145	403	-	403
	Centenary celebration	4,940	6,351	11,291	-	-	-
	Biography costs	9,000	-	9,000	-	-	-
	Other project costs	-	2,137	2,137	6,361	9,738	16,099
	Staff costs (salaries)	86,142	-	86,142	75,304	-	75,304
	Staff costs (consultancy)	1,190	2,281	3,471	18,571	-	18,571
	Other staff costs (including expenses, payroll fees and training)	537	-	537	1,775	-	1,775
	Office costs	7,592	-	7,592	11,112	82	11,194
	Other costs	2,096	-	2,096	1,060	-	1,060
	Premises/utilities	23,738	-	23,738	22,738	-	22,738
	Promotion costs	223	-	223	14	-	14
	Depreciation	4,022	-	4,022	4,022	-	4,022
	Legal and professional fees	3,676	-	3,676	3,712	-	3,712
	Governance costs	758	-	758	2,233	-	2,233
		<u>145,709</u>	<u>29,999</u>	<u>175,708</u>	<u>147,305</u>	<u>48,569</u>	<u>195,874</u>

4 Fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination fee - included within governance costs	<u>741</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Other fees paid to independent examiner's organisation for Other services	243	203
	<u>243</u>	<u>203</u>

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	84,400	74,030
Employer's NI	7,867	7,323
Employer's allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Employer's pension contributions	4,402	4,198
	<u>91,669</u>	<u>80,551</u>
Split of salaries by activity:		
Raising funds	5,527	5,247
Charitable activities	75,847	65,472
Governance costs (included within staff costs in note 3b)	10,295	9,832
	<u>91,669</u>	<u>80,551</u>
Average number of employees	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.3</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in either year.

6 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year. No trustees were reimbursed travel expenses during the year (2023: 1 trustees reimbursed travel expenses totalling £16). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: Enil).

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £60,252 (2023: £57,671).

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 January 2024	16,090	16,090
As at 31 December 2024	<u>16,090</u>	<u>16,090</u>
Depreciation		
As at 1 January 2024	6,917	6,917
Charge this period	<u>4,022</u>	<u>4,022</u>
As at 31 December 2024	<u>10,939</u>	<u>10,939</u>
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2024	<u>5,151</u>	<u>5,151</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>9,173</u>	<u>9,173</u>

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	6,783	12,865
Tax recoverable on gift aid donations	3,558	786
Prepayments	1,423	1,453
	<u>11,764</u>	<u>15,104</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,602	45,045
Accruals	741	2,070
Other creditors	381	365
	<u>2,724</u>	<u>47,480</u>

10 Restricted funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Challenge Road Building	(6,861)	24,039	(19,230)	2,052	-
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
Haythornthwaite Wood	10,876	-	(4,418)	-	6,458
Centenary celebrations	-	6,351	(6,351)	-	-
Centenary Tree fund	-	1,813	-	-	1,813
	<u>6,219</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>(29,999)</u>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>10,475</u>

Challenge Road Building: Member and public appeal for funds to assist our work in challenging the policy of road building. The transfer of £2,052 represents the charity's final contribution appeal after all match funding donations had been received.

Green Belt: Member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to protect green belt in the Branch area.

Haythornthwaite Wood: Money raised to improve the wood.

Centenary celebrations: Donations received towards the Centenary celebrations.

Centenary Tree fund: Donations received towards the Centenary milestone celebration, to plant 100 trees in the beautiful moorlands that surround Sheffield

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11 Restricted funds - continued

Prior year comparison

	<i>Balance b/fwd</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance c/fwd</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Challenge Road Building</i>	4,497	20,888	(37,749)	5,503	(6,861)
<i>Green Belt</i>	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
<i>CEV Projects</i>	2,011	-	(2,011)	-	-
<i>Haythornthwaite Wood</i>	-	18,685	(7,809)	-	10,876
<i>4th Reservoir Opposition Appeal</i>	-	520	(1,000)	480	-
	8,712	40,093	(48,569)	5,983	6,219

11 Split of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,151	-	5,151	9,173	-	9,173
Net current assets	594,857	10,475	605,332	719,695	6,219	725,914
	600,008	10,475	610,483	728,868	6,219	735,087

12 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charity was committed to making the following payments under operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating lease payments:		
Within 1 year	11,679	11,468
Within 2 to 5 years	90	451
	11,769	11,919

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions, other than those included in note 6.

14 Contingent asset

The charity was notified of a legacy due them in December 2021. The first distribution of £400,000 was received in February 2022 and the second distribution of £310,326 was received in April 2023. A final distribution is due when the estate accounts have been finalised - in accordance with the accounting policy, no provision for the remaining distribution has been made in the 2024 accounts.

Accounts

Company registration number: 04496754
Charity registration number: 1094975

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2023

Full name

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Other names by which the charity is known

Friends of the Peak District

CPRE South Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number

1094975

Registered Company Number

04496754

Registered Address

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Vice President

Anne Robinson

Ambassadors

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Helen Mort

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Vice Chair

Les Sturch

Honorary Treasurer

Eugene Walker

Other Trustees

Faith Johnson
David Holmes
Janet Haddock-Fraser
Richard Mills
Corinna Lincoln

(resigned 25 September 2023)

(appointed 5 June 2023)

(appointed 25 September 2023)

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

**Legal and administrative information
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Branch Staff

Ian Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Simpson	Communications Officer (from 1 Oct 2023)
Tony Wallace	Planning Officer (from 1 Oct 2023)
Susan Belt	Administration and Finance Officer
Cassa Townsend	Engagement Officer

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**Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report)
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("The Branch") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity with the Charities Commission. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (adopted in 2013).

The Board meets every 3 months and there are sub-committees formed as required. The Branch employs one full-time and several part-time members of staff, including the Chief Executive who manages the day to day work of the organisation and has trustee approved delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, campaigning activity, engagement and fundraising.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the members of the charity for a minimum of three years. At every annual general meeting all Trustees who have completed a three-year term shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms in office.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees receive an 'onboarding pack' containing several documents related to their role (including Memorandum, Articles, conflict of interest, expenses etc.). They also undergo an orientation day with the CEO to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law and to discuss the annual and five-year strategy, current campaigns, committee structure, meetings, staff and the last annual accounts and report.

Conflicts of interest

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Upon appointment to the Board any potential conflict of interest with any individual or organisation must be disclosed. Before each Board Meeting all trustees are requested to declare any conflict of interest with any agenda item.

Ambassadors, Vice President and President

The charity currently has (poet and author) Helen Mort and (writer and conservationist) Mark Cocker as ambassadors. Our Vice President is Anne Robinson. Our President is Dame Fiona Reynolds DBE.

Regional and National CPRE Representation

The CEO attends quarterly meetings of the Yorkshire, Humber and Lincolnshire Regional Group of CPRE. A Trustee attends regular 'Assemble' meetings with National CPRE. We sub-let desk space in our office to National CPRE and benefit from the cross-pollination of having National CPRE staff working alongside us regularly.

Networks

The charity is a branch of the national charity Campaign to Protect Rural England, also known as "CPRE: The countryside charity". The CPRE network operates as a network of over 40 branches, and the chairs of the branches hold voting rights to this centre network. The branding and core purposes are shared across the network. The Branch are also involved at a regional level (Yorkshire and the Humber) and are eligible to receive funds from this group.

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For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Campaign for National Parks / Friends of the Peak District

As well as being CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire the charity is 'double-hatted' in that it represents the Campaign for National Parks in the Peak District National Park. In our dealings with the Peak District National Park Authority in this specific role we are known as Friends of the Peak District. We ceased to offer a separate membership for Friends of the Peak District in 2021 because of the cost and administrative complexities.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular the area within the branch boundaries and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

The activity pillars within the current five year strategy (which is employed to achieve the charity's objectives and activities) are:

- Tackle the Climate Emergency
- Connect People and Countryside
- Promote Rural Life
- Empower Communities
- Grow Our Capacity

The two major campaigns (see later) that the charity has undertaken in this reporting period have been carried out within the context of these pillars. One to prevent the damage from unnecessary road building and the other to prevent biodiversity loss. Any spare resource after the campaigning activity has gone in to preparations for the centenary of the charity in 2024.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

Our work in protecting the landscapes of South Yorkshire and the Peak District did centre around two major campaigns in 2023 – the A57 Link Roads campaign (and the resultant judicial review in the High Court) and the campaign to prevent changes to water storage (and biodiversity loss) in the Upper Derwent Valley. In addition to this we undertook our 'normal' work around a gamut of planning issues, engagement opportunities and smaller campaigns. We have also been additionally involved in 'non-traditional' work around access, litter, fire, and communicating 'best practise' in the outdoors in conjunction with partners in South Yorkshire and the National Park.

Local Plans

Having published our initial response to the Sheffield Plan we are actively seeking to grow a network of stakeholders involved with and concerned about the evolution of Sheffield as a City over the next 30 years. We have also continued to monitor the development schedules of the other six local authorities for any significant threats or opportunities. Our planning officer and volunteers are involved in submitting letters (both in support and opposition) to applications and proposals monthly.

Community Energy Visioning Projects

With the financial support of National CPRE we led 'community energy vision' projects in two local communities - Bonsall and Woodsetts. These were opportunities for the community to engage with experts to consider alternative renewable energy sources for their communities. Those ideas were then 'realised' in report form with local artists contributing work. At the Community Energy England awards in November 2023 we were awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Community and Engagement Inclusion field for this work. Our thanks to Andy Tickle for leading this work for us. We have submitted funding applications to National CPRE so that we can continue this engagement strand for the next three years.

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Transport

By far the most significant part of our campaigning effort during this reporting period has been focussed on the A57 Link Road campaign. Having published our 'Low Carbon Travel Plan' and submitted an objection to the scheme in 2021 we were dismayed to learn that the government gave the green light to the project as part of the 'Trans Pennine Upgrade Programme'. In 2022 the trustees of the charity, having sought legal advice, agreed to challenge the decision made by the Secretary of State for Transport (Mark Harper) to consent the A57 Link Roads Scheme – a proposed dual carriageway at Mottram on the eastern edge of Greater Manchester.

Our case is that it is unlawful for the government to allow such road schemes (1) without assessing the cumulative effect of carbon emission and (2) failing to consider alternatives which would not harm the green belt, the national park, or our climate. Our grounds (1) is, in law, very similar to an earlier case brought by Dr Andrew Boswell. Having found against his case, a subsequent appeal by Boswell was approved and heard in January 2024. The result of his appeal will directly influence whether or not our grounds (1) progresses (we should know in Feb / March 2024). Our grounds (2) was heard in the High Court in early October 2023 and subsequently dismissed in the judge's finding (in mid November).

Our case had two Grounds: (1) that the Government's approach of allowing large road schemes to go ahead without assessing the cumulative impact of carbon emissions was unlawful, and (2) that in approving the Link Roads project they had failed to consider alternatives which would avoid harming the Green Belt, the National Park and the climate.

We filed our claim with the High Court in late 2022. Mrs Justice Thornton heard our claim at the High Court on October 3rd and 4th 2023 and published her verdict on our Ground 2 in late November 2023. She found against us.

The process for Ground 1 on climate emissions was more complicated. Ground 1 was adjourned (neither heard nor dismissed) due to its similarity to the Ground used in another live legal case (the Boswell case). Essentially, we were told (in October 2023) that we would have to wait for the Court of Appeal to hear the Boswell case before our Ground 1 could be heard in the High Court. The Boswell case subsequently failed in the Court of Appeal. The Boswell legal team then decided to take their case to the Supreme Court. We prepared papers for a further stay on our case pending the Supreme Court hearing of Boswell.

However, in March 2024 Mr Justice Holgate (the senior Planning Court Judge) made an order on another road building challenge case (Stonehenge) which applied directly to our case. He refused the application for a further stay in that case on the basis that the Boswell Ground was materially the same as the one that was unsuccessful in the Court of Appeal in Boswell and, because the Planning Court is bound by the Court of Appeal, he could not come to a different conclusion.

Senior legal advisers to the charity recommended that we did not challenge the issue of the stay. Furthermore we were advised that because our Ground 1 was indistinguishable from that in the Boswell Case (and that the High Court in that case had already found against it) it was agreed that there would now be no legal basis upon which to have our Ground 1 heard by the High Court. This is why our Ground 1 was labelled as 'totally without merit' – it is the 'value' of having the High Court hear a case (ours) indistinguishable from a Ground in the Boswell case (which it had recently found against) which, in legal terminology, is 'totally without merit'. That terminology does not relate in any way to the value of our having brought the Ground to court in the first place.

With both our Grounds now having failed in the High Court we were left with the option of progressing to the Court of Appeal (to appeal against the High Court verdict). The board of trustees voted against this option.

This was an enormous undertaking for the charity. The costs of the action are very significant and an online fundraising campaign using the 'Crowd Justice' platform was used to raise donations. Additionally there have been some pledges of financial assistance to support this campaign (from private individuals) which persuaded the Board to tolerate the significant financial risks of proceeding with the undertaking. The final costs will be accounted for in the 2024 accounts.

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The A57 Link Roads project is but the start of the ongoing threat to the Peak District National Park. Plans for a bypass of Hollingworth and Tintwistle and dualling of the trunk route through the National Park remain live. We will be seeking to ensure that the future roads programme does not include such schemes. They would do irreparable harm to our most treasured and highly protected landscapes as well as worsen the climate and nature crises. The new duty which requires National Highways to 'seek to further National Park purposes' should set a higher bar to progressing such development.

In the shorter term, we remain unconvinced that the A57 Link Roads scheme will solve the problems of chronic road congestion in the Mottram and Glossop area. Modelling prepared for us by transport experts suggests that new roads like this will simply move heavy traffic from one place to another – in this case, from Mottram to Glossop, Hollingworth and Tintwistle where through traffic will increase. We will continue to work with local transport groups to promote alternative low-carbon travel plans that provide viable alternatives to ever more private car journeys.

We have also had representation at a local and regional level on several panels and focus groups on sustainable public transport and we are represented on the Transport Policy Committee at National CPRE.

Reservoirs

The second significant part of our campaigning effort during the reporting period has been the work to protect the Upper Derwent Valley (UDV) in the Peak District. The charity has a 90 year long history in opposing the use of the area for reservoir building and in campaigning to stop the expansion of the project. Severn Trent Water (STW) published a proposal (in late Dec 2021) that listed a number of possible options for expanding water storage in the UDV. The charity believes that fixing the existing leaks in the water distribution system and implementing controls to reduce water usage should come before damaging the UDV in order to store more water.

A number of meetings with STW and the local community took place during the reporting period. In Spring 2023 we led on the formation of a 'coalition of opposition' to the STW plan which included the likes of the British Mountaineering Council, The Ramblers, The National Trust, The Peak District National Park and others. We were regularly on radio and television and received widespread coverage of the campaign in local and regional media. Having prepared the coalition for a major press release and campaign launch in early July 2023 we were notified (2 days beforehand) that STW had retracted their plans. A period of consultation followed. The charity is currently monitoring both the future ambitions of STW and announcements from Yorkshire Water regarding where their additional water requirements are going to come from.

Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW)

The PDBW is a walk that was conceived and launched by the charity and it continues to grow in popularity. We published the reprint of the guidebook in this reporting period (which was published by a local publisher and is retailed via an e-commerce platform by the publisher with the charity receiving a share of the profit). The social media community directly engaged with this walk numbers in excess of 1000. We are launching a 'walk the PDBW' fundraising option for our centenary in Spring 2024.

The 'Ethel's'

The 'Ethel's' was an idea of Doug Colton during the pandemic. He mapped the 95 high points of the National Park and South Yorkshire and named them after the founder of the charity and then went on to design and launch a tick-list app of the hills for walkers. The app has brought significant interest to the charity, and we are very grateful to Doug Colton for all that he has done. There have been approximately 35,000 downloads of the app since its creation in 2021. We are launching a 'walk the Ethels' fundraising option for our centenary in Spring 2024.

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Ethel Haythornthwaite Biography

After a selection process the author and poet Helen Mort was commissioned to write the biography of the founder of the charity (Ethel Haythornthwaite). Helen delivered the manuscript in August 2023 and we are working with Vertebrate Publishing on the format of the book which will be launched on 7 May 2024.

University of Sheffield Medical Students

We have been working with a local GP surgery to incorporate medical students in to outdoor access and wellbeing projects that we are involved with. In this reporting period they (with our guidance) have helped us design a 'get outdoors' advice poster for local GP surgeries, and assisted with the content on a free to access online tool for accessing local countryside.

Heritage Lottery Fund supported CPRE Archive Project

We were finally able to welcome back our volunteers onsite to help with cataloguing and digitisation work. Caroline Bolton returned to complete the great cataloguing work and lead with the plan for off-site digitisation of some of the gems within the archive. It's not as we'd hoped or planned but the revised plan will mean that we will still be able to safeguard the archive and make it accessible to future generations. As we approach our 100th anniversary we are in discussions with the City Archive as to how the collection can be most accessible within available resources. A lot of the work done by the archive volunteers is on our website.

Haythornthwaite Wood

Haythornthwaite Wood is a small copse in the village of Dore. Gerald Haythornthwaite purchased a 99 year lease on the wood and there are memorial stones therein to mark the contribution to local landscape protection that he and his wife (Ethel – our founder) made. National CPRE (via their 'Hedgerow Heroes' fund) and Dore Village Society have both kindly financially supported our work to reinvigorate the Wood and the surrounding wall and hedgerow. During 2023 Cassa Townsend planned, organised and led a series of volunteer and engagement activities at the wood including an event in November which the Lord Mayor attended. We are grateful to Sheffield City Council Park Rangers Service for all their help, work and guidance. There is an engagement programme being arranged for the next few years in the wood.

Volunteers

The charity continues to receive support in a number of aspects of our work from volunteers – these are an intrinsic part of the charity. A team of volunteers came together to work on the aforementioned archive project and another team is currently being formed to provide support and extra resource to our centenary plans. Additionally we have University of Sheffield Planning Students volunteering with us on planning issues. We also have volunteers involved in campaigning, administration and access. In Easter 2024 a Sheffield University Geography Dept student will join us for 10 days to digitally map our centenary of campaigning work. Anne Robinson volunteers nigh on full-time and is our highly regarded transport campaigns lead.

Across all aspects of volunteering (including trustees) the charity receives approximately 280 days of volunteer support per year.

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Conclusions

2023 was our 99th year protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire. We want to record our thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, and to our Trustees, as well as to all of our members, supporters and advocates, without whom we would not be able to undertake our vitally important work.

A long and overly expensive relationship with a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software provider has been ended and we are in the process of joining the same CRM provider as National CPRE (which will allow a greatly enhanced ability to administrate the membership database and communicate with members, followers and stakeholders alike). Unfortunately the National CPRE roll out has been delayed. We are also adopting the same volunteer management tool as National CPRE ('Assemble').

The A57 legal case was almost 'all consuming' for the charity and severely impacted our ability to undertake our normal campaigning work and it also impacted our preparations for the centenary! With the court case verdict now public (albeit not financially resolved) and the 100th main event passed we can focus on promoting the charity through a variety of projects in the remaining months of the centenary year. At the Sept 2024 board meeting we will begin to craft the 2025-2030 strategy which will provide our strategic direction for the next 5 years.

Other than that there are a number of causes, campaigns and issues that we 'took our eye off' during the court case which need our attention eg on planning, minerals, access, the Sheffield Plan, changes to Green Belt legislation etc.

Plans for the Future

Our centenary was 'soft launched' on 10 January 2024. We curated a series of community events, a book launch, membership activities, access to the archive and other events in to a centenary programme. The charity hosted a major celebration on 7 May 2024 at Whirlow Brook Hall with circa 100 invitees.

The over-arching short term goal of the board and staff is to maximise the long-term stakeholder developments from our centenary. This series of events has the potential to guarantee the success of the charity going forward.

We wrote and published the 5-year strategic plan (2020 – 2025) in the first half of 2020. This directs the charity to and through its centenary in 2024. A key challenge of the near future is continuing the work of the charity in 2024 whilst simultaneously delivering a series of events (centred on 7 May 2024) that do justice to our one hundred years work protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire.

The charity has for a long time struggled with the imbalance of doing an awful lot of important and necessary work with very little *actual* resources. We have spent about 2 years recruiting talent in to charity in the areas of planning, engagement and communications and we now need to turn these appointments in to enduring commitments. The emergence of one or more major issues (eg A57 or reservoirs) and the resultant campaign effort *still* places enormous strain on a small team (e.g. our planning officer is only on a one day a week contract). We need to reinforce our planning staff (beyond 1 dpw) and also look to diversify the Board and Ambassadors.

Significant effort by Rebecca Simpson (communications lead) has allowed the charity to get much much better at digital engagement. We have a centenary sub-site to the website and are now much more able to articulate all aspects of our work as well as fundraise better online. We have elected to stop printing and distributing the Peakland Guardian journal and are posting campaign updates online and sending out e-newsletters.

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Financial review

Our total income for the financial year was £429,827 compared with £511,980 in the previous year. The largest proportion of our income was legacy income which totalled £317,333 (2022: £456,730) including the second significant portion of the legacy from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose.

Total expenditure for the financial year was £221,002 compared to £205,320 in the previous year. The majority of costs are related to staff and office costs, with direct activity costs (Campaigning and project costs) varying from year to year.

The overall net movement in funds for the year was a surplus of £208,825 (2022: £306,660) primarily due to the legacy income. The unrestricted funds were £517,550 at the beginning of the year and £728,868 at the end of the year.

Legacy from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose

The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose for the significant legacy. The Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects, not to be used simply to plug budget gaps. It remains essential and our top priority, to achieve sustainable fundraising to secure the Charity. A percentage of the legacy money will be moved to an appropriate interest bearing bank account as soon as possible.

Reserves Policy

The trustees require that the equivalent of a years planned operational expenditure should be kept in reserve to ensure that the charity could continue to work through a period of unforeseen difficulty. The planned operational expenditure for 2024 is £224,000.

As at 31 December 2023 Free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets) were £719,695, which significantly exceeds the reserves target, but only due to the legacy income received in this and the previous year. As noted above the Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects but have not formally designated any monies towards this in the accounts.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis and will do so as part of work on the budget early in the current financial year with a view to ensuring that the charity both protects the legacy and remains viable over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The charity policy is to hold cash reserves rather than an investment portfolio. As there is now a surplus of cash due to the recent legacy an amount of this is in the process of being moved to a high interest cash account.

Principle Risks

The charity has a risk assessment policy and a live risk register which is maintained by the CEO. The high impact risks include (but are not limited to): multiple paid personnel leaving; litigation by developer/landowner e.g. planning application we've opposed; negative publicity nationally about organisation's work; poor governance from trustees and loss of future legacies. The Board review the risk register annually.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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.

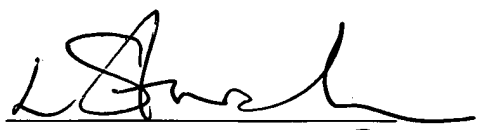
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Small Company provisions:

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

Approved by the board on 3 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Name:  LES STURCH
Position: Vice Chair Trustees

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

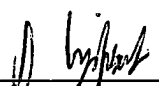
Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____


Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
Sheffield
S6 2HH

Date: _____

4 June 2024

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £
Income from:							
Donations, grants and legacies		327,893	27,658	355,551	468,646	25	468,671
Subscriptions		17,229	-	17,229	17,064	-	17,064
Total donations and legacies	2a	345,122	27,658	372,780	485,710	25	485,735
Charitable activities	2b	25,416	12,435	37,851	4,050	12,310	16,360
Other trading activities	2c	6,144	-	6,144	6,188	-	6,188
Investments	2d	10,895	-	10,895	1,540	-	1,540
Other sources	2e	2,157	-	2,157	2,157	-	2,157
Total income		389,734	40,093	429,827	499,645	12,335	511,980
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	25,128	-	25,128	23,824	-	23,824
Charitable activities	3b	147,305	48,569	195,874	145,375	36,121	181,496
Total expenditure		172,433	48,569	221,002	169,199	36,121	205,320
Net income/(expenditure)		217,301	(8,476)	208,825	330,446	(23,786)	306,660
Transfer between funds	10	(5,983)	5,983	-	(4,323)	4,323	-
Net movement in funds		211,318	(2,493)	208,825	326,123	(19,463)	306,660
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		517,550	8,712	526,262	191,427	28,175	219,602
Total funds carried forward		728,868	6,219	735,087	517,550	8,712	526,262

All of the charitable company's operations are classed as continuing.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	9,173	8,684
Total fixed assets		<u>9,173</u>	<u>8,684</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	15,104	16,049
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>758,290</u>	<u>509,497</u>
Total current assets		<u>773,394</u>	<u>525,546</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(47,480)	(7,968)
Net current assets		<u>725,914</u>	<u>517,578</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		735,087	526,262
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total net assets		<u><u>735,087</u></u>	<u><u>526,262</u></u>
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		728,868	517,550
Restricted fund income	10	<u>6,219</u>	<u>8,712</u>
Total charity funds	11	<u><u>735,087</u></u>	<u><u>526,262</u></u>

For the year ending 31 December 2023 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 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board on 3 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: LES STURCH
Position: Vice Chair Trustees

LES STURCH

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of receipt of any monies or on receipt of the estate accounts, when the amount due to the organisation can be quantified.

Subscription income for CPRE membership and FOPD membership is treated as a donation and recognised as income on receipt in the year it becomes due.

Income from local government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. All expenditure is reported gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is either directly allocated to funds, or apportioned to the applicable funds on a line by line basis, based on staff time and use of office.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Any assets purchased below £500 are written off at the time of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off cost of those assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:
Equipment - 25%

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are either donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or grant income sought for specified activities.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(i) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged against net incoming resources are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

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(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(l) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have plans in place to address the budgeted deficits by significant fundraising and controlling costs.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
2a Income from donations, grants and legacies						
Donations	10,560	27,658	38,218	11,916	25	11,941
Legacies	317,333	-	317,333	456,730	-	456,730
Subscriptions	17,229	-	17,229	17,064	-	17,064
	<u>345,122</u>	<u>27,658</u>	<u>372,780</u>	<u>485,710</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>485,735</u>
2b Income from charitable activities						
Grant income	25,000	12,435	37,435	4,000	12,310	16,310
Events income	416	-	416	50	-	50
	<u>25,416</u>	<u>12,435</u>	<u>37,851</u>	<u>4,050</u>	<u>12,310</u>	<u>16,360</u>
2c Income from other trading activities						
Merchandising income	644	-	644	688	-	688
Rental income	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	-	5,500
	<u>6,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,144</u>	<u>6,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,188</u>
2d Investment income						
Bank interest	10,895	-	10,895	1,540	-	1,540
	<u>10,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,895</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,540</u>
2e Income from other sources						
Student placements	2,157	-	2,157	2,157	-	2,157
	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure

3a Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Fundraising	141	-	141	263	-	263
Staff costs	5,247	-	5,247	6,080	-	6,080
Consultancy	19,560	-	19,560	17,280	-	17,280
Bank charges	180	-	180	201	-	201
	<u>25,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,128</u>	<u>23,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,824</u>

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3b	Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
	Campaigning costs	-	38,749	38,749	-	12,600	12,600
	Boundary Walk costs	403	-	403	2,960	-	2,960
	Other project costs	6,361	9,738	16,099	4,142	23,294	27,436
	Staff costs (salaries)	75,304	-	75,304	86,483	-	86,483
	Staff costs (consultancy)	18,571	-	18,571	1,821	-	1,821
	Other staff costs (including expenses, payroll fees and training)	1,775	-	1,775	1,846	-	1,846
	Office costs	11,112	82	11,194	13,929	-	13,929
	Other costs	1,060	-	1,060	1,752	-	1,752
	Premises/utilities	22,738	-	22,738	22,411	227	22,638
	Promotion costs	14	-	14	540	-	540
	Depreciation	4,022	-	4,022	2,895	-	2,895
	Legal and professional fees	3,712	-	3,712	4,199	-	4,199
	Governance costs	2,233	-	2,233	2,397	-	2,397
		<u>147,305</u>	<u>48,569</u>	<u>195,874</u>	<u>145,375</u>	<u>36,121</u>	<u>181,496</u>

4 Fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination fee - included within governance costs	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,280</u>
Other fees paid to independent examiner's organisation for Other services	203	-
	<u>203</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	74,030	83,960
Employer's NI	7,323	8,575
Employer's allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Employer's pension contributions	4,198	5,028
	<u>80,551</u>	<u>92,563</u>
Split of salaries by activity:		
Raising funds	5,247	6,080
Charitable activities	65,472	76,129
Governance costs (included within staff costs in note 3b)	9,832	10,354
	<u>80,551</u>	<u>92,563</u>
Average number of employees	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.8</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in either year.

6 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year. 1 trustee was re-imbursed travel expenses totalling £16 (2022: 1 trustees reimbursed travel expenses totalling £104). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £57,671 (2022: £54,838).

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 January 2023	11,579	11,579
Additions	4,511	4,511
Disposals	-	-
As at 31 December 2023	16,090	16,090
Depreciation		
As at 1 January 2023	2,895	2,895
Charge this period	4,022	4,022
Disposals	-	-
As at 31 December 2023	6,917	6,917
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2023	9,173	9,173
As at 31 December 2022	8,684	8,684

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	12,865	11,849
Tax recoverable on gift aid donations	786	875
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments	1,453	3,325
	15,104	16,049

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	45,045	5,688
Accruals	2,070	2,280
Other creditors	365	-
	47,480	7,968

10 Restricted funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Challenge Road Building	4,497	20,888	(37,749)	5,503	(6,861)
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
CEV Projects	2,011	-	(2,011)	-	-
Haythornthwaite Wood	-	18,685	(7,809)	-	10,876
4th Reservoir Opposition Appeal	-	520	(1,000)	480	-
	8,712	40,093	(48,569)	5,983	6,219

Challenge Road Building:

Member and public appeal for funds to assist our work in challenging the policy of road building. The transfer of £5,503 and the balance b/fwd of £4,497 represents the charity's match funding contribution of £10,000 to the A57 appeal. The fund is in deficit at the year end due to timings of pledged donations and final bills.

Green Belt:

Member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to protect green belt in the Branch area.

CEV projects:

Grants provided to run Community Energy Visioning workshops in the areas of Bonsall and Woodsetts.

Haythornthwaite Wood:

Money raised to improve the wood.

4th Reservoir Opposition Appeal:

Money raised towards objecting to a new reservoirs The transfer of £480 represents the charity's match funding contribution.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)
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11 Restricted funds - continued

Prior year comparison

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Challenge Road Building	17,097	-	(12,600)	-	4,497
HLF Archive	7,005	3,910	(15,238)	4,323	-
Lakeland PDBW Project NW	227	-	(227)	-	-
Ethel Plaque appeal	642	25	(667)	-	-
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
CEV Projects	-	8,400	(6,389)	-	2,011
AESSEAL	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>28,175</u>	<u>12,335</u>	<u>(36,121)</u>	<u>4,323</u>	<u>8,712</u>

11 Split of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Tangible fixed assets	9,173	-	9,173	8,684	-	8,684
Net current assets	719,695	6,219	725,914	508,866	8,712	517,578
	<u>728,868</u>	<u>6,219</u>	<u>735,087</u>	<u>517,550</u>	<u>8,712</u>	<u>526,262</u>

12 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charity was committed to making the following payments under operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Operating lease payments:		
Within 1 year	11,468	11,669
Within 2 to 5 years	451	-
	<u>11,919</u>	<u>11,669</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions, other than those included in note 6.

14 Contingent asset

The charity was notified of a legacy due them in December 2021. The first distribution of £400,000 was received in February 2022. The second distribution of £310,326 was received in April 2023 and a final distribution is due in 2024 - in accordance with the accounting policy, no provision for the remaining distributions have been made in the 2023 accounts.

Accounts

Company registration number: 04496754
Charity registration number: 1094975

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2022

Full name

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Other names by which the charity is known

Friends of the Peak District; CPRE South Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number

1094975

Registered Company Number

04496754

Registered Address

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Dame Fiona Reynolds

Vice President

Anne Robinson

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Mark Cocker
Helen Mort

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Julie Parry (resigned 25 August 2023)

Vice Chair

Les Sturch

Honorary Treasurer

Eugene Walker

Other Trustees

Faith Johnson
David Holmes
Steve Tivey (resigned 18 January 2022)
Janet Haddock-Fraser (appointed 11 August 2022)
Richard Mills (appointed 5 June 2023)

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2022

Branch Staff

Ian Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Andy Tickle	Head of Campaigns (until 30 Sept 2022)
Susan Belt	Administration and Finance Officer
Caroline Bolton	Archivist (until 1 Aug 2022)
Cassa Townsend	Project Officer (from 1 May 2022)

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**Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report)
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("The Branch") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (adopted in 2013). It is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

The Board meets every 3 months and there are sub-committees formed as required. The Branch employs one full-time and two part-time members of staff, including the Chief Executive who manages the day to day work of the organisation and has trustee approved delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, campaigning activity, engagement and fundraising.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the members of the charity for a minimum of three years. At every annual general meeting all Trustees who have completed a three-year term shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms in office.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees receive an 'onboarding pack' containing several documents related to their role (including Memorandum, Articles, conflict of interest, expenses etc.). They also undergo an orientation day with the CEO to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law and to discuss the annual and five-year strategy, current campaigns, committee structure, meetings, staff and the last annual accounts and report.

Conflicts of interest

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Upon appointment to the Board any potential conflict of interest with any individual or organisation must be disclosed. Before each Board Meeting all trustees are requested to declare any conflict of interest with any agenda item

Ambassadors, Vice President and President

The charity currently has (poet and author) Helen Mort and (writer and conservationist) Mark Cocker as ambassadors. Our Vice President is Anne Robinson. Our President is Dame Fiona Reynolds DBE.

Regional and National CPRE Representation

The CEO attends quarterly meetings of the Yorkshire, Humber and Lincolnshire Regional Group of CPRE. A Trustee attends regular 'Assemble' meetings with National CPRE. We sub-let desk space in our office to National CPRE and benefit from the cross-pollination of having National CPRE staff working alongside us regularly.

Networks

The charity is a branch of the national charity Campaign to Protect Rural England, also known as "CPRE The countryside charity". The CPRE network operates as a network of over 40 branches, and the chairs of the branches hold voting rights to this centre network. The branding and core purposes are shared across the network. The Branch are also involved at a regional level (Yorkshire and the Humber), and are eligible to receive funds from this group.

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Campaign for National Parks / Friends of the Peak District

As well as being CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire the charity is 'double-hatted' in that it represents the Campaign for National Parks in the Peak District National Park. In our dealings with the Peak District National Park Authority in this specific role we are known as Friends of the Peak District. We ceased to offer a separate membership for Friends of the Peak District in 2021 because of the cost and administrative complexities.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote and encourage the improvement and protection of the countryside within the Peak District and South Yorkshire. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the organisation's strategic aims and in planning future activities.

The activity pillars within the current five year strategy (which is employed to achieve the charity's objectives and activities) are:

- Tackle the Climate Emergency
- Connect People and Countryside
- Promote Rural Life
- Empower Communities
- Grow Our Capacity

The two major campaigns (see later) that the charity has undertaken in this reporting period have been carried out within the context of these pillars. One to prevent the damage from unnecessary road building and the other to prevent biodiversity loss.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

The need for the work that we do in protecting the landscapes of South Yorkshire and the Peak District did not diminish at all, indeed if anything it increased during 2022 and continued to do so in 2023. We have also been additionally involved in 'non-traditional' work around access, litter, fire, and communicating 'best practise' in the outdoors in conjunction with partners in South Yorkshire and the National Park.

Local Plans

We were involved in, and published our initial response to the Sheffield Plan as well as continuing to monitor the development schedules of the other six local authorities for any significant threats or opportunities. Our planning volunteers are involved in submitting letters (both in support and opposition) to applications and proposals monthly.

Community Energy Visioning Projects

With the financial support of National CPRE we led 'community energy vision' projects in two local communities - Bonsall and Woodsetts. These were opportunities for the community to engage with experts to consider alternative renewable energy sources for their communities. Those ideas were then 'realised' in report form with local artists contributing work.

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Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report) - continued
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Transport

A very significant part of our campaigning effort during this reporting period has been focussed on the A57 Link Road campaign. Having published our 'Low Carbon Travel Plan' and submitted an objection to the scheme in 2021 we were dismayed to learn that the government gave the green light to the project as part of the 'Trans Pennine Upgrade Programme'. Following very careful consideration and professional advice we have filed our claim for judicial review of the decision by the Secretary of State with the High Court.

Our case is that it is unlawful for the government to allow such road schemes (1) without assessing the cumulative effect of carbon emission and (2) failing to consider alternatives which would not harm the green belt, the national park, or our climate. Our case is due to be heard in the High Court in early October 2023 and we should know the judgement by mid November.

This is an enormous undertaking for the charity. The costs of the action are very significant and an online fundraising campaign using the 'Crowd Justice' platform was launched. Additionally there have been some pledges of financial assistance to support this campaign (from private individuals) which lent considerable weight to the decision of the Board to tolerate the financial risks of proceeding with the undertaking.

We have also had representation at a local and regional level on a number of panels and focus groups on sustainable public transport and we are represented on the Transport Policy Committee at National CPRE.

Reservoirs

The second significant part of our campaigning effort during the reporting period has been the work to protect the Upper Derwent Valley (UDV) in the Peak District. The charity has a 90 year long history in opposing the use of the area for reservoir building and in campaigning to stop the expansion of the project. Severn Trent Water (STW) published a proposal (in late Dec 2021) that listed a number of possible options for expanding water storage in the UDV. The charity believes that fixing the existing leaks in the water distribution system and implementing controls to reduce water usage should come before damaging the UDV in order to store more water.

A number of meetings with STW and the local community took place during the reporting period. In Spring 2023 we led on the formation of a 'coalition of opposition' to the STW plan which included the likes of the British Mountaineering Council, The Ramblers, The National Trust, The Peak District National Park and others. We were regularly on radio and television and received widespread coverage of the campaign in local and regional media.

Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW)

The PDBW is a walk that was conceived and launched by the charity and it continues to grow in popularity. We published the reprint of the guidebook in this reporting period (which was published by a local publisher and is retailed via an e-commerce platform by the publisher with the charity receiving a share of the profit). The social media community directly engaged with this walk numbers in excess of 1000.

The 'Ethel's'

The 'Ethel's' was an idea of Doug Colton during the pandemic. He mapped the 95 high points of the National Park and South Yorkshire and named them after the founder of the charity and then went on to design and launch a tick-list app of the hills for walkers. The app has brought significant interest to the charity, and we are very grateful to Doug Colton for all that he has done. There have been approximately 30,000 downloads of the app since its creation in 2021.

Ethel Haythornthwaite Biography

After a selection process the author and poet Helen Mort was commissioned to write the biography of the founder of the charity (Ethel Haythornthwaite). Helen submitted a draft final manuscript in August 2023, and we are hopeful that publication will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the charity (in May 2024).

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Centenary

Plans for the 100th (in May 2024) are progressing. We hope to be able to incorporate community events, a book launch, membership activities, access to the archive and other events in to a centenary programme.

University of Sheffield Medical Students

We have been working with a local GP surgery to incorporate medical students in to outdoor access and wellbeing projects that we are involved with. Thus far they have helped us design a 'get outdoors' advice poster for local GP surgeries, and assisted with the content on a free to access online tool for accessing local countryside.

Dr. Andy Tickle

Andy left the charity in September 2022 after being on the staff for a total of more than 20 years. A well attended social was held in Sheffield to mark his departure. The charity is very grateful for everything Andy did for us during his time here. He has continued to support us both as a volunteer (overseeing the biography project) and as a consultant on the Community Energy Visioning work and minerals issues.

Organisational Review

The Board undertook a review of the employment terms of all members of staff in Spring 2022 with a view to saving costs wherever possible. That process was a difficult time for the charity and was completed by 1 May 2022. As part of this process the charity sought the professional services of Bhayani HR and Legal Services in Sheffield. They continue to provide guidance and support as required to the CEO and Board.

Heritage Lottery Fund supported CPRE Archive Project

We were finally able to welcome back our volunteers onsite to help with cataloguing and digitisation work. Caroline Bolton returned to complete the great cataloguing work and lead with the plan for off-site digitisation of some of the gems within the archive. It's not as we'd hoped or planned but the revised plan will mean that we will still be able to safeguard the archive and make it accessible to future generations. As we approach our 100th anniversary we are in discussions with the City Archive as to how the collection can be most accessible within available resources. A lot of the work done by the archive volunteers is on our website.

Haythornthwaite Wood

Haythornthwaite Wood is a small copse in the village of Dore. Gerald Haythornthwaite purchased a 99 year lease on the wood and there are memorial stones therein to mark the contribution to local landscape protection that he and his wife (Ethel – our founder) made. National CPRE and Dore Village Society have both financially supported our work to reinvigorate the Wood and the surrounding wall and hedgerow. Work is due to commence in Autumn 2023.

Volunteers

The charity continues to receive support in a number of aspects of our work from volunteers – these are an intrinsic part of the charity. A team of volunteers came together to work on the aforementioned archive project and another team is currently being formed to provide support and extra resource to our centenary plans. Additionally we have University of Sheffield Planning Students volunteering with us on planning issues. We also have volunteers involved in campaigning, administration and access. Anne Robinson volunteers night on full-time and is our highly regarded transport campaigns lead.

Across all aspects of volunteering (including trustees) the charity receives approximately 280 days of volunteer support per year.

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Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report) - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Conclusions

2022 was our 98th year protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire. We want to record our thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, and to our Trustees, as well as to all of our members, supporters and advocates, without whom we would not be able to undertake our vitally important work.

Plans for the Future

We wrote and published the 5-year strategic plan (2020 – 2025) in the first half of 2020. This will direct the charity to and through its centenary in 2024. A key challenge of the near future is continuing the work of the charity in 2024 whilst simultaneously delivering a series of events (centred on 7 May 2024) that do justice to our one hundred years work protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire.

The charity has for a long time struggled with the imbalance of doing an awful lot of important and necessary work with very little *actual* resources. We have spent about 18 months trying to fill important holes on the staff (a professionally qualified planning officer, a fundraiser and a communications lead) which are currently being done 'treble-hatted' by the CEO. The emergence of one or more major issues (eg A57 or reservoirs) and the resultant campaign effort places enormous strain on a small team. Time, effort and money continues to be spent on trying to attract high calibre staff to the charity and this will continue to be the case.

An overhaul of the website (by the communications lead) will allow the charity to increasingly engage digitally. At the moment a lot of the work of the charity seldom gets publicised because there isn't a dedicated communications resource in addition to the campaigning resource. We have elected to stop printing and distributing the Peakland Guardian journal and are posting campaign updates online and sending out e-newsletters.

A long and overly expensive relationship with a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software provider has been ended and we are in the process of joining the same CRM provider as National CPRE which will allow a greatly enhanced ability to administrate the membership database and communicate with members, followers and stakeholders alike. We are also adopting the same volunteer management tool as National CPRE ('Assemble').

Since the departure of the last salaried fundraiser (in 2021) the Board have undertaken several attempts to recruit a fundraiser - to no avail. Two failed relationships with fundraising consultancies thereafter have proven to the Board that the charity is very difficult to fundraise for. Some of our campaigning work does not attract great public interest or donations. Getting much better at publicising our work through digital channels will broaden our membership and followership bases. Focus will also be given in using the opportunities that the centenary affords us to grow new relationships with members, donors and stakeholders.

Financial review

Our total income for the financial year was £511,980 compared with £128,036 in the previous year. The income includes £456,730 legacy receipts, a significant portion of which was received from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose (see below).

Total expenditure for the financial year was £205,320 compared to £194,614 in the previous year. The majority of costs are related to staff and office costs, with direct activity costs (Campaigning and project costs) varying from year to year.

The overall net movement in funds for the year was a surplus of £306,660 (2021: deficit of £66,578). The unrestricted funds were £191,427 at the beginning of the year and £517,550.

**Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report) - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Legacy from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose

The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose for the significant legacy. The Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects, not to be used simply to plug budget gaps. It remains essential and our top priority, to achieve sustainable fundraising to secure the Charity. A percentage of the legacy money will be moved to an appropriate interest bearing bank account as soon as possible.

Reserves Policy

The trustees require that the equivalent of a years planned expenditure should be kept in reserve to ensure that the charity could continue to work through a period of unforeseen difficulty. The planned expenditure for 2023 is £266,000. As at 31 December 2022 Free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets) were £508,866, which significantly exceeds the reserves target due to the legacy income received in the year. As noted above the Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects but have not formally designated any monies towards this in the accounts.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis.

Investment Policy

The charity policy is to hold cash reserves rather than an investment portfolio. As there is now a surplus of cash due to the recent legacy an amount of this is in the process of being moved to a high interest cash account.

Principle Risks

The charity has a risk assessment policy and a live risk register which is maintained by the CEO. The high impact risks include (but are not limited to): multiple paid personnel leaving; litigation by developer/landowner e.g. planning application we've opposed; negative publicity nationally about organisation's work; poor governance from trustees and loss of future legacies. The Board review the risk register annually.

Small Company provisions:

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

Approved by the board on 25 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Name:



Position:

Vice Chair Trustee



Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

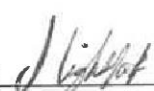
Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:


Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
Sheffield
S6 2HH

Date:

2 October 2023

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

**Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £
Income from:							
Donations, grants and legacies		468,646	25	468,671	40,340	30,004	70,344
Subscriptions		17,064	-	17,064	17,240	-	17,240
Total donations and legacies	2a	<u>485,710</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>485,735</u>	<u>57,580</u>	<u>30,004</u>	<u>87,584</u>
Charitable activities	2b	4,050	12,310	16,360	3,420	28,160	31,580
Other trading activities	2c	6,188	-	6,188	8,265	-	8,265
Investments	2d	1,540	-	1,540	12	-	12
Other sources	2e	2,157	-	2,157	595	-	595
Total income		<u>499,645</u>	<u>12,335</u>	<u>511,980</u>	<u>69,872</u>	<u>58,164</u>	<u>128,036</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	23,824	-	23,824	19,098	-	19,098
Charitable activities	3b	145,375	36,121	181,496	114,651	60,865	175,516
Total expenditure		<u>169,199</u>	<u>36,121</u>	<u>205,320</u>	<u>133,749</u>	<u>60,865</u>	<u>194,614</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		330,446	(23,786)	306,660	(63,877)	(2,701)	(66,578)
Transfer between funds	10	(4,323)	4,323	-	(501)	501	-
Net movement in funds		326,123	(19,463)	306,660	(64,378)	(2,200)	(66,578)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		191,427	28,175	219,602	255,805	30,375	286,180
Total funds carried forward		<u>517,550</u>	<u>8,712</u>	<u>526,262</u>	<u>191,427</u>	<u>28,175</u>	<u>219,602</u>

All of the charitable company's operations are classed as continuing.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	8,684	-
Total fixed assets		<u>8,684</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	16,049	30,079
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>509,497</u>	<u>211,342</u>
Total current assets		<u>525,546</u>	<u>241,421</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(7,968)	(21,819)
Net current assets		<u>517,578</u>	<u>219,602</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>526,262</u>	<u>219,602</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total net assets		<u><u>526,262</u></u>	<u><u>219,602</u></u>
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		517,550	191,427
Restricted fund income	10	<u>8,712</u>	<u>28,175</u>
Total charity funds	11	<u><u>526,262</u></u>	<u><u>219,602</u></u>

For the year ending 31 December 2022 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 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board on 25 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Name: LES STURGES
Position: Vice Chair Trustees

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the SOFA)	306,660	(66,578)
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14,030	(14,297)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13,851)	16,155
Investment income	(1,540)	(12)
Depreciation	<u>2,895</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	308,194	(64,732)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income	1,540	12
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>(11,579)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(10,039)	12
Change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>298,155</u>	<u>(64,720)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	211,342	276,062
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>509,497</u></u>	<u><u>211,342</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of receipt of any monies or on receipt of the estate accounts, when the amount due to the organisation can be quantified.

Subscription income for CPRE membership and FOPD membership is treated as a donation and recognised as income on receipt in the year it becomes due.

Income from local government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. All expenditure is reported gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is either directly allocated to funds, or apportioned to the applicable funds on a line by line basis, based on staff time and use of office.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Any assets purchased below £500 are written off at the time of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off cost of those assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:
Equipment - 25%

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are either donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or grant income sought for specified activities.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(i) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged against net incoming resources are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

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(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(l) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have plans in place to address the budgeted deficits by significant fundraising and controlling costs.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
2a Income from donations, grants and legacies						
Donations	11,916	25	11,941	17,147	18,709	35,856
Legacies	456,730	-	456,730	12,408	11,295	23,703
Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	10,785	-	10,785
Subscriptions	17,064	-	17,064	17,240	-	17,240
	<u>485,710</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>485,735</u>	<u>57,580</u>	<u>30,004</u>	<u>87,584</u>
2b Income from charitable activities						
Grant income	4,000	12,310	16,310	2,500	28,160	30,660
Events income	50	-	50	920	-	920
	<u>4,050</u>	<u>12,310</u>	<u>16,360</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>31,580</u>
2c Income from other trading activities						
Merchandising income	688	-	688	2,098	-	2,098
Rental income	5,500	-	5,500	6,167	-	6,167
	<u>6,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,188</u>	<u>8,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,265</u>
2d Investment income						
Bank interest	1,540	-	1,540	12	-	12
	<u>1,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
2e Income from other sources						
Student placements	2,157	-	2,157	-	-	-
Bank fee refund and compensation	-	-	-	595	-	595
	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>595</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure

3a Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Fundraising	263	-	263	308	-	308
Staff costs	6,080	-	6,080	6,694	-	6,694
Consultancy	17,280	-	17,280	12,000	-	12,000
Bank charges	201	-	201	96	-	96
	<u>23,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,824</u>	<u>19,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,098</u>

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3b Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Campaigning costs	-	12,600	12,600	-	34,218	34,218
Boundary Walk costs	2,960	-	2,960	2,685	-	2,685
Other project costs	4,142	23,294	27,436	-	9,352	9,352
Staff costs (salaries)	86,483	-	86,483	78,605	17,295	95,900
Staff costs (consultancy)	1,821	-	1,821	110	-	110
Other staff costs (including expenses, payroll fees and training)	1,846	-	1,846	884	-	884
Office costs	13,929	-	13,929	7,447	-	7,447
Other costs	1,752	-	1,752	76	-	76
Premises/utilities	22,411	227	22,638	23,403	-	23,403
Promotion costs	540	-	540	540	-	540
Depreciation	2,895	-	2,895	-	-	-
Legal and professional fees	4,199	-	4,199	-	-	-
Governance costs	2,397	-	2,397	901	-	901
	<u>145,375</u>	<u>36,121</u>	<u>181,496</u>	<u>114,651</u>	<u>60,865</u>	<u>175,516</u>

4 Fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation

2022
£

Independent examination fee - included within governance costs

2,280

There were no other fees due to the independent examiner's organisation during the year.

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries	83,960	92,032
Employer's NI	8,575	9,040
Employer's allowance	(5,000)	(4,000)
Employer's pension contributions	5,028	5,522
	<u>92,563</u>	<u>102,594</u>
Split of salaries by activity:		
Raising funds	6,080	6,694
Charitable activities	76,129	85,437
Governance costs (included within staff costs in note 3b)	10,354	10,463
	<u>92,563</u>	<u>102,594</u>
Average number of employees	<u>2.8</u>	<u>3.0</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in either year.

6 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year. 1 trustee was re-imbursed travel expenses totalling £104 (2021: 1 trustees reimbursed travel expenses totalling £78). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: £nil).

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £54,838 (2021: £51,333).

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 January 2022	10,462	10,462
Additions	11,579	11,579
Disposals	(10,462)	(10,462)
As at 31 December 2022	11,579	11,579
Depreciation		
As at 1 January 2022	10,462	10,462
Charge this period	2,895	2,895
Disposals	(10,462)	(10,462)
As at 31 December 2022	2,895	2,895
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2022	8,684	8,684
As at 31 December 2021	-	-

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	11,849	21,807
Tax recoverable on gift aid donations	875	2,214
Other debtors	-	3,648
Prepayments	3,325	2,410
	16,049	30,079

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,688	21,008
Accruals	2,280	811
	7,968	21,819

10 Restricted funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Challenge Road Building	17,097	-	(12,600)	-	4,497
HLF Archive	7,005	3,910	(15,238)	4,323	-
Lakeland PDBW Project NW	227	-	(227)	-	-
Ethel Plaque appeal	642	25	(667)	-	-
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
CEV Projects	-	8,400	(6,389)	-	2,011
AESSEAL	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
	28,175	12,335	(36,121)	4,323	8,712

Challenge Road Building: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work in challenging the policy of road building.

HLF Archive: Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the cost of a professionally archiving the history of the charity. The transfer represents the final project costs being funded by general funds.

Lakeland PDBW Project NW: to develop the Peak District Boundary Walk in the particular area of the Sheffield Lakeland.

Ethel Plaque appeal: to fund a Blue Heritage Plaque to commemorate the work of Ethel Haythornthwaite.

Green Belt: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to protect green belt in the Branch area.

CEV projects: grants provided to run Community Energy Visioning workshops in the areas of Bonsall and Woodsetts.

AESSEAL: grant received from South Yorkshire Community Foundation for a project to engage with hard to reach groups. Paid out to Peak District Mosaic during the year.

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**Notes to the Accounts (continued)
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11 Restricted funds - continued

<i>Prior year comparison</i>	<i>Balance b/fwd £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>Balance c/fwd £</i>
<i>Friends of the Peak District</i>	-	11,295	(11,295)	-	-
<i>Challenge Road Building</i>	24,432	12,520	(19,855)	-	17,097
<i>HLF Archive</i>	216	15,640	(9,352)	501	7,005
<i>Lakeland PDBW Project NW</i>	227	-	-	-	227
<i>Loxley Valley Campaign</i>	2,296	18,067	(20,363)	-	-
<i>Ethel Plaque appeal</i>	-	642	-	-	642
<i>Green Belt</i>	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
<i>AESSEAL</i>	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	30,375	58,164	(60,865)	501	28,175

11 Split of net assets by fund

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>2022 Total £</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>2021 Total £</i>
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	8,684	-	8,684	-	-	-
<i>Net current assets</i>	508,866	8,712	517,578	191,427	28,175	219,602
	517,550	8,712	526,262	191,427	28,175	219,602

12 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charity was committed to making the following payments under operating leases as follows:

	<i>2022 £</i>	<i>2021 £</i>
<i>Operating lease payments:</i>		
<i>Within 1 year</i>	562	11,912
<i>Within 2 to 5 years</i>	-	-
	562	11,912

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions, other than those included in note 6.

14 Contingent asset

The charity was notified of a legacy due them in December 2021. The first distribution of £400,000 was received in February 2022. The second distribution of £310,326 was received in April 2023 and a final distribution is due in late 2023 - in accordance with the accounting policy, no provision for the remaining distributions have been made in the 2022 accounts.

Accounts

Company registration number: 04496754

Charity registration number: 1094975

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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Legal and administrative Information For the year ended 31 December 2021

Full name

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Other names by which the charity is known

Friends of the Peak District; CPRE South Yorkshire
CPRE SY

Registered Charity Number

1094975

Registered Company Number

04496754

Registered Address

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Chair

Julie Parry

Vice Chair

Les Sturch

Honorary Treasurer

Eugene Walker (appointed 12 April 2021)

Other Trustees

Faith Johnson
David Holmes
Janet Haddock-Fraser (appointed 11 Aug 2022)
Corinna Lincoln (resigned 19 June 2021)
Ruth Knighton (resigned 13 Jan 2022)
Robert Hunter (resigned 1 Mar 2021)
Steve Tivey (resigned 18 Jan 2022)

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Branch Staff

Ian Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Andy Tickle	Head of Campaigns (until 30 Sept 2022)
Susan Belt	Administration and Finance Officer
Caroline Bolton	Archivist (until 1 Aug 2022)
Cassa Townsend	Project Officer (from 1 May 2022)

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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report) For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

The Branch is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Articles of Association. The Branch employs one full-time and two part-time members of staff, including the CEO who manages the day to day work of the organisation.

Trustees are appointed by the members of the charity for a minimum of three years. At every annual general meeting all Trustees who have completed a three-year term shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms in office.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote and encourage the improvement and protection of the countryside within the Peak District and South Yorkshire. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the organisation's strategic aims and in planning future activities.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance 2021

Impact of COVID-19

The period of social distancing and self-isolation in response to the Coronavirus pandemic continued throughout the reporting period, and concluded in February 2022

The need for the work that we do in protecting the landscapes of South Yorkshire and the Peak District did not diminish at all, indeed if anything it increased during 2021. We have also been tirelessly involved in 'non-traditional' work around access, litter, fire, and communicating 'best practise' in the outdoors.

The continuation of the outbreak during 2021 led to a disruptive cycle of working from home and when unable to work collectively in our office (although no refund on rent was available). This continued to impact communications and business continuity although best use was made of Zoom and other IT. All the activities of the charity that volunteers were involved in were paused and that remains the case until Spring 2022. The charity took advantage of the government's furlough support schemes for as long as possible. The decision to furlough staff where possible was made reviewed during 2021 and continued because the Board thought it appropriate given the work they were doing, the circumstances, and that to alter their individual earnings would require re-negotiation of contracts and salaries which the Board decided against doing.

Whilst the demand for the work that the charity does has continued unabated, the ability of the charity to fundraise was significantly impacted.

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Effectiveness

Despite the significant impact of Covid-19 on all aspects of our ability to generate income in 2021, it remained a very busy year for planning and campaigns.

Local Plans

Doncaster Local Plan – as core CPRE business we made a significant contribution to the Plan. Apart from a small policy addition to encourage community renewable energy projects, which we proposed, most of our major objections and new proposed text have been ignored. This is very disappointing, although the system of consultation, amendment and examination very much favours the status quo, leaving very little room for any step-changes in policy. Principally we argued for a raft of more holistic policies in relation to the legally-mandated need for radical reductions in carbon, which the Plan will now plainly not deliver.

Loxley Valley Campaign / Public Enquiries

The final stage of the Loxley inquiry was completed without issue, with us making a comprehensive closing statement and then attending a second site visit. Although we had been promised a decision within 3-4 weeks, this was pushed back due to the need to re-consult quickly in July (2021) on whether changes in the newly revised National Planning Policy Statement might bear on the case. All parties commented in brief, mainly as the new National Planning Policy Framework had little impact. We were then delighted to receive the Inspector's decision in mid-August, dismissing the appeal in strong terms based on the significant and detrimental effects on green belt and local landscape character as we and SCC had claimed. He also found the site to be unsustainable in terms of accessibility and transport links, thus fuelling reliance on the private car. We see result as a strong vindication of the huge effort staff and members of the Friends of the Loxley Valley put into the case, especially running the GoFundMe campaign which gave us the funds to put the strongest case possible. We are also indebted to our barrister, Alistair Mills of Landmark Chambers who conducted our cross-examination of the developer's key witness with aplomb.

Sadly, the same week we got the decision on the Hollin Busk inquiry, which we were more peripherally involved with (we commented on several iterations of the housing development, all objections, and made a statement to the inquiry), also helping advise the local group (the Friends of Hollin Busk). This was allowed, mainly as the landscape, heritage and accessibility issues were not of sufficient significance to counterbalance the urgent need for housing, Sheffield having been shown (by the developer's evidence) that it had insufficient housing supply. This then became a trump card for the developer, combined with the Inspector finding most of Sheffield's policies to be out of date and of little weight. This then led to our comments in The Star newspaper with the slightly apocalyptic headline that Sheffield was now 'defenceless' in respect of inappropriate greenfield housing applications. We will see if this is borne out – hopefully not!

So after a period of Sheffield not having any public inquiries for ten years, we had three within the space of ten months, which we were involved with to varying degrees, and giving a lot of time and advice to local groups who took up the cudgels at the inquiries. Interestingly, each decision followed the officer recommendation when they first came to planning committee.

Glover Review

After many delays, the Government finally announced a partial response to the 2019 Landscapes Review ('Glover' review/report) in the form of a written ministerial statement on 24 June 2021. It was pretty thin fare but announced four potential new "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty"s (Cheshire Sandstone Ridge; Yorks Wolds; extensions to the Surrey Hills and the Chilterns) and the option to designate new National Reserves. The joint aim here being to meet a new national target of protected land (30%), especially for nature recovery. There was the promise of new monies, including a new farming grant aimed at enhancing access, and the option of more market-based income in the future. Changes in the overarching structure and administration of NPs and AONBs were also hinted at.

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Transport

We organised a successful public engagement event as part of our externally-funded research project on 'Car Free Low Carbon Travel for Longdendale' (alternatives to A628 dualling) in mid-October. Nearly 40 people attended (excluding CPRE PDSY staff and the professional facilitators from ICA-UK). Keith Buchan from MTRU gave a presentation which was followed by discussion in small break out groups around pre-set questions. The event provided an invaluable interaction with both visitors and local people, and helped Keith greatly with his work for us. The full report will be available shortly on the website. Our consultant MTRU's repeated requests for fundamental information from Highways England (now called National Highways) were finally answered in November. Keith is perusing the information as he develops the alternatives. We continue to engage with community groups in order to promote the outcomes and further inform the research. Under the umbrella of High Peak Green New Deal (HPGND), we coordinate the Travelling Low Impact group in High Peak which is now focusing on responding to the A57 Link Roads. With an organisation called Sharefirst My Journey to School we are pursuing active travel improvements, especially for local schools, but also for commuting journeys to Manchester and Salford.

Our transport work also focused on the A57 Link Road DCO (Development Consent Order) examination (a type of public inquiry). Anne Robinson, has borne the brunt of this, with some support from Andy Tickle and also our consultant, Keith Buchan (funded entirely by external grants). The examination began on November 17th and is now halfway through. The scheme would create a dual carriageway bypass of Mottram, a new junction halfway up Mottram Moor and a new single carriageway spur to Glossop that would join the A57 at Brookfield. It would increase carbon emissions, and traffic on trans-Pennine routes within the National Park and on local roads within Glossopdale. The risk of accidents would also increase. It lies wholly in the Green Belt where it would be contrary to Green Belt purposes and harm openness.

We submitted our objection to the scheme and our nearly complete assessment of alternatives *Car Free Low Carbon Longdendale*, which has been undertaken by Keith Buchan of MTRU. As yet we have no feedback on these from National Highways, who have chosen to delay a response. The key issues appear to be sifting out to those mentioned above, but the Examining Authority is very focused on ensuring National Highways maximises mitigation of adverse effects in order that the planning balance works in its favour. We are becoming increasingly concerned, as the 'issue specific hearings' progress, that third party concerns are being marginalised as NH and the Inspectors push towards finding consensus. We are particularly concerned about impacts on the PDNP being talked down and both Natural England and the National Trust already appear to have backed off, which is very disappointing.

However, the PDNPA is maintaining a strong outright objection to the traffic increases and their impact on the Park's scenic beauty, wildlife and public enjoyment. Derbyshire County Council is not happy with the traffic increases on local roads and High Peak Borough Council is concerned about the approach towards air quality. We have some strong allies as well in climate change effects and continue to work with CNP, BMC, FoE, CPRE branches, Derbyshire Climate Coalition and High Peak Green New Deal, several of whom have endorsed our representations rather than making individual responses.

Rail

The publication of the Integrated Rail Plan for the North in mid-November removed the eastern leg of HS2 to Sheffield, Leeds, the Northeast and all the damage it would do to South Yorkshire. Between East Midlands Parkway and Sheffield the line would be electrified and upgraded to provide equivalent speeds to HS2. The most worrying outcome was the way in which Government dealt with Transport for the North's (TfN) outspoken critical response to the plan, removing its rail powers and funding. As rail planning occupies about 80% of TfN's work, this is a major depletion of TfN's effectiveness. Indeed DfT signalled that the rail work would now go through the highly secretive Northern Transport Acceleration Council chaired by the SoS for Transport.

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Buses

With national CPRE and selected other branches we are supporting the CPRE Every Village Every Hour bus campaign by engaging in development of Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs) in South Yorkshire and in Derbyshire. Both BSIPs were published at the end of October and proved disappointing for our area. Demand responsive transport would cover rural areas rather than a network of regular services connecting all settlements. Enhanced partnerships rather than public control would be the model for delivery of services, with bus companies still creaming off the profits rather than investing in improved services.

Local Plans

Sheffield City Councillors were asked in Spring 2022 to decide on the spatial options for development (notably housing) in the emerging local plan (draft due autumn 2022). An initial 'steer' by the planning committee, after input from ourselves and other organisations, favoured 'option 3' (confining development to the city area with only minor incursion into the greenbelt at major adjoining brownfield sites). Prior to their meeting, we also emailed the relevant Councillors with our favoured option, put out a press statement and got good coverage. On February 16th 2022, the Co-operative Executive also endorsed option 3. This was also our option of choice.

Sheffield continued to procrastinate on issuing a draft plan, now overdue by several years. The vacuum in planning means that local countryside (and especially green belt) is more vulnerable to speculative development, especially for housing.

Our main focus in 2022 will be campaigning to ensure maximum protection for green belt and policy innovation in dealing with the climate emergency in the new Sheffield Plan.

Take Back the Tracks

We continue to let PDGLA lead on most issues, given Anne's focus on the A57 Link Roads DCO. However, we were able to lend support and networking assistance to Peak District MTB when they learned of DCC's botched attempt to 'repair' the byway in Pindale, near Castleton, with highly inappropriate substrate. Swift and focused pressure on DCC caused them to stop work and revert to the original spec of local limestone for the re-surfacing.

As part of our response to Glover (see below), we will aim to work with PDGLA and others to resurrect our campaign for a complete ban on recreational off-roading (4x4s and trail bikes) in NPs, as the Government have stated their willingness to make changes to legislation so as to better control adverse impacts on green lanes and other recreational users.

Glover Review

The following text was written by John Lambert, who is leading our 'task and finish group' on the Landscapes Review.

Over two years ago the government published its Landscape Review on National Parks and AONBs (often known as the 'Glover review'). The team that produced the report was led by Julian Glover, who lives in the Peak District, and also included Jim Dixon, formerly Chief Executive of the Peak District National Park Authority, and our President, Dame Fiona Reynolds. The report was far-reaching, covering many issues, including improving landscapes and biodiversity in National Parks, widening opportunities to visit, supporting local communities and creating new parks and AONBs. We had put our views to the review team, and many of our ideas were taken up.

A few weeks ago the government produced its response to the report. Several of the report's 27 recommendations were rejected either in whole or in part. Many may be taken forward, but only after another period of consultation. Overall we are disappointed that, after over two years consideration, so few decisions have been made on positive action to help our National Parks. This seems a missed opportunity, especially as the pandemic has greatly increased visits to National Parks and AONBs and therefore emphasised their beneficial impact on physical and mental health.

One government proposal we support is to review options to prevent our green lanes being abused by 4-wheel drive vehicles and motor bikes. We have been working hard on this in relation to the Peak District, with some success, but more sweeping changes are now needed.

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The lack of action proposed on two sets of issues has particularly disappointed us. The first is widening access to our protected landscapes, which has been historically a big issue in the Peak District. The other is transport, both the poor availability of public transport to and within the Peak District, and the congestion and environmental problems caused by too many cars. We will be continuing to press for action on these challenging issues.

We have since attended a number of topic-based discussion groups (on housing, agriculture) organised by CNP and are refining our thinking, both in terms of supporting CNP's advocacy and contributing Peak-specific asks, either through CNP's final submission or separately.

Undergrounding

Our undergrounding work is undertaken by Graham Barrow (a specialist volunteer) and Andy, in conjunction with the PDNPA's landscape architect, Rob Meetham and working with the engineering delivery teams of the relevant electricity companies (DNOs): Northern Powergrid, Electricity NW and Western Power Distribution. There has been a lull in delivery with Covid but after a series of meetings with the DNOs (distribution network operators), it is now clear that the allocated funds for the current 'price period' (2015-2023) will be spent out. For two areas (NW and Yorkshire parts of the Peak) scheme costs will exceed our pro-rated area allocation (with either other areas or the company taking the hit).

We recently met on site at Dunford Bridge with Northern Powergrid who confirmed they will spend over £1million this year on removing wires completely around Dunford, complementing the pylon removal scheme and also on an ambitious scheme removing all the wires from the Lodgemoor/Redmires area, which would mean that the entire area from Ringinglow Rd north to Lodgemoor and Redmires will be wire free. Happily there will also be system benefits in terms of security of supply to local residents as two separate circuits will be linked up and strengthened as part of the works. Both projects will be completed in 2022.

We are also progressing our plan for the DNOs to fund a full survey of remaining intrusive wires across the Peak District so that we can prioritise new schemes in the next price period (2023-2028) more readily.

Projects and Events

The pandemic had a very significant impact on our ability to conduct almost any of our projects and events during the first half of 2021. Most of those that did take place were done virtually.

Peak District Boundary Walk

The PDBW continues to grow in popularity. We published the reprint of the guidebook, and continue to receive significant interest about the walk. Cassa Townsend joined us as PDBW Project Officer (in May 2022)

The 'Ethel's'

In Spring 2021 we were approached by Doug Colton who had designed an app with which he wanted to promote a 'ticklist' for hillwalking in the area in a similar way to the Wainwrights in Cumbria, and the Munros in Scotland. He named the app, and the hill challenge, 'The Ethel's' after our founder. The app has been tremendously successful (over 30,000 downloads). The app contains a link to our website and we are grateful to Doug for all he has done. As 12 of the 95 hill tops are on private land this has resulted in some complaints coming our way, and a statement from CPRE PDSY asking users of the app to stick to Public Rights of Way. The app has brought significant interest to the charity, and we are very grateful to Doug for all that he has done.

PDNPA 70th

To mark the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Peak District National Park we digitised the original map on which the proposed boundaries for the Park were plotted, we then printed the digital copy, framed it, and presented it to the Chair and CEO of PDNPA in April.

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Heritage Lottery Fund supported CPRE Archive Project

The project was suspended back in March 2020 because of the COVID pandemic. We 'temporarily' closed the archive to our cataloguing and oral history volunteers, but could never imagine that it would turn into a year. The good news is that with the support of our funder, the National Heritage Lottery Fund we have been given permission to extend the deadline for the completion of the project to Summer 2022, and work restarted. We were finally able to welcome back our volunteers onsite to help with cataloguing and digitisation work. Caroline Bolton returned to complete the great cataloguing work and lead with the plan for off-site digitisation of some of the gems within the archive. It's not as we'd hoped or planned but the revised plan will mean that we will still be able to safeguard the archive and make it accessible to future generations. As we approach our 100th anniversary (in 2024) it is vital the archive survives to inspire the next generation of campaigners.

The one thing that COVID has shown is that we can be creative and adapt to doing things differently and digitally. The Archive Project has already seen the benefits of this when in the early stages of lockdown, our volunteers led by our research historian, Bill Bevan, were able to capture some oral history accounts via Zoom calls! These wonderful accounts are now available on our YouTube channel for you to enjoy, if you've not yet seen. Some of our cataloguing volunteers were also able to transcribe the details of over 1200 glass negatives images from handwritten lists that will now form part of the catalogue (these were expertly digitised for by iCamArchive in Leek in May 2022). The archive will ultimately reside within the Sheffield City Archives.

The Ethel Plaque

Promoted and supported by the Sheffield Star newspaper, we reinvigorated our 15yr effort to have a Blue Heritage Plaque erected to commemorate the work of Ethel Haythornthwaite. After over 18months of work with the University of Sheffield Estates Team we were able to source a piece of stone (from StoneFace Stonemasons in the Loxley Valley), a plaque made in Dovestones, and a small plot of land on Endcliffe Terrace equidistant between the birthplace and marital home of Ethel. We launched a kickstarter campaign to help fund the project. The project was led by David Holmes (Trustee). The plaque was unveiled on 25 May 2022. We are very pleased with the end result. Grateful thanks to all involved.

Conclusions

2020 was our 97th year protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire, and it was undoubtedly a very difficult year !! We want to record our thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, and to our Trustees, as well as to all of our members, supporters and advocates, without whom we would not be able to undertake our vitally important work.

We have reinvigorated our post-Covid engagement with all of our members, supporters, and advocates as much as resources allow, and we will strive to continue the work of the charity, and seek to recover from the significant challenges of 2020-21.

Plans for the Future

We wrote and published the 5-year strategic plan (2020 – 2025) in the first half of 2020. This will direct the charity to and through its centenary in Spring 2024. Within available resources, we will continue to address key threats to the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire.

Financial review, going concern and reserves policy

Our total income for the financial period was 128,036 compared with total expenditure of £194,614. As a result, the net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £66,578. The unrestricted funds were £255,805 at the beginning of the year and £191,427 at the year-end.

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The Board are acutely conscious of, and remain concerned by, the current state of financial affairs. The charity continues to do very important work across the Peak District and South Yorkshire but our financial position continues to require very careful attention. We are extremely grateful to the Estates of the Late David Wilson and the Late Stella Jockel for the contribution their respective legacies have made to the ability of the charity to continue post-Covid. The Trustees were notified about a significant legacy from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose in December 2021, and the 1st interim receipt was received in February 2022. The trustees are extremely grateful for the legacy and have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for furthering the charity's purpose, not to be used simply to plug budget gaps. It remains essential and our top priority, to achieve sustainable fundraising to secure the Charity.

A part of the office space continues to be sub-let to National CPRE in order to generate income equivalent to approx. one quarter of the annual rent. The charity has partnered with a local Law and HR Services provider, and a local IT Services provider.

The processes for membership administration have been handed across to National CPRE as a cost-saving measure. It must be noted that the attempt to get those members that were Friends of the Peak members to move across to CPRE PDSY membership wasn't as successful as hoped. A large part of this failing was down to our inability to communicate effectively with our membership during Covid.

The Board commenced a full Organisational Review in February 2021 which concluded in May 2022. This was a very difficult time for all involved. In order to determine a sustainable structure and level of operation for the charity all of the staff had their contracts re-negotiated and the salary bill was reduced. The charity now has less staff working less days. Other changes to the way the charity works, including further use of technology and an increase in the use of digital media and platforms will continue to be evolved.

Gifted Philanthropy were contracted to deliver a report on the fundraising potential of the charity during the latter half of 2021. That report was delivered in Dec 2021. At the time of writing (June 2022) the charity is seeking to recruit a replacement Fundraiser (ours left in October 2020). Our ex-Director and now Head of Campaigns, Andy Tickle has also announced that he will leave us in September 2022.

The current reserves policy states that the equivalent of a years planned expenditure should be kept in reserve to ensure that the charity could continue to work through a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Planned expenditure for 2022 is approximately £250,000. Free reserves at 31 December 2021 were 191,427 (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets).

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis, and will next consider the policy in December 2022. The Trustees are confident that the charity will be able to continue until beyond our centenary in 2024.

Small Company provisions:

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

Approved by the board on 5th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Name:

LESLIE STURGH

Position:

VICE CHAIR TRUSTEES



Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are 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 Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

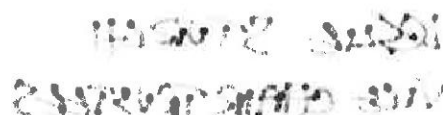
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Employee of:
VAS Community Accountancy
The Circle
33, Rockingham Lane
Sheffield
S1 4FW

Date: 6 October 2022







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Statement of financial activities

(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £
Income from:							
Donations, grants and legacies		40,340	30,004	70,344	26,996	3,992	30,988
CPRE subscriptions		17,240	-	17,240	9,661	-	9,661
FOPD subscriptions		-	-	-	-	23,807	23,807
Total donations and legacies	2a	57,580	30,004	87,584	36,657	27,799	64,456
Charitable activities	2b	3,420	28,160	31,580	15	31,370	31,385
Other trading activities	2c	8,265	-	8,265	9,546	-	9,546
Investments	2d	12	-	12	188	-	188
Other sources	2e	595	-	595	9,803	-	9,803
Total income		69,872	58,164	128,036	56,209	59,169	115,378
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	19,098	-	19,098	10,804	8,588	19,392
Charitable activities	3b	114,651	60,865	175,516	61,894	110,179	172,073
Total expenditure		133,749	60,865	194,614	72,698	118,767	191,465
Net income/(expenditure)		(63,877)	(2,701)	(66,578)	(16,489)	(59,598)	(76,087)
Transfer between funds	10	(501)	501	-	31,433	(31,433)	-
Net movement in funds		(64,378)	(2,200)	(66,578)	14,944	(91,031)	(76,087)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		255,805	30,375	286,180	240,861	121,406	362,267
Total funds carried forward		191,427	28,175	219,602	255,805	30,375	286,180

All of the charitable company's operations are classed as continuing.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	8	30,079	15,782
Cash at bank and in hand		211,342	276,062
Total current assets		241,421	291,844
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(21,819)	(5,664)
Net current assets		219,602	286,180
Total assets less current liabilities		219,602	286,180
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total net assets		219,602	286,180
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		191,427	255,805
Restricted fund income	10	28,175	30,375
Total charity funds	11	219,602	286,180

For the year ending 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:

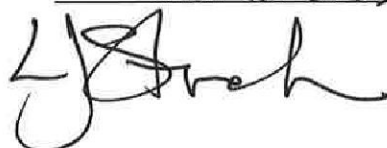
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board on 5 Oct 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: LESLIE STURCH

Position: VICE CHAIR TRUSTEES



Name:

Position:


Hon. TREASURER
E.R. WALKER

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of receipt of any monies or on receipt of the estate accounts, when the amount due to the organisation can be quantified.

Subscription income for CPRE membership and FOPD membership is treated as a donation and recognised as income on receipt in the year it becomes due.

Income from local government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. All expenditure is reported gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is either directly allocated to funds, or apportioned to the applicable funds on a line by line basis, based on staff time and use of office.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Any assets purchased below £500 are written off at the time of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off cost of those assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:
Equipment - 25%

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are either donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or grant income sought for specified activities.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(i) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged against net incoming resources are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

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(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have plans in place to address the budgeted deficits by significant fundraising and controlling costs.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
2a Income from donations, grants and legacies						
Donations	17,147	18,709	35,856	15,181	2,671	17,852
Cancelled events donations	-	-	-	-	1,321	1,321
Legacies	12,408	11,295	23,703	-	-	-
Job Retention Scheme	10,785	-	10,785	11,815	-	11,815
CPRE subscription	17,240	-	17,240	9,661	-	9,661
FOPD subscription	-	-	-	-	23,807	23,807
	<u>57,580</u>	<u>30,004</u>	<u>87,584</u>	<u>36,657</u>	<u>27,799</u>	<u>64,456</u>
2b Income from charitable activities						
Grant income	2,500	28,160	30,660	-	31,200	31,200
Events income	920	-	920	15	170	185
	<u>3,420</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>31,580</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>31,370</u>	<u>31,385</u>
2c Income from other trading activities						
Merchandising income	2,098	-	2,098	1,818	-	1,818
Fundraising income	-	-	-	145	-	145
Rental income	6,167	-	6,167	7,583	-	7,583
	<u>8,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,265</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,546</u>
2d Investment income						
Bank interest	12	-	12	188	-	188
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188</u>
2e Income from other sources						
Re-branding support	-	-	-	1,288	-	1,288
Bank fee refund and compensation	595	-	595	8,515	-	8,515
	<u>595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>9,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,803</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure

3a Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
Fundraising	308	-	308	2,596	108	2,704
Staff costs	6,694	-	6,694	7,713	7,906	15,619
Consultancy	12,000	-	12,000	-	574	574
Bank charges	96	-	96	495	-	495
	<u>19,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,098</u>	<u>10,804</u>	<u>8,588</u>	<u>19,392</u>

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3b Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
Campaigning costs	-	34,218	34,218	-	829	829
Boundary Walk costs	2,685	-	2,685	422	5,438	5,860
Other project costs	-	9,352	9,352	-	4,096	4,096
Staff costs (salaries)	78,605	17,295	95,900	49,135	67,843	116,978
Staff costs (consultancy)	110	-	110	986	1,900	2,886
Other staff costs (including expenses, payroll fees and training)	884	-	884	1,341	-	1,341
Office costs	7,447	-	7,447	1,568	4,703	6,271
Other costs	76	-	76	667	713	1,380
Premises/utilities	23,403	-	23,403	6,701	20,103	26,804
Promotion costs	540	-	540	781	3,737	4,518
Volunteer costs	-	-	-	21	-	21
Governance costs	901	-	901	272	817	1,089
	<u>114,651</u>	<u>60,865</u>	<u>175,516</u>	<u>61,894</u>	<u>110,179</u>	<u>172,073</u>

4 Fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination fee	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>
Other fees paid to independent examiner's organisation for		
Payroll services and software subscription	308	736
Other financial services	150	-
	<u>458</u>	<u>736</u>

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	92,032	118,608
Employer's NI	9,040	10,893
Employer's allowance	(4,000)	(4,000)
Employer's pension contributions	5,522	7,096
	<u>102,594</u>	<u>132,597</u>
Split of salaries by activity:		
Raising funds	6,694	15,619
Charitable activities	85,437	106,778
Governance costs (included within staff costs in note 3b)	10,463	10,200
	<u>102,594</u>	<u>132,597</u>
Average number of employees	<u>3.0</u>	<u>4.5</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in either year.

6 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year. 1 trustee was re-imbursed travel expenses totalling £78 (2020: 1 trustees reimbursed travel expenses totalling £32). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020: £nil).

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £51,333 (2020: £49,701).

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 January 2021	10,888	10,888
Disposals	(426)	(426)
As at 31 December 2021	10,462	10,462
Depreciation		
As at 1 January 2021	10,888	10,888
Disposals	(426)	(426)
As at 31 December 2021	10,462	10,462
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2021	-	-
As at 31 December 2020	-	-

8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	21,807	1,883
Tax recoverable on gift aid donations	2,214	5,862
Other debtors	3,648	4,997
Prepayments	2,410	3,040
	30,079	15,782

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	21,819	1,700
Other creditors	-	3,964
	21,819	5,664

10 Restricted funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Friends of the Peak District	-	11,295	(11,295)	-	-
Challenge Road Building	24,432	12,520	(19,855)	-	17,097
HLF Archive	216	15,640	(9,352)	501	7,005
Lakeland PDBW Project NW	227	-	-	-	227
Loxley Valley Campaign	2,296	18,067	(20,363)	-	-
Ethel Plaque appeal	-	642	-	-	642
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
AESSEAL	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	30,375	58,164	(60,865)	501	28,175

Friends of the Peak District: Legacies and fundraising specifically covering the area of the Peak District. During 2020 "Friends of the Peak District" name stopped being used (with the exception of the boundary walk), and the option to subscribe to this group withdrawn. An apportionment of costs relating to time spent on Peak District projects has been applied.

Legacies are often received for the "Friends of the Peak District". Going forwards, such funds will be applied 50% to the general fund, and 50% to a restricted "Peak District" fund.

Challenge Road Building: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work in challenging the policy of road building.

HLF Archive: Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the cost of a professionally archiving the history of the charity. The transfer represents adjustments to agree to the claims made in 2022 when the project was finalised. Approx £3,275 will be funded by general funds at the close of the project in 2023.

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11 Restricted funds - continued

Lakeland PDBW Project NW: to develop the Peak District Boundary Walk in the particular area of the Sheffield Lakeland.

Loxley Valley Campaign: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to challenge development work in the Loxley Valley.

Ethel Plaque appeal: to fund a Blue Heritage Plaque to commemorate the work of Ethel Haythornthwaite.

Green Belt: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to protect green belt in the Branch area.

AESSEAL: grant received from South Yorkshire Community Foundation for a project to engage with hard to reach groups; awaiting resources (matching funding and time/staff) before inception.

Prior year comparison	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Friends of the Peak District	101,211	25,298	(95,076)	(31,433)	-
Challenge Road Building	2,186	22,700	(454)	-	24,432
HLF Archive	13,140	-	(12,924)	-	216
Lakeland PDBW Project NW	1,000	-	(773)	-	227
PDBW	665	-	(75)	(590)	-
SW Peak PDBW Project	-	4,000	(4,590)	590	-
Doncaster Local Plan	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
Loxley Valley Campaign	-	2,671	(375)	-	2,296
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
AESSEAL	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	121,406	59,169	(118,767)	(31,433)	30,375

11 Split of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
Net current assets	191,427	28,175	219,602	255,805	30,375	286,180
	191,427	28,175	219,602	255,805	30,375	286,180

12 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charity was committed to making the following payments under operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Operating lease payments:		
Within 1 year	11,912	23,449
Within 2 to 5 years	-	11,912
	11,912	35,361

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions, other than those included in note 6.

14 Contingent asset

The charity was notified of a legacy due them in December 2021. An interim receipt of £400,000 was received in February 2022. In accordance with the accounting policy, no provision for this legacy has been made in the 2021 accounts.

Accounts

Company registration number: 04496754
Charity registration number: 1094975

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Legal and administrative Information

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Full name

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Other names by which the charity is known

Friends of the Peak District; CPRE South Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number

1094975

Registered Company Number

04496754

Registered Address

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Anne Robinson
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Board of Trustees

Chair

Julie Parry (appointed 1 Sept 2020)

Vice Chair

Les Sturch (appointed 4 Nov 2020)

Honorary Treasurer

Eugene Walker (appointed 12 April 2021)

Other Trustees

Faith Johnson
David Holmes
Corinna Lincoln (resigned 10 June 2021)
Ruth Knighton (appointed 24 July 2020)
Steven Tivey (appointed 1 September 2020)
Robert Hunter (resigned 1 Mar 2021)

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Legal and administrative Information For the year ended 31 December 2020

Branch Staff

Ian Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Andy Tickle	Head of Campaigns
Susan Belt	Administration and Finance Officer
Julie Gough	Fundraising and Marketing Co-ordinator (resigned Oct 2020)
Caroline Bolton	Archivist
Olivia Kehoe	Project Officer (from 1 March 2021)

Independent Examiner

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report) For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

The Branch is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Articles of Association. The Branch employs one full-time and two part-time members of staff, including the CEO who manages the day to day work of the organisation. We have continued to contract some of our planning work to a consultant planning officer, whilst seeking to recruit one to our staff.

Trustees are appointed by the members of the charity for a minimum of three years. At every annual general meeting all Trustees who have completed a three-year term shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms in office.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote and encourage the improvement and protection of the countryside within the Peak District and South Yorkshire. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the organisation's strategic aims and in planning future activities.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance 2020

Impact of COVID-19

In late March 2020 the UK entered a period of social distancing and self-isolation in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The need for the work that we do in protecting the landscapes of South Yorkshire and the Peak District has not diminished at all, indeed if anything it has increased. We have also been tirelessly involved in 'non-traditional' work around access, litter, fire, and communicating 'best practise' in the outdoors which has been time consuming.

The outbreak led to the almost immediate closure of the offices (although no refund on rent has been available), and all staff worked from home from March for almost all of 2020. This impacted communications and business continuity although best use was made of Zoom and other IT. All the activities of the charity that volunteers were involved in were paused and that remains the case (Spring 2021). The charity will continue to take advantage of the government's furlough support schemes for as long as possible. The decision to furlough staff where possible was made because the Board thought it appropriate given the work they were doing, the circumstances, and that to alter their individual earnings would require re-negotiation of contracts and salaries which the Board decided against doing.

Whilst the demand for the work that the charity does has continued unabated, the ability of the charity to fundraise has been significantly impacted.

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report) - continued

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Effectiveness

Despite the significant impact of Covid-19 on all aspects of our ability to generate income in 2020, it remained a very busy year for planning and campaigns.

Local Plans

Doncaster Local Plan – as core CPRE business we made a significant contribution to the Plan. Andrew Wood lead on this with much support from Anne Robinson and Andy Tickle covering off their specialist areas. We participated in three online sessions of the DLP examination in public, covering biodiversity, renewable energy and minerals (fracking). Our points were generally received well and modifications by DMBC were offered on a key biodiversity point, which was welcome; prior to examination, DMBC also improved a policy on community ownership of renewables. In line with our positive approach to renewables, DMBC will widen the area of search for wind farm development in the borough.

Sheffield continued to procrastinate on issuing a draft plan, now overdue by several years. The vacuum in planning means that local countryside (and especially green belt) is more vulnerable to speculative development, especially for housing.

Development management

Many sites, particularly in Sheffield, continue to illustrate – by way of poor location and unsustainable design – why local people resist new developments in the face of a housing crisis. We worked closely with the Owlthorpe Action Group, Friends of the Earth and the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust opposing plans to build on an extensive greenfield site in Mosborough. Our main concerns, which we shared with local MP Clive Betts, were poor design, low density and lack of sustainability measures.

Dunford Bridge Undergrounding of overhead wires – we strongly supported it along with other national stakeholders but there were a substantial number of objections.

Transport

We attended a significant number of meetings across the Midlands, North and North West of England on multiple panels, bodies and organisations concerned with the future of roads, decarbonisation of transport, and sustainable travel.

As member of Derbyshire Climate Coalition we signed a letter urging Derbyshire County Council to implement measures to make walking and cycling easier for the short & long term

Hollinsclough Rakes – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order continues to be breached by mountain bikers and trail bikes – we continue to ask Staffordshire County Council to take action.

A628 Alternatives work

Transport for the North and Highways England see Longdendale as the lynchpin in a Southern Pennines Strategic Development Corridor based on dualling the A628 corridor – including a 5.7-mile tunnel under the high moors. As part of our opposition to this plan we hired a consultant, Keith Buchan of MTRU, who has worked with us previously on A628 lorry ban and trans-Pennine Feasibility study so knows the work and the area well. The survey sought opinions from as disparate an audience as possible on how we value Longdendale, and what changes residents and visitors would like to see. Our aim remains to collaborate with residents and visitors to realise a future that would sustain Longdendale and all it has to offer for the long term. We approached CPRE Lancs & CPRE West Yorkshire for support for the project and were grateful for their collaboration. Other financial support for the campaign is listed below.

We are grateful to all of our funders for their grants towards the costs associated with our transport campaigning in 2020.

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Campaigns

Owlthorpe Field – we had an advisory role to the Owlthorpe Campaign during 2020, advising local residents on possible approaches and working with the local Wildlife Trust. The Owlthorpe Action Group lost their appeal in Spring 2021. We held several meetings with Clive Betts MP during this campaign.

Brosterfield Campsite - We made written and verbal submissions to the application on the Brosterfield Campsite, however this was given the go-ahead by the PDNPA planning committee, following poorly conducted meeting which was impoverished in content, and against almost 100% opposition from local community.

Hope Valley Climate Action - we continue to hold many meetings with Hope Valley Climate Action, and are pleased to see the continued success of this community action group.

Stanage North Lees Estate – we took part in many multi-party discussions with the PDNPA and others about the Stanage North Lees options consultation for the future of building assets thereon.

Great Ridge – We supported an application by Moors for the Future to repair the path along the Great Ridge between Hollins Cross and Back Tor. This work began in Spring 2021

Britannia Mill - We objected to the Britannia Mill development near Buxworth, High Peak on a team basis with input from Graham Barrow (our undergrounding survey volunteer, based in Bollington) and Anne Robinson, working closely with the Buxworth Residents Group. The main site is allocated for c.50 house in the Local Plan but the developer/site owner are stretching the bounds of credulity by wanting to develop on adjacent green fields and upping the numbers to 110 houses.

Deepcar – We made comment on the amended application for Blore's housing plans at Deepcar at Sheffield's first virtual planning committee. Some last minute improvements were offered after comments from ourselves and the Upper Don Trail Trust but yet again a developer was able to walk away from previous commitments far too readily.

Hepworths / Loxley Valley - This campaign consumed our Winter 2020 and the first half of 2021. We objected strongly to the developer's application for 300 houses on an old brownfield site in the Loxley valley, as did the City Council. The Council voted against the application in Sept 2020. The developer then sought an inquiry against the refusal. In November 2020 we aligned more closely with Friends of Loxley Valley (FoLV) and started an online fundraising campaign (using the GoFundMe website) to fund our combined role as a Rule 6 participant in the Inquiry. The Board of Trustees sought to minimise our costs in the appeal (hence the online appeal), and it was agreed with FoLV that the time of Andy Tickle (our Head of Campaigns) would be recovered from the appeal fund. The appeal raised in excess of £15,000 (during 2020 and 2021) which enabled the services of a barrister to be contracted. The Inquiry (online) was held over 2 weeks in April 2021, and closing arguments took place in June 2021. We were delighted when HM Inspector upheld the decision and dismissed the appeal of the developer. We are indebted to Andy Tickle (campaign manager), Anne Robinson, Les Sturch, David Holmes, Andrew Wood, and FoLV for the amount of work that went in to the appeal and the associated fundraising effort. A member of the FoLV Committee, David Holmes, is also a trustee of CPRE PDSY. This interest was declared before the 2 organisations partnered on this campaign. David completed a Declaration of Interest form for both parties, and he did not vote on any decision (in physical or virtual meetings) during the campaign in which there would have been any conflict of interest.

Sustainable Hayfield – the effort to take Hayfield 'off grid' through the establishment of a solar farm. We were in regular advisory contact with the group throughout the year, and submitted a letter of support and comment to High Peak Borough Council.

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Hollin Busk – this controversial green field housing site at Hollin Busk, near Stocksbridge was refused, by SCC against officer recommendation. We've worked for several years on this case, helping advise the local action group, so a great result which we put out widely on social media. An appeal is expected.

Protected Landscapes aka The Glover Report - John Lambert (ex Chair) re-convened our Glover review working group (comprising of 5 staff / volunteers), and monitored what little post-report activity there was from DEFRA and others during the pandemic.

National Park Management Plan - We attended the NPMP advisory group meeting convened principally to discuss revised climate change ambitions in the Management Plan; we conveyed our disappointment at the lack of cohesion and ambition which was supported by other external orgs.

Projects and Events

The pandemic had a very significant impact on our ability to conduct almost any of our projects and events. Those that did take place were done virtually.

Peak District Boundary Walk

The PDBW continues to grow in popularity. We are close to publishing the reprint of the guidebook, and continue to receive significant interest about the walk. Carol Parsons left us in early 2020, and in late 2020 we re-employed Olivia Kehoe as PDBW Development Officer. In 2019 we received £1,000 from Bradfield Parish Council, £2,000 from the Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust and in 2020 we received £4,000 from the 'South West Peak Community Grants Scheme' (part of the 'National Lottery Heritage Fund') that enabled us to develop the walk and engage further with the local communities. We also used some of this funding to fund a professionally shot and edited promotional video for the walk (viewable on our website). The walk has lots of potential. In Spring 2021 launched an app (for smart phones), kindly developed for us by Doug Colton, which promotes hillwalking in the Peak District.

Heritage Lottery Fund supported CPRE Archive Project

The project was suspended back in March 2020 because of the COVID pandemic. We 'temporarily' closed the archive to our cataloguing and oral history volunteers, but could never imagine that it would turn into a year. The good news is that with the support of our funder, the National Heritage Lottery Fund we have been given permission to extend the deadline for the completion of the project to December 2021 (it was originally due to finish in December 2020) and work is just re-starting. The disappointing news is that due to the impact of COVID we will no longer be able to welcome back our volunteers onsite to help with cataloguing and digitisation work. Instead, archivist Caroline Bolton has returned to complete the great cataloguing work that was started by our volunteers and plan for off-site digitisation of some of the gems within the archive. It's not as we'd hoped or planned but the revised plan will mean that we will still be able to safeguard the archive and make it accessible to future generations. As we approach the 70th anniversary of the designation of the Peak District as the UK's first National Park, and the 100th anniversary (in 2024) of our founding organisation that played an important role in achieving this, - it is vital the archive survives to inspire the next generation of campaigners.

We're still hoping to be able to involve volunteers at later stages of the project, albeit remotely. The one thing that COVID has shown is that we can be creative and adapt to doing things differently and digitally. The Archive Project has already seen the benefits of this when in the early stages of lockdown, our volunteers led by our research historian, Bill Bevan, were able to capture some oral history accounts via Zoom calls! These wonderful accounts are now available on our YouTube channel for you to enjoy, if you've not yet seen. Some of our cataloguing volunteers were also able to transcribe the details of over 800 glass negative images from handwritten lists that will now form part of the catalogue. The archive will ultimately reside within the Sheffield City Archives.

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Conclusions

2020 was our 96th year protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire, and it was undoubtedly our most difficult year!! We want to record our thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, and to our Trustees, as well as to all of our members, supporters and advocates, without whom we would not be able to undertake our vitally important work. We especially look forward to post-Covid engagement with all of our members, supporters, and advocates, and will strive to continue the work of the charity, and seek to recover from the significant challenges of 2020.

Plans for the Future

We wrote and published the 5-year strategic plan (2020 – 2025) in the first half of 2020. This will direct the charity to and through its centenary in Spring 2024. Within available resources, we will continue to address key threats to the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire.

Financial review

Our total income for the financial period was £115,378 compared with total expenditure of £191,516. As a result, the net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £76,087 (2020: £27,587). Due to trustees agreeing to backdate the use of some of the "Friends of the Peak District" restricted funds towards core and support costs, the unrestricted funds increased by £14,944 (after transfers) from £240,861 at the beginning of the year to £255,805 at the year-end.

Reserves policy

In Spring 2021 the Trustees reviewed the reserves policy and it has been amended to equal 3 months running costs plus anticipated closure costs. The target free reserves are approximately £43,500.

Actual free reserves at 31 December 2020 were £255,805 which is considerably above the revised free reserves target. Budgets for 2021 and 2022 forecast a deficit which will utilise some of the excess reserves, whilst we stabilise the costs and future of the organisation.

Going Concern

The Board are acutely conscious of, and concerned by, the current state of financial affairs. The charity continues to do very important work across the Peak District and South Yorkshire but our financial position now requires very careful attention. The Board elected to seek the resignation of the Chair and Treasurer in July 2020 in order that a higher level of governance could be committed to ensure the survival of the charity. A new Chair was elected in Sept 2020 and an Honorary Treasurer joined the Board in April 2021.

Income was down (against budget) by £32,931, and expenditure was down (against budget) by £29,308 in 2020. Serious examination of every possible way of saving money continues. During the pandemic the Board met online each month (full Board meetings are quarterly) to analyse finances.

A part of the office space continues to be sub-let to National CPRE in order to generate income equivalent to approx. one quarter of the annual rent. The processes for membership administration have been handed across to National CPRE as a cost-saving measure. The staff cost savings associated with the membership merge have not been realised because of the resignation of another member of staff. The Board decided (as at June 2021) on it was appropriate for some of the 'Friends of the Peak District' restricted fund to be utilised for some of the core and support costs of the charities work within the Peak District National Park. As a result, a transfer of £31,433 from the restricted fund to unrestricted funds has been made to cover an appropriate apportionment of previous years costs.

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For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Board commenced a full Organisational Review in February 2021 in order to determine a sustainable structure and level of operation for the charity. Contracts for all staff are being re-negotiated and the salary bill is being reduced. The aim will be to continue as an organisation but this may mean changes to the way the charity works., including, for example reductions in staffing, further use of technology, an increase in the use of digital media and platforms.

In August 2021 the Board contracted a professional fundraising consultancy (Gifted Philanthropy) to assist with attracting significant donorship in order to secure the viability of the charity beyond its centenary in 2024.

The Trustees are confident that the charity will be able to continue through 2022.

Small Company provisions:

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

Approved by the board on 26.10.21 and signed on its behalf by:

Name:

Julie Parry

Position:

Chair of trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Parry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are 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 Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____



Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA

On behalf of:

VAS Community Accountancy

The Circle

33, Rockingham Lane

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Date: _____

26 October 2021

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Statement of financial activities

(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total £
Income from:							
Donations, grants and legacies		26,996	3,992	30,988	12,144	80,550	92,694
CPRE subscriptions		9,661	-	9,661	8,311	-	8,311
FOPD subscriptions		-	23,807	23,807	-	34,517	34,517
Total donations and legacies	2a	<u>36,657</u>	<u>27,799</u>	<u>64,456</u>	<u>20,455</u>	<u>115,067</u>	<u>135,522</u>
Charitable activities	2b	15	31,370	31,385	2,500	25,230	27,730
Other trading activities	2c	9,546	-	9,546	1,756	4,764	6,520
Investments	2d	188	-	188	448	-	448
Other sources	2e	9,803	-	9,803	100	-	100
Total income		<u>56,209</u>	<u>59,169</u>	<u>115,378</u>	<u>25,259</u>	<u>145,061</u>	<u>170,320</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	10,804	8,588	19,392	9,704	12,695	22,399
Charitable activities	3b	61,894	110,179	172,073	68,646	106,862	175,508
Total expenditure		<u>72,698</u>	<u>118,767</u>	<u>191,465</u>	<u>78,350</u>	<u>119,557</u>	<u>197,907</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(16,489)	(59,598)	(76,087)	(53,091)	25,504	(27,587)
Transfer between funds	10	31,433	(31,433)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		14,944	(91,031)	(76,087)	(53,091)	25,504	(27,587)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		240,861	121,406	362,267	293,952	95,902	389,854
Total funds carried forward		<u>255,805</u>	<u>30,375</u>	<u>286,180</u>	<u>240,861</u>	<u>121,406</u>	<u>362,267</u>

All of the charitable company's operations are classed as continuing.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	8	15,782	7,253
Cash at bank and in hand		276,062	363,204
Total current assets		291,844	370,457
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,664)	(8,190)
Net current assets		286,180	362,267
Total assets less current liabilities		286,180	362,267
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total net assets		286,180	362,267
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		255,805	240,861
Restricted fund income	10	30,375	121,406
Total charity funds	11	286,180	362,267

For the year ending 31 December 2020 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 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board on 26.10.21 and signed on its behalf by:



Name: Julie Parry Name:

Position: Chair of trustees Position:



Name: LES STURCK

Position: VICE CHAIR TRUSTEES

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of receipt of any monies or on receipt of the estate accounts, when the amount due to the organisation can be quantified.

Subscription income for CPRE membership and FOPD membership is treated as a donation and recognised as income on receipt in the year it becomes due.

Income from local government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. All expenditure is reported gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is either directly allocated to funds, or apportioned to the applicable funds on a line by line basis, based on staff time and use of office.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Any assets purchased below £500 are written off at the time of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off cost of those assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Equipment	25%
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(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are either donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or grant income sought for specified activities.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(i) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged against net incoming resources are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

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(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have plans in place to address the budgeted deficits by significant fundraising and controlling costs.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total £
2a Income from donations, grants and legacies						
Donations	15,181	2,671	17,852	7,144	13,760	20,904
Cancelled events donations	-	1,321	1,321	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	5,000	66,790	71,790
Job Retention Scheme	11,815	-	11,815	-	-	-
CPRE subscription	9,661	-	9,661	8,311	-	8,311
FOPD subscription	-	23,807	23,807	-	34,517	34,517
	<u>36,657</u>	<u>27,799</u>	<u>64,456</u>	<u>20,455</u>	<u>115,067</u>	<u>135,522</u>
2b Income from charitable activities						
Grant income	-	31,200	31,200	2,500	22,550	25,050
Events income	15	170	185	-	2,680	2,680
	<u>15</u>	<u>31,370</u>	<u>31,385</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>25,230</u>	<u>27,730</u>
2c Income from other trading activities						
Merchandising income	1,818	-	1,818	-	4,614	4,614
Fundraising income	145	-	145	1,756	150	1,906
Rental income	7,583	-	7,583	-	-	-
	<u>9,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>1,756</u>	<u>4,764</u>	<u>6,520</u>
2d Investment income						
Bank interest	188	-	188	448	-	448
	<u>188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>448</u>
2e Income from other sources						
Re-branding support	1,288	-	1,288	-	-	-
Bank fee refund and compensation	8,515	-	8,515	-	-	-
Profit on disposal of asset	-	-	-	100	-	100
	<u>9,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,803</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure**3a Raising funds**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total £
Fundraising	2,596	108	2,704	541	1,650	2,191
Staff costs	7,713	7,906	15,619	8,962	9,017	17,979
Staff costs (consultancy)	-	574	574	-	1,425	1,425
Bank charges	495	-	495	201	603	804
	<u>10,804</u>	<u>8,588</u>	<u>19,392</u>	<u>9,704</u>	<u>12,695</u>	<u>22,399</u>

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3b Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Campaigning costs	-	829	829	-	2,804	2,804
Boundary Walk costs	422	5,438	5,860	-	2,128	2,128
Other project costs	-	4,096	4,096	-	83	83
Equipment costs (including depreciation)	-	-	-	373	-	373
Staff costs (salaries)	49,135	67,843	116,978	51,212	63,730	114,942
Staff costs (consultancy)	986	1,900	2,886	5,617	4,991	10,608
Other staff costs (including expenses, payroll fees and training)	1,341	-	1,341	1,921	896	2,817
Office costs	1,568	4,703	6,271	2,445	7,414	9,859
Other costs	667	713	1,380	825	713	1,538
Premises/utilities	6,701	20,103	26,804	5,914	17,744	23,658
Promotion costs	781	3,737	4,518	-	4,934	4,934
Volunteer costs	21	-	21	64	14	78
Governance costs	272	817	1,089	275	1,411	1,686
	<u>61,894</u>	<u>110,179</u>	<u>172,073</u>	<u>68,646</u>	<u>106,862</u>	<u>175,508</u>

4 Fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examination fee	<u>660</u>	<u>840</u>
Other fees paid to independent examiner's organisation for payroll services, software subscription, volunteer fair and training	<u>736</u>	<u>972</u>

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries	118,608	117,740
Employer's NI	10,893	11,117
Employer's allowance	(4,000)	(3,000)
Employer's pension contributions	7,096	7,064
	<u>132,597</u>	<u>132,921</u>
Split of salaries by activity:		
Raising funds	15,619	17,979
Charitable activities	106,778	105,190
Governance costs (included within staff costs in note 3b)	10,200	9,752
	<u>132,597</u>	<u>132,921</u>
Average number of employees	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in either year.

6 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year. 1 trustee was re-imbursed travel expenses totalling £32 (2019: 2 trustees reimbursed travel expenses totalling £206). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2019: £nil).

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £49,701 (2019: £47,173).

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 January 2020	10,888	10,888
As at 31 December 2020	10,888	10,888
Depreciation		
As at 1 January 2020	10,888	10,888
As at 31 December 2020	10,888	10,888
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2020	-	-
As at 31 December 2019	-	-

8 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	1,883	50
Tax recoverable on gift aid donations	5,862	1,632
Other debtors	4,997	1,954
Prepayments	3,040	3,617
	15,782	7,253

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	1,700	7,171
Other creditors	3,964	1,019
	5,664	8,190

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10 Restricted funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Friends of the Peak District	101,211	25,298	(95,076)	(31,433)	-
Challenge Road Building	2,186	22,700	(454)	-	24,432
HLF Archive	13,140	-	(12,924)	-	216
Lakeland PDBW Project NW	1,000	-	(773)	-	227
PDBW	665	-	(75)	(590)	-
SW Peak PDBW Project	-	4,000	(4,590)	590	-
Doncaster Local Plan	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
Loxley Valley Campaign	-	2,671	(375)	-	2,296
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
AESSEAL	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	121,406	59,169	(118,767)	(31,433)	30,375

Friends of the Peak District: subscriptions, legacies and fundraising specifically covering the area of the Peak District. During 2020 "Friends of the Peak District" name stopped being used (with the exception of the boundary walk), and the option to subscribe to this group withdrawn.

The use of this fund has been reviewed by the trustees during the year. An apportionment of salary costs relating to time spent on Peak District projects has been applied for at least 8 years, however support costs, such as premises costs, office costs and governance costs has not been applied consistently during that time. Apportioning such costs fully utilised this fund - this is represented by the transfer.

Legacies are often received for the "Friends of the Peak District". Going forwards, such funds will be applied 50% to the general fund, and 50% to a restricted "Peak District" fund.

Challenge Road Building: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work in challenging the policy of road building.

HLF Archive: Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the cost of a professionally archiving the history of the charity. The funded employee was furloughed during the year - the transfer represents the costs reclaimed through the furlough scheme.

Lakeland PDBW Project NW: to develop the Peak District Boundary Walk in the particular area of the Sheffield Lakeland.

PDBW Project: to develop the Peak District Boundary Walk. The final funds have been transferred towards the SW Peak PDBW project.

SW Peak PDBW Project: to develop the Peak District Boundary Walk in the particular area of the South West Peak.

Doncaster Local Plan: to support advocacy to the Local Development Scheme, in relation to the climate emergency and other issues.

Loxley Valley Campaign: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to challenge development work in the Loxley Valley.

Green Belt: member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to protect green belt in the Branch area.

AESSEAL: grant received from South Yorkshire Community Foundation for a project to engage with hard to reach groups; awaiting resources (matching funding and time/staff) before inception.

Prior year comparison	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Friends of the Peak District	86,682	120,883	(106,354)	-	101,211
Boundary Walk	8	-	(8)	-	-
Fracking	109	-	(109)	-	-
Green Belt	3,973	-	(1,769)	-	2,204
Challenge Road Building	1,186	1,000	-	-	2,186
Leek Road	2,944	628	(3,572)	-	-
HLF Archive	-	19,550	(6,410)	-	13,140
Lakeland PDBW Project NW	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
PDBW Project	-	2,000	(1,335)	-	665
AESSEAL	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	95,902	145,061	(119,557)	-	121,406

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11 Split of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total £
Net current assets	255,805	30,375	286,180	240,861	121,406	362,267
	<u>255,805</u>	<u>30,375</u>	<u>286,180</u>	<u>240,861</u>	<u>121,406</u>	<u>362,267</u>

12 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charity was committed to making the following payments under operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Operating lease payments:		
Within 1 year	23,449	22,974
Within 2 to 5 years	11,912	34,050
	<u>35,361</u>	<u>57,024</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions, other than those included in note 6.