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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

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Ruth Knighton (resigned 13 Jan 2022)
Robert Hunter (resigned 1 Mar 2021)
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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)
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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).

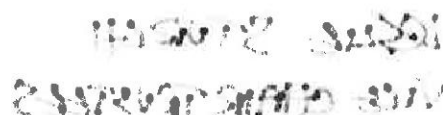
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
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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:

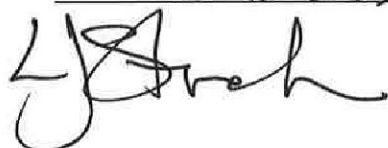
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>
	<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.