

Company registration number: 05002620
Charity registration number: 115028

Fawside

(A company limited by guarantee)
Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Fawside

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Reference and Administrative Details

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Charity name | Fawside |
| Charity registration number | 115028 |
| Company registration number | 05002620 |
| Principal office | Allendale Village Hall Leadgate Allendale Hexham Northumberland NE47 9PR |
| Registered office | Allendale Village Hall Leadgate Allendale Hexham Northumberland NE47 9PR |
| Trustees | Mrs M Stonehouse Mrs C M Dalton Mr D H Humes Mrs C Reid Mrs M Charlton Mr M Robson |
| Secretary | Mrs M Stonehouse |
| Bankers | Unity Trust Bank |
| Accountant | Heritage Accountancy Limited 76 Front Street Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5PU |

Fawside Trustees' Report

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity are:

- to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of the North Pennines region identified as the East and West Allen Valleys, Upper Teesdale and Upper Wardale, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions,
- any purposes which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

Structure, Governance and Management

Directors: Margaret Stonehouse

David Humes

Carol Dalton

Charlotte Reid

Mandy Charlton

Matty Robson

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 23 December 2003 and registered as a charity on 22 June 2004. The company was established under a memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Management

In keeping with the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees (who are also the directors of the company), are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by the members. The trustees elect the chair, treasurer and vice-chair at their first meeting following the AGM and meet regularly to review the finances and activities.

Financial information

Our income this year is made up of:

- rent for the lease of Dencholine
- grant funding via Durham County Council for the FIPPL scheme
- donations

Our financial liabilities relate to the day-to-day costs of running and staffing a small office which we rent from the Village Hall.

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Grant funding continues to be difficult to come by. We were fortunate though that although our large 'FIRL' (Farming in Protected Landscapes) bid failed, a smaller application was awarded for project work in the Deneholme Woods. This enabled us to employ a tree surgeon to remove damaged and unsafe trees. Once this work was complete, quite a few members of the public, including several youngsters, were able to enjoy a couple of days planting trees and making bird boxes – some to take away and others to be installed in the woods and local vicinity.

A group of volunteers ('Friends of Deneholme Woods') managed the woodland until June 2023 when they disbanded. Discussions are on-going regarding their assets.

Deneholme

Thornley Leazes, who now run Deneholme as 'Deneholme Care Centre Ltd', continue to use the lease assigned to them by Becks. We are currently in the process of looking at a new lease ready for January when the current one runs out, mindful of the fact that they do not wish the woods to be part of the new lease.

Community Office

We are completely back to normal following Covid. The office continues with the usual photocopying, laminating and admin support. Christina helps with various issues and problems, including those with computers and mobile phones. Margaret has been in the office most afternoons this past year, which has increased the opening hours.

During the course of the year, we looked very carefully at our finances. Paid hours for our part time member of staff have been reduced: the rising minimum wage means we cannot afford 16 hours a week. We no longer have a land-line; we have an office mobile phone and have advertised the number locally. In fact, very few people used the phone, seeming to prefer to pop in or email. We also terminated our lease on the photocopier – there was insufficient work to justify the outlay. We are fortunate in having an A3 colour printer which was donated to us when Nigel Baynes office was cleared. Together with the laser mono printer which we already had, these seem to suit our needs at present.

We currently offer 'umbrella banking' to the Allen Valleys group 'Help for Ukraine' and the Allen Valleys Wildlife Group. The Ukraine group has a separate bank account within the Fawside account due to the large sums of money involved. Each group is responsible for its own financial affairs.

Allen Valleys Oil Buying Co-operative

The Oil Buying Group remains suspended.

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year are £975,955 which includes property and equipment. Our insurance covers us in the event of loss of rental income, but apparently does not cover us for pandemic situations. We continue to try and build up our reserves. Our current cash reserves amount to £25,529.

Deneholme is let on a 'full repairing lease' thus ensuring that we do not have to maintain the building.

Investment Policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks in running the charity with regard to management of assets, reputation, finances, health and safety, employment of staff and the use of volunteers.

Fawside Trustees' Report

The trustees are always looking at Fawside's future development, but as much of this continues to rest with the decisions of other independent bodies, they are happy with the current status quo.

Our insurance and cover has been reviewed, and we are covered for 20 volunteers working at any one time.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on Public Benefit, as published by the Charities Commission, whilst exercising their powers or duties.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charitable company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departure 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 financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 28 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs M Stonehouse
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Fawside

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act ;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act ; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Lorna Copple
Heritage Accountancy Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants

28 August 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the

Year Ended 31 August 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Note | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Incoming resources | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | |
| Activities for generating funds | 3 | - | - | 40 |
| Investment income | 4 | - | 19,594 | 14,609 |
| Donations and grants | | 1,364 | 1,364 | 943 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | 5 | - | 4,496 | - |
| Total income | <u>24,090</u> | <u>1,364</u> | <u>25,454</u> | <u>15,592</u> |
| Resources expended | | | | |
| Costs of generating funds | | | | |
| Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs | 6 | - | 878 | 335 |
| Charitable activities | 6 | 1,163 | 21,970 | 15,927 |
| Total expenditure | <u>21,685</u> | <u>1,163</u> | <u>22,848</u> | <u>16,262</u> |
| Net (expenditure)/income before transfers | 2,405 | 201 | 2,606 | (670) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 973,550 | 856 | 974,406 | 975,076 |
| Total funds carried forward | <u>975,955</u> | <u>1,057</u> | <u>977,012</u> | <u>974,406</u> |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------|----------|
| Note | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 937 | 1,171 |
| Investments | 12 925,000 | 925,000 |
| | 925,937 | 926,171 |
| Current assets | | |
| Debtors | 13 29,784 | 29,784 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 57,850 | 31,649 |
| | | 61,433 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 14 (6,775) | (13,198) |
| Net current assets | 51,075 | 48,235 |
| Net assets | 977,012 | 974,406 |
| The funds of the charity: | | |
| Restricted funds | 1,057 | 855 |
| Unrestricted funds | | |
| Revaluation reserve | 185,781 | 185,781 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 790,174 | 787,770 |
| Total unrestricted funds | 975,955 | 973,551 |
| Total charity funds | 977,012 | 974,406 |

For the financial year ended 31 August 2023, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the Board on 28 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs M Stonehouse
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity where this can be quantified.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

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Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 20% + 33% reducing balance basis |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|

Investment properties

Certain of the charity's properties are held for long-term investment. Investment properties are accounted for in accordance with SSAP 19, as follows:

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties and they are revalued annually. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is transferred to the revaluation reserve unless a deficit below original cost, or its reversal, on an individual investment property is expected to be permanent, in which case it is recognised in the statement of financial activities account for the year.

This treatment as regards the charity's investment properties may be a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act concerning the depreciation of fixed assets. However, these properties are not held for consumption but for investment and the trustees consider that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. The accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the statement of the financial activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the year end.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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2 Grants receivable

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| UK Government grants | - | - | - | 243 |

3 Activities for generating funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |

Operating activity 1

Secretarial income

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|----|
| | - | - | - | 40 |
|--|---|---|---|----|

4 Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income from investment properties | 19,594 | - | 19,594 | 14,609 |

5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |

Charitable activities

Donations

| | | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|---|
| | 4,496 | - | 4,496 | - |
|--|-------|---|-------|---|

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| 6 Total resources expended | Operating activity 1 £ | Charitable activities £ | Total £ |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Direct costs | | | |
| Cost of goods sold | - | 5,629 | 5,629 |
| Legal and professional costs | 808 | - | 808 |
| | <u>808</u> | <u>5,629</u> | <u>6,437</u> |
| Support costs | | | |
| Employment costs | - | 7,904 | 7,904 |
| Establishment costs | - | 2,604 | 2,604 |
| Repairs and maintenance | - | 375 | 375 |
| Office expenses | - | 577 | 577 |
| Printing, posting and stationery | - | 709 | 709 |
| Sundry and other costs | - | 1,138 | 1,138 |
| Accountancy fees | 70 | 465 | 535 |
| Legal and professional costs | - | 2,227 | 2,227 |
| Bank charges | - | 108 | 108 |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | - | 234 | 234 |
| | <u>70</u> | <u>16,341</u> | <u>16,411</u> |
| | <u>878</u> | <u>21,970</u> | <u>22,848</u> |
| 7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses | | | |
| No trustees received any remuneration during the year (2018 - £Nil). | | | |
| No trustees received any benefits in kind during the year (2018 - £Nil). | | | |
| No trustees received any reimbursement of expenses during the year (2018 - £Nil). | | | |
| 8 Net income/(expenditure) | | | |
| Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging: | | | |
| | 2023 | | 2022 |
| | £ | | £ |
| Hire of other assets - operating leases | 2,604 | | 2,604 |
| Depreciation of owned assets | <u>234</u> | | <u>294</u> |

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9 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | <u>7,904</u> | <u>7,491</u> |
| No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2022 - No. 0). | | |

10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Fixtures, fittings and equipment £ |
|---|---|
| Cost or Valuation | |
| As at 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 | <u>52,719</u> |
| Depreciation | |
| As at 1 September 2022 | 51,548 |
| Charge for the year | <u>234</u> |
| As at 31 August 2023 | <u>51,782</u> |
| Net book value | |
| As at 31 August 2023 | <u>937</u> |
| As at 31 August 2022 | <u><u>1,171</u></u> |

12 Investments held as fixed assets

| | Investment properties £ |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Market value | |
| As at 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 | <u>925,000</u> |
| Net book value | |
| As at 31 August 2023 | <u>925,000</u> |
| As at 31 August 2022 | <u><u>925,000</u></u> |
| All investment assets were held in the UK. | |

13 Debtors

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Other debtors | <u>29,784</u> | <u>29,784</u> |
| Debtors includes £29,784 (2022 - £29,784) receivable after more than one year. | | |

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14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Taxation and social security | 3,038 | 4,625 |
| Other creditors | 2,573 | 7,245 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 1,164 | 1,328 |
| | <u>6,775</u> | <u>13,198</u> |

15 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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16 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

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17 Analysis of funds

| | At 1 September 2022 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | At 31 August 2023 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Designated Funds | | | | |
| Deneholme Woodlands Fund | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| General Funds | | | | |
| General fund | 973,549 | 24,090 | (21,685) | 975,954 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | |
| Deneholme Building | - | - | - | - |
| Windy Moves (Big Lottery) | - | - | - | - |
| Smile for the Bird | 156 | - | - | 156 |
| Allen Valley Wildlife Group | 700 | 1,364 | (1,163) | 901 |
| | 856 | 1,364 | (1,163) | 1,057 |
| | 974,406 | 25,454 | (22,848) | 977,012 |

These funds are used to support the charitable activities of Fawside.
The property is held as an investment property to enable the charity to fund its ongoing charitable activities.

Deneholme Woodland Fund (Designated Fund)

This fund is held to support the Friends of Deneholme Woods by assisting with the ongoing maintenance of the woodland.

Restricted Funds:

Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership

This fund represents the grant income received in Fawside's capacity as a partner to enable the development of the woodland paths around Deneholme.

Windy Moves (Big Lottery)

This fund represents the Lottery grant received in Fawside's capacity as a partner to provide a week of movement workshops for disabled and non disabled children and their families.

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18 Net assets by fund

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tangible assets | £ 937 | £ - | £ 937 | £ 1,171 |
| Investments | 925,000 | - | 925,000 | 925,000 |
| Current assets | 54,795 | 3,055 | 57,850 | 61,433 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | (4,183) | (2,592) | (6,775) | (13,198) |
| Net assets | <u>976,549</u> | <u>463</u> | <u>977,012</u> | <u>974,406</u> |

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Statement of financial activities by fund Year Ended 31 August 2023

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.