

OPEN COUNTRY

England & Wales · Charity number 1107331

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05155859
Registered	2004-12-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR CARERS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY FACILITATING SUCH PERSONS TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.(B) TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INTO THE TREATMENT AND CARE OF DISABLED PEOPLE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOCUSING ON DISABLED ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE.

Activities: We seek to enable people with any disability to access the countryside. We have a countryside activities programme, a range of publications, and offer advice on improving countryside access for all.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE YORKSHIRE.
- Barnsley
- City Of Wakefield
- City Of York
- Leeds City
- Middlesbrough
- North Yorkshire
- Redcar And Cleveland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£630,410	£617,258	£602,945	19
2024-03-31	£584,962	£456,882	£589,793	14
2023-03-31	£431,639	£381,843	-	-
2022-03-31	£317,709	£296,892	-	-
2021-03-31	£276,957	£266,700	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Burt		2024-08-21
Clare Dowson		2025-10-08
David Robinson		2017-10-02
David Titchmarsh		2022-02-16
Jonty Warneken		2022-02-16
Laura Tapper		2025-06-04
Richard Firth		2020-03-24
Samantha Turner		2025-10-08
Teresa Damron		2026-02-18

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Accounts



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(A Company Charity limited by guarantee)

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**Trustees' Annual Report & Financial
Statements for the year ended**

31st March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2024

To: 31st March 2025

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS102)).

Charity's Full Name:	Open Country
Registered Company Number:	05155859
Registered Charity Number:	1107331

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of disabled people and their carers without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political or religious or other opinions by facilitating such persons to have access to the countryside with the objects of improving the conditions of life of such persons. (b) To promote education and research into the treatment and care of disabled people, in particular but not exclusively focusing on disabled access to the countryside.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

Open Country is a Yorkshire-based organisation that seeks to enable anyone with any disability to access and enjoy the countryside. This is achieved through a variety of countryside activities and the provision of information and advice.

With hubs in Harrogate and Wakefield and our new Teesside hub commencing activity delivery from April 2025, our hands-on countryside activities are still going strong.

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Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document (Continued)

Our five nature conservation work parties give people with learning disabilities and mental health issues a chance to get involved in helping improve the environment throughout the local area. Five walking groups operate throughout the year, with walks ranging from two to ten miles. There are regular countryside outings to a variety of wheelchair accessible locations, including nature reserves, the seaside and country houses. We have six tandem clubs, between them covering Harrogate & Knaresborough, Ripon, Selby, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Other groups are 'Wild Things' (nature study groups) and our 'Adventure Clubs' (specialising in outdoor pursuits). 'Wild about Wetherby', is a project for Aspire CBC, offering day services to people from the Wetherby area.

Our 'Countryside Advice Service' continues to offer information and advice on aspects of countryside access for all to a wide range of individuals, statutory agencies and countryside organisations. We evaluate our activities carefully and there is clear evidence of the physical and mental benefits to our service users, in the form of improving overall health, combating social isolation and forming strong and lasting friendships.

We have 19 staff (13 FTE) and 170 dedicated volunteers. We wish to note the superb contribution made by the latter, for without our volunteers, the activities offered to our service users would be severely restricted.

Despite the undoubted funding challenges facing our sector, we are continually expanding the service we offer, offering our skills to a wider community of disabled people and carers.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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Additional details of objectives and activities

Our key targets for Year Five, 2025 - 2026 are to:

- Work to **sustain current level of activities** and participant numbers in our Harrogate and Wakefield Hubs. We will measure volume levels for all three hubs, whilst recognising that Wakefield's may dip due to temporary staffing and activity levels.
- Commence **Teesside Hub activity delivery**. Here we will aim for 75 people, enjoying 120 activities on 1,000 people/activity days.
- Produce a new **Five-year Business Plan** for 2026 - 2031.
- Evidence the **Quality** of our organisation and our offer and work towards a quality assurance award.
- Meet **Fundraising targets**. Work effectively, with increased income, measuring both individual and team performance.
- Submit our Wakefield **National Lottery bid**; with a successful outcome.
- Support our profile through increased **partnership development**.
- Maximise the promotion of our work through our **35th Anniversary**.
- Gain **new minibuses** for Wakefield and Teesside.
- Produce **two Breakfree packs** - 'Barnsley' & 'Teesside Wildlife'.
- Revise **two Countryside Directories**.
- Recruit a new 'profile' **patron**.
- Commence our new '**Benchmark**' campaign.
- Launch our **Gold Standard** for inclusive access, with a new webpage.
- Successfully expedite our £126,000 **Nidderdale National Landscape** 'access for all' project, Phase II.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Key achievements in Year Four, 2024 - 2025:

- Commenced work on our **new Teesside Hub**, with the employment of a dedicated Hub Manager in December 2024.
- Facilitated **11,537 participant days** on our activities, a creditable effort, up from 9,707 the previous year.
- Promote our Voice, Locally, Regionally & Nationally. Some 'campaigns', notably **Barriers and Nidderdale**.
- Produced **Breakfree packs** for Nidderdale National Landscape and Selby.
- Revised **Countryside Directories** for East Yorkshire & North Yorkshire.
- Successfully held our 2nd **Good Access Scheme Winners' Conference**.
- Gained our first **electric vehicle**, with two charging points.
- **Increased staffing levels and activities**, funded by successful fundraising.

Financial review

Results for the year

As set out in the Statement of Financial activities on page 9, total income for the year was £630,410 (2024: £584,962) Net income for the year was £13,152 (2024: £128,080).

During the year, we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the organisations and individuals listed in the appendix.

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Reserves are required to bridge the gap between expenditure and income, to cover unplanned emergency expenditure and to develop new services.

Total funds as at 31 March 2025 amounted to £602,945 (2024: £589,793) of which £446,564 (2024: £360,789) was unrestricted. However, the unrestricted funds at 31 March 2025 include functional fixed assets (e.g. minibuses and other equipment required for the Charity's activities) of £146,796 that are essential for the Charity's activities and £33,927 in a fund designated by the trustees. These are therefore excluded from free reserves.

Therefore, the Charity's reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2025 were £265,841 (2024: £236,546).

The Charity seeks to achieve sufficient reserves to cover six months' expenditure on charitable activities (£290,000) plus the estimated costs of meeting all commitments on a winding-up of the organisation (£90,000); a total of £380,000. Whilst reserves freely available to spend increased during the year ended 31 March 2025 at that date free reserves were significantly below the amount required to meet the trustees' reserves policy. The charity remains in a good financial position to withstand the challenges posed through increased costs and the anticipated reduction in new funding streams which has been borne out in the current financial year. As a result, the trustees are budgeting for a substantial deficit in the financial year ending 31st March 2026, whilst continuing to seek new funding which is essential to ensure the sustainability of our charitable activities.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Memorandum and Articles of Association form the governing document

How the charity is constituted

Company limited by guarantee

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body

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Reference and administration details

Charity's Full Name: Open Country

Charity's principal address: Community House, 46 East Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5LT

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Richard Firth	Chair	
Tracey Jackson		
David Robinson		
David Titchmarsh		
Jonty Warneken		
Jayne Eyre		
Christopher Burt		
Laura Tapper		From 4 June 2025
Samantha Turner		From 8 October 2025
Clare Dowson	Treasurer	From 8 October 2025

In addition, the following trustees served during the period covered by this report:

Michelle Tempest-Mitchell	Resigned 12 June 2025
Jane Green	Appointed 23 October 2024; Resigned 12 June 2025

Name of Company Secretary

David Shaftoe

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

David Shaftoe (Chief Officer)

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Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors (trustees) are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 5.

Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner.

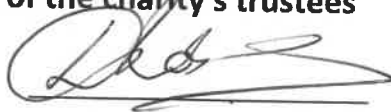
Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

Declaration

**The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature



Full Name

David Robinson

Position

Trustee

Date

8 December 2025

Appendix

During the Year 2024 – 2025, we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the following organisations and individuals:

Active Travel Community Grants - CityConnect	Harrogate and District Allotment Federation	The Cheridan Raithby Charitable Trust
Alan Rayner	Horbury Heritage Community Trust	The Finnis Scott Foundation
Alpkit Foundation	Huddersfield and Wakefield Rotary Clubs	The Friends of Parkinson's Park CIC
Anna Baldwin	James Cooke	The George A. Moore Foundation
Aspire Community Benefit Society	Jan and Mike Bartholomew	The Inman Charity
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust	Jonty Warneken	The Kenneth Hargreaves Charitable Trust
Cash4Clubs funded by Flutter UKI	Meadfleet	The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation
Charities Trust	Microsoft	The National Lottery Community Fund
Cone Exchange	National Coal Mining Museum	The Nature Hubs Fund by Hubbub
Co-op Local Community Fund	NHS South West Partnership	The Nineveh Trust
County Durham Community Foundation (now Point North Community Foundation)	Noble Charitable Trust	The Primary Club (The Murray Fund)
DEFRA	Normanton Rotary Club	The Purey Cust Trust
Danny Heptinstall and Rajni Hussain	North Yorkshire Council (NYC)	The Shears Foundation
David and Julie Turner	NYC Locality Budgets; Cllrs P Haslam, M Walker, C Aldred, A Warneken	The Sylvia and Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust
David Family Foundation	North Yorkshire Sport Ltd	The Teesside Charity
Department for Transport	NOVA Wakefield District	Tom and Julie Leggett
Douglas Arter Foundation	Otley Town Council	Wakefield and District Health and Community Support
Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust	Peter Brambleby	Wakefield College
Feoffees of St Michael's Spurriergate York	Philip Robinson	Wakefield Council Culture Grants 2024
Fineline Global	Plantlife	Wakefield Council Neighbourhood Improvement Fund
Frickley Athletic Community Foundation Friends and Family of Gwen Agar	Rhododendron Trust	Wakefield Council UKSPF Local Grants Programme
Friends and Family of Nicky Serlin	Roger Cordier	Warburtons Community Grants
Garfield Weston Foundation	Sally Dudley	Whitewell Wellbeing Ltd
Gay and Peter Hartley's Hillards Charitable Trust	Scotton Parish Council	Woodland Trust
HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust	Simon Thomas and Outriders	Yorkshire Building Society
HM Young Offenders Institution Wetherby	Sir Jules Thorne	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
HM Revenue & Customs	Sovereign Health Care	
	Tees Foundation	
	Tees Valley Community Foundation	
	The Boshier Hinton Foundation	
	The Bostock Foundation	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Open Country

I report on the accounts of: **Open Country**
for the year ended: **31st March 2025** which are set out on pages 11 to 23.

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 material 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 Trust as required by section 386 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records
- 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.



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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3.1	21,294	-	21,294	39,300
Charitable activities	3.2	220,998	375,526	596,524	536,311
Investments	3.3	10,846	-	10,846	5,917
Other income	3.4	1,746	-	1,746	3,434
Total income	3	254,884	375,526	630,410	584,962
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4.1	264,874	352,384	617,258	456,882
Total expenditure	4	264,874	352,384	617,258	456,882
Net income/(expenditure)		(9,990)	23,142	13,152	128,080
Gross transfers between funds	11.2	95,765	(95,765)	-	-
Net movement in funds		85,775	(72,623)	13,152	128,080
Total funds brought forward		360,789	229,004	589,793	461,713
Total funds carried forward		446,564	156,381	602,945	589,793

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Balance Sheet as at:

31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>146,796</u>	<u>74,243</u>
Total Fixed Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	435,818	486,156
Debtors & prepayments	9	22,840	31,636
Total Current Assets		<u>458,658</u>	<u>517,792</u>
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	10	(2,509)	(2,242)
Net current assets		<u>456,149</u>	<u>515,550</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>602,945</u>	<u>589,793</u>
 Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	446,564	360,789
Restricted Funds	11	156,381	229,004
Total Funds Carried Forward 11 & 12		<u>602,945</u>	<u>589,793</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8th December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



David Robinson

Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended:

31st March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income for the year	13,152	128,080
Add: Depreciation for the year	26,963	27,030
	40,115	155,110
Working capital changes		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	8,796	(11,435)
Increase in creditors	267	282
	49,178	143,957
Net cash provided by operating activities	49,178	143,957
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(99,516)	(18,013)
	(50,338)	125,944
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(50,338)	125,944
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024	486,156	360,212
	435,818	486,156
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2025	435,818	486,156

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure

Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities

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

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
3.1 Donations and legacies						
Donations and legacies	19,274	-	19,274	36,393	-	36,393
Gift Aid	2,020	-	2,020	2,907	-	2,907
	21,294	-	21,294	39,300	-	39,300
3.2 Charitable activities						
Grants	35,652	375,526	411,178	32,033	348,139	380,172
Wild About Wetherby project	32,425	-	32,425	32,425	-	32,425
Self funders	105,472	-	105,472	90,983	-	90,983
Transport contributions	12,909	-	12,909	9,055	-	9,055
Trips income	9,435	-	9,435	7,674	-	7,674
Tandem income	5,593	-	5,593	3,969	-	3,969
Bus Service Operators' Grant	3,812	-	3,812	833	-	833
Work party income	15,700	-	15,700	11,200	-	11,200
	220,998	375,526	596,524	188,172	348,139	536,311
3.3 Investments						
Interest received	10,846	-	10,846	5,917	-	5,917
	10,846	-	10,846	5,917	-	5,917
3.4 Other income						
Sundry income	1,746	-	1,746	3,434	-	3,434
	1,746	-	1,746	3,434	-	3,434
Total income	254,884	375,526	630,410	236,823	348,139	584,962

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	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
4.1 Charitable activities						
Staff:						
- salaries, pensions & NIC	229,461	175,299	404,760	195,034	142,955	337,989
- training	5,749	600	6,349	2,242	750	2,992
- subsistence	574	-	574	807	-	807
- travel expenses	230	-	230	151	-	151
- recruitment costs	1,284	902	2,186	1,625	210	1,835
- uniform & protective equip.	397	-	397	-	625	625
Volunteer's expenses	939	-	939	918	-	918
Activity expenses:						
- activity fees and costs	7,864	35,194	43,058	4,912	4,929	9,841
- tandem costs	2,539	3,015	5,554	878	763	1,641
- allotment	524	-	524	424	-	424
- insurance	4,062	-	4,062	3,220	-	3,220
Project costs:						
- Conservation materials	100	3,925	4,025	196	204	400
- Wild About Wetherby	8	-	8	9	-	9
Vehicles:						
- fuel, oil & electric power	12,672	-	12,672	13,457	-	13,457
- repairs and servicing	9,519	-	9,519	7,125	1,036	8,161
- insurance	5,011	-	5,011	4,314	-	4,314
Small equipment and tools	2,406	3,433	5,839	124	1,537	1,661
Mower & trailer maintenance	1,668	-	1,668	603	934	1,537
Carried forward	285,007	222,368	507,375	236,039	153,943	389,982

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Brought forward	285,007	222,368	507,375	236,039	153,943	389,982
Administration expenses:						
- rent	13,555	8,575	22,130	8,538	7,575	16,113
- cleaning and maintenance	200	-	200	250	3,042	3,292
- health and safety	2,583	453	3,036	583	379	962
- advertising and PR	5,389	2,693	8,082	2,185	337	2,522
- printing and stationery	3,317	8,160	11,477	2,280	3,822	6,102
- postage and telephone	2,141	-	2,141	2,079	30	2,109
- IT and internet	4,895	400	5,295	2,543	-	2,543
- subscriptions	122	-	122	85	-	85
- other	208	-	208	649	174	823
- payroll bureau fees	1,388	-	1,388	1,282	-	1,282
- bookkeeping	3,120	-	3,120	2,880	-	2,880
Depreciation	26,963	-	26,963	27,030	-	27,030
Legal & professional fees	2,254	4,500	6,754	780	-	780
Bank charges	401	-	401	377	-	377
Donations to other organisations	-	18,566	18,566	-	-	-
Head office recharges	(86,669)	86,669	-	(9,085)	9,085	-
	264,874	352,384	617,258	278,495	178,387	456,882
Total expenditure	264,874	352,384	617,258	278,495	178,387	456,882

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: **31st March 2025**

5 Trustee expenses & examination fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

	2025	2024
	£	£
5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts		
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	700	700
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner (BSOG authorisation)	80	80

6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	366,755	307,501
Employers National Insurance	26,077	21,363
Employers pension contributions	11,928	9,125
	404,760	337,989
Average number of employees	15	14

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Current bank account	167,857	227,738
Deposit bank accounts	267,805	257,901
Cash in hand	156	517
	435,818	486,156

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2025

8 Fixed assets

8.1 Tangible fixed assets	Vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1st April 2024	210,799	43,136	253,935
Additions in year	77,672	21,844	99,516
Disposals in year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>288,471</u>	<u>64,980</u>	<u>353,451</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2024	154,770	24,922	179,692
Charge for the year	20,568	6,395	26,963
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>175,338</u>	<u>31,317</u>	<u>206,655</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2025	<u>113,133</u>	<u>33,663</u>	<u>146,796</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>56,029</u>	<u>18,214</u>	<u>74,243</u>

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Debtors	18,265	20,687
Prepayments and accrued income	4,575	10,949
	<u>22,840</u>	<u>31,636</u>

10 Creditors and accruals

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	2,509	2,242
	<u>2,509</u>	<u>2,242</u>

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11 Movement of funds

11.1 Movement of major funds

2025

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	310,789	254,884	248,801	95,765	412,637
Designated funds	50,000		16,073	-	33,927
	<u>360,789</u>	<u>254,884</u>	<u>264,874</u>	<u>95,765</u>	<u>446,564</u>
Restricted Funds					
Minibuses	115,000	31,001	-	(84,097)	61,904
Awards for All	2,785	-	2,785	-	-
Wild about Wakefield	45,168	45,222	60,525	(11,668)	18,197
Barnsley	10,687	20,770	27,930	-	3,527
Community Fund	30,874	101,000	123,145	-	8,729
Teeside	-	31,650	2,354	-	29,296
Nidderdale	-	83,219	83,219	-	-
Activities					
Primary Club 24	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
NHS	1,453	-	1,453	-	-
TR Heart of Selby	2,798	-	2,798	-	-
George Moore 24	3,250	-	3,250	-	-
Jack Brunton	3,250	-	3,250	-	-
G & P Hartley's					
Hillards Trust		1,000	1,000		-
Purey Cust		5,000	5,000		-
Inman Charity		3,500			3,500
Awards for All		19,987	3,331		16,656
George Moore 25		2,500			2,500
Primary Club 25	-	2,322	-	-	2,322
Total activities	<u>12,751</u>	<u>34,309</u>	<u>22,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,978</u>
Conservation					
JSLF	6,338	-	6,338	-	-
Liz & Terry Bramall	-	5,000	1,250		3,750
Total conservation	<u>6,338</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,750</u>
Miscellaneous					
Two Ridings	3,238	-	3,238	-	-
Whitwam Family	2,163	-	2,163	-	-
HDH Wills 1965	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
NY Sport UKSPF	-	17,355	17,355	-	-
Ninevah	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
	<u>5,401</u>	<u>23,355</u>	<u>22,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Restricted	<u>229,004</u>	<u>375,526</u>	<u>352,384</u>	<u>(95,765)</u>	<u>156,381</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>589,793</u></u>	<u><u>630,410</u></u>	<u><u>617,258</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>602,945</u></u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2025

11.1 Movement of major funds (continued)

2024 Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	384,448	236,823	278,495	(31,987)	310,789
Designated funds	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>384,448</u>	<u>236,823</u>	<u>278,495</u>	<u>18,013</u>	<u>360,789</u>
Restricted Funds					
Minibuses	-	115,000	-	-	115,000
H. Catley	3,087	-	3,087	-	-
Awards for All	5,865	-	3,080	-	2,785
Wild about Wakefield	22,683	61,216	20,718	(18,013)	45,168
Barnsley	-	24,140	13,453	-	10,687
Community Fund	17,771	115,861	102,758	-	30,874
Activities					
Primary Club	3,000	2,000	3,000	-	2,000
NHS	2,344	-	891	-	1,453
TR Heart of Selby	9,439	-	6,641	-	2,798
George Moore	-	3,250	-	-	3,250
Jack Brunton	-	3,250	-	-	3,250
Shears Foundation	-	5,500	5,500	-	-
Total activities	<u>14,783</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>16,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,751</u>
Conservation					
Ninevah	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	4,866	4,866	-	-
JSLF	-	7,606	1,268	-	6,338
629a	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
Total conservation	<u>3,000</u>	<u>15,472</u>	<u>12,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,338</u>
Miscellaneous					
Two Ridings	4,913	2,450	4,125	-	3,238
Whitwam Family	5,163	-	3,000	-	2,163
	<u>10,076</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>7,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,401</u>
Total Restricted	<u>77,265</u>	<u>348,139</u>	<u>178,387</u>	<u>(18,013)</u>	<u>229,004</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>461,713</u></u>	<u><u>584,962</u></u>	<u><u>456,882</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>589,793</u></u>

11.2 Transfer between funds

As permitted by the Charity SORP (FRS102), tangible fixed assets of £95,765 have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. These assets were purchased from grants or donations which were restricted funds but are now held for a general and not a restricted purpose.

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11.3 Details of Funds Held

Unrestricted Funds General

The general fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

Unrestricted Funds Designated

An unrestricted fund designated by the trustees to develop and operate our outreach project in Teeside.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

Minibuses

A fund reflecting grants and donations received for the acquisition of minibuses in future periods.

Awards for All

Big Lottery funding towards 'adventure' weekend trips

Wild about Wakefield

Grants funding a range of activities in the Wakefield district .

Barnsley

National Lottery Community funding to provide a range of activities in Barnsley..

Community Fund

National Lottery Community funding to provide a range of activities in the Wakefield district.

Teeside

Grants funding a range of activities in Teeside.

Nidderdale

Access for All initiative funded by DEFRA to improve accessibility in Niddersdale.

Activities

Grants contributing towards the running of tandem clubs, walking groups and other activities.

Conservation

Grants contributing towards the costs of conservation activities and biodiversity projects.

Miscellaneous

Grants for breakfree packs, allotment project, tools and IT equipment

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Notes to the accounts for the year

31st March 2025

12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Balances at 31st March 2025			
Fixed assets	146,796	-	146,796
Current assets	302,277	156,381	458,658
Current liabilities	(2,509)	-	(2,509)
	446,564	156,381	602,945
	446,564	156,381	602,945
Balances at 31st March 2024			
Fixed assets	74,243	-	74,243
Current assets	288,788	229,004	517,792
Current liabilities	(2,242)	-	(2,242)
	360,789	229,004	589,793
	360,789	229,004	589,793

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Accounts

Open Country

(A Company Charity limited by guarantee)

Charity Number	1107331
Company Number	05155859

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

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Open Country

(Charity Number 1107331)

Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2023

To: 31st March 2024

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS102)).

Charities Full Name: Open Country

Registered Company Number: 5155859

Registered Charity Number: 1107331

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of disabled people and their carers without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political or religious or other opinions by facilitating such persons to have access to the countryside with the objects of improving the conditions of life of such persons. (b) To promote education and research into the treatment and care of disabled people, in particular but not exclusively focusing on disabled access to the countryside.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

Open Country is a Yorkshire-based organisation that seeks to enable anyone with any disability to access and enjoy the countryside. This is achieved through a variety of countryside activities and the provision of information and advice.

Our five nature conservation work parties give people with learning disabilities, neurodivergence and mental health issues a chance to get involved in helping improve the environment throughout the local area. Six walking groups operate throughout the year, with walks ranging from two to ten miles. There are regular countryside outings to a variety of wheelchair accessible locations, including nature reserves, the seaside and country houses. We have six tandem clubs, between them covering Harrogate & Knaresborough, Ripon, Selby, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Other groups are 'Wild Things' (a nature study group) and our 'Adventure Clubs' (specialising in outdoor pursuits). The 'Care in the Countryside' group targets people with disabilities and their family carers. 'Wild about Wetherby', is a project for Aspire CBC, offering day services to people from the Wetherby area.

The 'Wild about Wakefield' project offers inspiring activities in the West Yorkshire cathedral city. We still offer two weekly online sessions - yoga and a spin class using exercise bikes.

Our 'Countryside Advice Service' continues to offer information and advice on aspects of countryside access for all to a wide range of individuals, statutory agencies and countryside organisations. We evaluate our activities carefully and there is clear evidence of the physical and mental benefits to our service users, in the form of improving overall health, combating social isolation and forming strong and lasting friendships.

We have 14 staff (10 FTE) and 150 dedicated volunteers. We wish to note the superb contribution made by the latter, for without our volunteers, the activities offered to our service users would be severely restricted.

Despite the undoubted funding challenges facing our sector, we are continually expanding the service we offer, offering our skills to a wider community of disabled people and carers.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Trustees' Annual Report

Additional details of objectives and activities

Our Key targets for Year Four, 2024 - 2025 are:

- Work on realising our Middlesbrough Hub.
- Achieve a 10% increase in our overall Uptake levels.
- Welcome up to 650 people on our activities.
- Promote our Voice, Locally, Regionally & Nationally, with some 'campaigns' and a bespoke access project for Nidderdale National Landscape.
- Produce Breakfree packs for Nidderdale National Landscape, Barnsley & Selby.
- Revise our Countryside Directories for East Yorkshire & North Yorkshire.
- Hold our 2nd Good Access Scheme Winners' Conference.
- Launch our Gold Standard for inclusive access, with a new webpage.
- Acquire two new minibuses, including an electric vehicle with a charging point.
- Work to retain staffing levels and activities by successful fundraising.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Key Achievements in Year Three, 2023-2024:

- Welcomed 591 people on our activities our highest number of participants ever - our target was 550.
- Commenced new activity delivery in Barnsley and Selby.
- Successfully negotiated our first full year of Wakefield Lottery project.
- Selected Middlesbrough as our Third Hub, closing off all actions on researching and scoping options.
- Produced Breakfree packs for York (2nd pack) & Burley-in-Wharfedale, revamped the Wakefield pack and revised our Countryside Directories for South Yorkshire and Teesside/Middlesbrough.
- Extended our Bluespace project and launched/published the findings.
- Expanded our Digital rollout, including a suite of audio walks for the Cavendish Estate and a new Bluespace webpage.
- Met our Diversity targets, including the implementation of a Hardship Fund, enabling 8 individuals to access services.
- Improved digital security via Sharepoint. To help us in this, an ICO report was gained.
- Trained up an in-house MiDAS Assessor, who completed our internal/external training.
- Increased trustee representation on the Board, filling key roles.
- Established a GAS award 'Winners Club', with our first Conference, to better promote inclusive access.
- Fielded 66 Countryside Advice Service enquiries, a 10% increase on the previous year.
- Recruited additional staff resource for Fundraising and Communications.

Financial Review

Results for the year

As set out in the Statement of Financial activities on page 9, total income for the year was £584,962 (2023: £431,639) Net income for the year was £128,080 (2023: £49,796). As summarised on page 9 net income generated from restricted funds was £169,752 which sum is carried forward to be expended in future periods. Net expenditure on unrestricted funds was £41,672 which has been met from funds brought forward.

During the year we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the organisations and individuals listed in the appendix.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Reserves are required to bridge the gap between expenditure and income, to cover unplanned emergency expenditure and to develop new services.

Total funds as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £589,793 (2023: £461,713) of which £360,789 (2023: £384,448) was unrestricted. However, the unrestricted funds at 31 March 2024 include functional fixed assets (eg minibuses and other equipment required for the Charity's activities) of £74,243 that are essential for the Charity's activities and £50,000 in a fund designated by the trustees. These sums are excluded from free reserves.

Therefore, the Charity's reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2024 were £236,546 (2023: £301,188).

The Charity seeks to achieve sufficient reserves to cover six months' expenditure on charitable activities (£195,000) plus the estimated costs of meeting all commitments on a winding-up of the organisation (£70,000); a total of £265,000. As a result of cost of living increases and further strategic investment in expansion of our activities and some reduction in new funds, reserves freely available to spend decreased during the year ended 31 March 2024. Nevertheless, the charity remains in a good financial position to meet the challenges to be posed through increased costs and a possible reduction in new funding streams. In line with our five year strategic plan, there is a need for significant expenditure in the next two years for asset replacement and the funding of additional services and activities across existing and new locations scheduled for addition in 2024/25 and beyond, thus ensuring the sustainability and expansion of our charitable activities.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Memorandum and Articles of Association form its governing document

How the charity is constituted

Company limited by guarantee

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body



Open Country

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Reference and administration details

Charity's Full Name: Open Country

Charity's principal address: Community House
46 East Parade
Harrogate
HG1 5LT

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Richard Firth	Chair	
Tracey Jackson		
David Robinson	Treasurer	
David Titchmarsh		
Jonty Warneken		
Jayne Eyre		From 16/08/23
Michelle Tempest-Mitchell		From 18/10/23
Christopher Burt		From 21/08/24
Jane Green		From 23/10/24

Name of Company Secretary

Name

David Shaftoe

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

David Shaftoe (Chief Officer)

Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors (trustees) are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 4.

Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full Name

David Robinson

Position

Treasurer and Trustee

Date

11 DECEMBER 2024

Appendix

During the Year 2023 – 2024 we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the following organisations and individuals

Alan Rayner
Anna Baldwin
Aspire Community Benefit Company Ltd.
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund
Belmont Grosvenor School
Bettys and Taylors
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
CANVA
City Connect/West Yorkshire Combined Authority
CLA Charitable Trust
Coca Cola European Partners
Co-operative Local Community Fund
David & Julie Turner
Department for Transport
Efficiency North
Engage Interactive
Four Winds Trust
Friends and family of Nicky Serlin
Friends of Oakwell Hall and Country Park
Friends of Parkinson's Park CIC
Green Hall Foundation
Groundwork/Tescos
Haribo
Harrogate Round Table
Harrogate Wheeleasy
High Sherriff of North Yorkshire
HMRC
HM Young Offenders Institution Wetherby
Huddersfield & Wakefield Rotary Clubs
Inca (Europe) Limited
Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
Jan & Mike Bartholomew
John Spedan Lewis Foundation
Jonty Warneken
Leeds City Council
Leeds Community Foundation
Linda Hoare, Mayor of Otley
Live Well Wakefield
Marketing Adventures

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Microsoft	Wharfedale Naturalist's Society
Morley Glass and Glazing	Woodland Trust
National Lottery Community Fund	WWF-UK
NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership	YPO
Nidderdale High School	York Common Good Trust
Norman Collinson Charitable Trust	Yorkshire Water
North Doncaster Development Trust	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
North Yorkshire Council	
North Yorkshire Councillors Matt Walker and Monika Slater	
NOVA	
Otley Town Council	
Philip Robinson	
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	
Primary Club	
Prosper Wakefield	
Quackers Harrogate	
Sally Weatherill	
Sandal MINI	
Scotton Parish Council	
Sharow PCC	
Sir George Martin Trust	
SkyBet	
Sport England	
St. James's Place Charitable Foundation	
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	
The Bernard Sunley Foundation	
The Bostock Foundation	
The Fitton Trust	
The Friends of Parkinson's Park	
The George A. Moore Foundation	
The RS Brownless Charitable Trust	
The Shears Foundation	
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation	
Tom & Julie Leggett	
TransPennine Trail	
Trustees of Chatsworth Settlement	
Two Ridings Community Foundation/Local Fund for Harrogate	
Wakefield Chantry Rotary Club	
Wakefield Council	
Wakefield Recovery & Wellbeing College	
West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum	

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Open Country

I report on the accounts of: **Open Country**

For the year ended: **31st March 2024** Which are set out on pages 9 to 23

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 material 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 Trust as required by section 386 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
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.



Karen Wood (ACMA)
2 Galligap Lane
Osbalwick
York, YO10 3NR

16/12/2024

Date

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	3.1	39,300	-	39,300	34,091
Charitable activities	3.2	188,172	348,139	536,311	387,325
Investments	3.3	5,917	-	5,917	1,231
Other income	3.4	3,434	-	3,434	8,992
Total income	3	236,823	348,139	584,962	431,639
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4.1	278,495	178,387	456,882	381,843
Total expenditure	4	278,495	178,387	456,882	381,843
Net income/(expenditure)		(41,672)	169,752	128,080	49,796
Gross transfer between funds	11.2	18,013	(18,013)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(23,659)	151,739	128,080	49,796
Total funds brought forward		384,448	77,265	461,713	411,917
Total funds carried forward		360,789	229,004	589,793	461,713

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed assets		£	£
Tangible assets		74,243	83,260
Total fixed assets	8	74,243	83,260
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	486,156	360,212
Debtors & prepayments	9	31,636	20,201
Total current assets		517,792	380,413
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	10	(2,242)	(1,960)
Net current assets		515,550	378,453
Total assets less current liabilities		589,793	461,713
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds	11	360,789	384,448
Restricted Funds	11	229,004	77,265
Total Funds Carried Forward	11&12	589,793	461,713

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 11 DECEMBER 2024

and signed on their behalf by:

David Robinson **Trustee**



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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended

31st March 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash flows from operating activities	£	£
Net income for the year	128,080	49,796
Add: Depreciation for the year	27,030	21,576
	155,110	71,372
Working capital changes		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11,435)	920
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	282	(3,287)
Net cash provided by operating activities	143,957	69,005
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(18,013)	(54,236)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	125,944	14,769
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023	360,212	345,443
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2024	486,156	360,212

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1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt of the resources is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure

Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities

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

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3.1 Donations and legacies						
Donations & legacies	36,393	-	36,393	33,019	600	33,619
Gift aid	2,907	-	2,907	472	-	472
	39,300	-	39,300	33,491	600	34,091
3.2 Charitable activities						
Grants	32,033	348,139	380,172	35,503	207,888	243,391
Wild About Wetherby project	32,425	-	32,425	32,425	-	32,425
NYCC social services	-	-	-	500	-	500
Self funders	90,983	-	90,983	80,942	-	80,942
Transport contributions	9,055	-	9,055	6,511	-	6,511
Trips income	7,674	-	7,674	6,150	-	6,150
Tandem income	3,969	-	3,969	3,821	-	3,821
Bus Service Operators' Grant	833	-	833	1,995	-	1,995
Work party income	11,200	-	11,200	11,590	-	11,590
	188,172	348,139	536,311	179,437	207,888	387,325
3.3 Investments						
Interest received	5,917	-	5,917	1,231	-	1,231
	5,917	-	5,917	1,231	-	1,231
3.4 Other income						
JRS Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Head office recharges	-	-	-	8,712	-	8,712
Sundry income	3,434	-	3,434	280	-	280
	3,434	-	3,434	8,992	-	8,992
Total income	236,823	348,139	584,962	223,151	208,488	431,639

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4.1 Charitable activities	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff:						
- salaries and pensions	195,034	142,955	337,989	144,229	106,137	250,366
- training	2,242	750	2,992	5,423	4,192	9,615
- subsistence	807	-	807	718	-	718
- travel expenses	151	-	151	131	62	193
- recruitment costs	1,625	210	1,835	2,332	660	2,992
- uniforms & protective equip.	-	625	625	1,015	-	1,015
Volunteers' expenses	918	-	918	1,106	134	1,240
Activity expenses:						
- activity fees and costs	4,912	4,929	9,841	3,493	5,706	9,199
- tandem costs	878	763	1,641	401	9,967	10,368
- allotment	424	-	424	236	641	877
- insurance	3,220	-	3,220	2,752	-	2,752
Project costs:						
- Conservation materials	196	204	400	420	750	1,170
- Wild about Wetherby	9	-	9	79	18	97
Vehicles:						
- fuel and oil	13,457	-	13,457	10,335	-	10,335
- repairs and servicing	7,125	1,036	8,161	6,035	-	6,035
- insurance	4,314	-	4,314	3,137	-	3,137
Small equipment and tools	124	1,537	1,661	(379)	737	358
Mower & trailer maintenance	603	934	1,537	138	-	138
Carried forward	236,039	153,943	389,982	181,601	129,004	310,605

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4.1 Charitable activities continued	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
Brought forward	236,039	153,943	389,982	181,601	129,004	310,605
Administration expenses:						
- rent	8,538	7,575	16,113	6,891	4,323	11,214
- cleaning and maintenance	250	3,042	3,292	70	279	349
- health and safety	583	379	962	2,152	-	2,152
- advertising & PR	2,185	337	2,522	442	512	954
- printing and stationary	2,280	3,822	6,102	1,806	2,040	3,846
- postage and telephone	2,079	30	2,109	1,242	173	1,415
- IT and internet	2,543	-	2,543	7,445	2,025	9,470
- subscriptions	85	-	85	260	-	260
- other	651	174	825	502	32	534
- payroll bureau fees	1,280	-	1,280	909	-	909
- bookkeeping	2,880	-	2,880	2,706	-	2,706
Depreciation	27,030	-	27,030	21,576	-	21,576
Legal & professional fees	780	-	780	6,806	-	6,806
Bank charges	377	-	377	335	-	335
Head office recharges	(9,085)	9,085	-	-	8,712	8,712
Total expenditure	278,495	178,387	456,882	234,743	147,100	381,843

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5 Trustee expenses and examination fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	700	660
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner (BSOG)	80	80

6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	307,501	230,727
Employers national insurance	21,363	14,785
Employers pension contributions	9,125	4,854
	337,989	250,366
Average number of employees	14	10

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Current bank account	227,738	127,493
Deposit bank accounts	257,901	232,409
Cash in hand	517	310
	486,156	360,212

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8 Fixed assets

	Vehicles	Equipment	Total
8.1 Tangible fixed assets	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1st April 2023	210,799	25,123	235,922
Additions in year	-	18,013	18,013
Disposals in year	-	-	-
at 31st March 2024	210,799	43,136	253,935
Depreciation	£	£	£
At 1st April 2023	130,801	21,861	152,662
Charge for the year	23,969	3,061	27,030
Disposals	-	-	-
at 31st March 2024	154,770	24,922	179,692
Net Book Value	£	£	£
At 31st March 2024	56,029	18,214	74,243
At 31st March 2023	79,998	3,262	83,260

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Debtors	20,687	17,489
Prepayments and accrued income	10,949	2,712
Total	31,636	20,201

10 Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Accruals	2,242	1,960
Pension & other creditors	-	-
Total	2,242	1,960

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11 Movement of funds

11.1 Movement of major funds

2024 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	384,448	236,823	278,495	(31,987)	310,789
Designated funds	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	384,448	236,823	278,495	18,013	360,789
Restricted funds					
Minibuses	-	115,000	-	-	115,000
H. Catley	3,087	-	3,087	-	-
Awards for All	5,865	-	3,080	-	2,785
Wild about Wakefield	22,683	61,216	20,718	(18,013)	45,168
Barnsley	-	24,140	13,453	-	10,687
Community Fund	17,771	115,861	102,758	-	30,874
	49,406	316,217	143,096	(18,013)	204,514
Activities					
Primary Club	3,000	2,000	3,000	-	2,000
NHS	2,344	-	891	-	1,453
TR Heart of Selby	9,439	-	6,641	-	2,798
George Moore	-	3,250	-	-	3,250
Jack Brunton	-	3,250	-	-	3,250
Shears Foundation	-	5,500	5,500	-	-
	14,783	14,000	16,032	-	12,751
Conservation					
Ninevah	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	4,866	4,866	-	-
JSLF	-	7,606	1,268	-	6,338
29th May 1961	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
	3,000	15,472	12,134	-	6,338

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Miscellaneous

Two Ridings	4,913	2,450	4,125	-	3,238
Whitwam Family	5,163	-	3,000	-	2,163
	10,076	2,450	7,125	-	5,401

Total Restricted Funds	77,265	348,139	178,387	(18,013)	229,004
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Total Funds	461,713	584,962	456,882	-	589,793
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2023 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
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Unrestricted funds

General Funds	342,491	223,151	234,743	53,549	384,448
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Restricted funds

Minibuses	9,500	44,000	-	(53,500)	-
H. Catley	2,987	100	-	-	3,087
Awards for All	8,031	-	2,166	-	5,865
Community Fund	-	97,651	79,880	-	17,771
Wild about Wakefield	15,028	21,736	14,081	-	22,683
Total	35,546	163,487	96,127	(53,500)	49,406

Activities

Primary Club	3,000	2,000	2,000	-	3,000
Family of C Hawkin	3,278	-	3,278	-	-
Ripon tandem	1,226	-	1,226	-	-
Jack Brunton	750	-	750	-	-
Feoffees of St Michael	-	4,200	4,200	-	-
NHS	-	4,155	1,811	-	2,344
TR Heart of Selby	10,000	-	561	-	9,439
Benendon	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
West Riding Masonic	-	2,070	2,070	-	-
Total activities	18,254	14,425	17,896	-	14,783

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2023 Restricted funds continued	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Conservation					
Grocer's charity	739	-	739	-	-
Ninevah	3,667	-	3,667	-	-
29th May 1961	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
D'Oyly Carte	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Total conservation	4,406	6,000	7,406	-	3,000
Mental Health					
Leeds Hospital	2,083	12,500	14,583	-	-
Miscellaneous					
Two Ridings	-	4,913	-	-	4,913
Hey Smile	8,079	-	8,030	(49)	-
NYCC locality	1,058	2,000	3,058	-	-
Whitwam Family	-	5,163	-	-	5,163
	9,137	12,076	11,088	(49)	10,076
Total Restricted Funds	69,426	208,488	147,100	(53,549)	77,265
Total Funds	411,917	431,639	381,843	-	461,713

11.2 Transfer between funds

As permitted by the Charity SORP (FRS102), tangible fixed assets of £18,013 (2023: 53,500) have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. These assets were purchased from grants or donations which were restricted funds but are now held for a general and not a restricted purpose. During the year, the trustees transferred £50,000 from General funds to a new designated fund to support the establishment of a new Middlesborough Hub.

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11.3 Details of Funds Held

Unrestricted Funds General

The general fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

Unrestricted Funds Designated

An unrestricted fund designated by the trustees to develop and operate our outreach project in Middlesbrough.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

Minibuses

A fund reflecting grants and donations received for the acquisition of minibuses in future periods.

H. Catley

A fund to finance or subsidise breaks.

Awards for All

Big Lottery funding towards 'adventure' weekend trips.

Community Fund

National Lottery Community funding to provide a range of activities in the Wakefield district.

Wild about Wakefield

To fund a project officer and activities in Wakefield.

Activities

Grants contributing towards the running of tandem clubs, walking groups and other activities.

Conservation

Grants contributing towards the costs of conservation activities and biodiversity projects.

Miscellaneous

Grants for breakfree packs, allotment project & IT equipment.

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12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Balances at 31st March 2024	£	£	£
Fixed assets	74,243	-	74,243
Current assets	288,788	229,004	517,792
Current liabilities	(2,242)	-	(2,242)
	360,789	229,004	589,793
	Funds	Funds	2023
Balances at 31st March 2023	£	£	£
Fixed assets	83,260	-	83,260
Current assets	303,148	77,265	380,413
Current liabilities	(1,960)	-	(1,960)
	384,448	77,265	461,713

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Accounts

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Charity Number	1107331
Company Number	05155859

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

outsourcing

Charity accounts preparation &
independent examination service



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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2022

To: 31st March 2023

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS102)).

Charities Full Name: Open Country

Registered Company Number: 5155859

Registered Charity Number: 1107331

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of disabled people and their carers without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political or religious or other opinions by facilitating such persons to have access to the countryside with the objects of improving the conditions of life of such persons. (b) To promote education and research into the treatment and care of disabled people, in particular but not exclusively focusing on disabled access to the countryside.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

Open Country is a Yorkshire-based organisation that seeks to enable anyone with any disability to access and enjoy the countryside. This is achieved through a variety of countryside activities and the provision of information and advice.

Our five nature conservation work parties give people with learning disabilities and mental health issues a chance to get involved in helping improve the environment throughout the local area. Four walking groups operate throughout the year, with walks ranging from two to ten miles. There are regular countryside outings to a variety of wheelchair accessible locations, including nature reserves, the seaside and country houses. We have five tandem clubs, between them covering Harrogate & Knaresborough, Ripon, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Other groups are 'Wild Things' (a nature study group) and the 'Adventure Club' (specialising in outdoor pursuits). The 'Care in the Countryside' group targets people with disabilities and their family carers. 'Wild about Wetherby', is a project for Aspire CBC, offering day services to people from the Wetherby area.

The 'Wild about Wakefield' project offers inspiring activities in the West Yorkshire cathedral city.

Our 'Countryside Advice Service' continues to offer information and advice on aspects of countryside access for all to a wide range of individuals, statutory agencies and countryside organisations. We evaluate our activities carefully and there is clear evidence of the physical and mental benefits to our service users, in the form of improving overall health, combating social isolation and forming strong and lasting friendships.

We have 13 staff (10 FTE) and 135 dedicated volunteers. We wish to note the superb contribution made by the latter, for without our volunteers, the activities offered to our service users would be severely restricted.

Despite the undoubted funding challenges facing our sector, we are continually expanding the service we offer, offering our skills to a wider community of disabled people and carers.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.



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Additional details of objectives and activities

Our Key targets for Year Three, 2023 - 2024 are:

- Work on realising our Third Hub, closing off any outstanding actions on researching and scoping our options. The candidate areas are Middlesbrough/Teesside, Hull/Beverley and Rotherham/Sheffield.
- Welcome around 550 people on our activities, our highest number of participants ever.
- Successfully negotiate our first full year of the Wakefield Lottery project.
- Set up two new activity sessions in Selby.
- Commence our Barnsley satellite.
- Produce Breakfree packs for York (2nd pack) & Burley-in-Wharfedale, reprint the Wakefield pack and revise two Countryside Directories, drafting a new one for the 3rd hub.
- Launch our 'Access for All Gold Standard'.
- Establish a GAS award 'Winners Club', with a Conference, to better promote inclusive access.
- Field 66 Countryside Advice Service enquiries (10% increase)
- Extend our Bluespace project and launch/publish the findings.
- Continue our digital rollout, including a suite of audio walks for the Cavendish Estate.
- Improve our digital security, with an internal IT security audit completed.
- Meet our Diversity targets, including the implementation of a Hardship Fund.
- Train a staff member as our in-house MiDAS assessor. Commence internal & external training.
- Increase trustee representation on the Board, filling key roles.
- Work on promoting our Voice, both Regionally and Nationally.
- Achieve a 10% increase in our social media following.
- Recruit additional staff resource for Fundraising and Communications.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Key Achievements in Year Two

The Charity continued to develop as we emerged from a pandemic operating model. Whilst operating conditions remained challenging in many ways, we managed to achieve the following:

- Commencing our 'Bluespace' project, working with the University of York St. John.
- Welcoming 439 people on our countryside activities, just above pre-pandemic numbers.
- Expanded our activities, with several new projects in Harrogate, Wakefield & York.
- Successfully recruited six staff, partly to facilitate new growth, in what are historically challenging times for staff recruitment.
- Achieved our first major National Lottery bid and worked to embed Wakefield as our 2nd Hub, including recruiting staff and locating a new office.
- We obtained a new minibus to help ensure the smooth running of services.
- Commenced a scoping exercise to finalise our 3rd Hub.
- Identified all but the 3rd Hub 'Satellite' locations for the life of the Plan - York, Selby and Barnsley.
- Continued to expand our 'Reach' and develop our 'Voice' e.g. Experience Wild Ingleborough and our work on access barrier removal.
- Fielded 60 enquiries to our Countryside Advice Service (10% increase).
- Achieved a 10% year-on-year growth in our social media following.
- Retained, grew and better utilised our network of Partners.



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Financial Review

Results for the year

As set out in the Statement of Financial activities on page 9, total income for the year was £431,639 (2022: £317,709) Net income for the year was £49,796 (2022: £20,817)

During the year we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the organisations and individuals listed in the appendix.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Reserves are required to bridge the gap between expenditure and income, to cover unplanned emergency expenditure and to develop new services.

Total funds as at 31 March 2023 amounted to £461,713 (2022: £411,917) of which £384,448 (2022: £342,491) was unrestricted. However, the unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023 include functional fixed assets (eg minibuses and other equipment required for the Charity's activities) of £83,260 that are essential for the Charity's activities and are therefore excluded from free reserves.

Therefore, the Charity's reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2023 were £301,188 (2022: £291,891).

The Charity seeks to achieve sufficient reserves to cover six months' expenditure on charitable activities (£155,000) plus the estimated costs of meeting all commitments on a winding-up of the organisation (£80,000); a total of £235,000. Despite challenging economic conditions, the trustees report that reserves freely available to spend increased during the year ended 31 March 2023, reflecting the charity's good financial position. However we anticipate the needs for expenditure in the next two years in line with our five year strategic plan, for asset replacement and the funding of additional services and activities across existing and new locations scheduled for addition in 2023/24. Some of these initiatives will be financed from existing funds. Furthermore, we maintain reserves exceeding our policy requirements to enable us to seize opportunities for asset replacement and the development of new services, thus ensuring the sustainability and expansion of our charitable activities. The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Memorandum and Articles of Association form its governing document

How the charity is constituted

Company limited by guarantee

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body



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Reference and administration details

Charity's Full Name: Open Country

Charity's principal address: Community House
46 East Parade
Harrogate
HG1 5LT

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Giles Blessed		Until 13/07/22
Richard Firth	Chair	
Ian Brotherton		Until 30/11/22
Tracey Jackson		
David Robinson	Treasurer	
David Titchmarsh		
Jonty Warneken		
Catherine Nangle		Until 15/02/23
Jayne Eyre		From 16/08/23
Michelle Tempest Mitchell		From 18/10/23

Name of Company Secretary

Name

David Shaftoe

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

David Shaftoe (Chief Officer)



Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors (trustees) are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 4.

Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full Name

David Robinson

Position

Treasurer and Trustee

Date

6 December 2023

Appendix

During the Year 2022 – 2023 we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the following organisations and individuals

Adel Church
Anna Baldwin
Arnold Clark Community Fund
Aspire Community Benefit Company Ltd.
Benenden Health
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
Coca Cola
David & Julie Turner
Department for Transport
Doug Munro
Engage Interactive
Feoffees of St. Michael's Spurriergate
Four Winds Trust
Harrogate Borough Council
HMRC
HM Young Offenders Institution Wetherby
Jane Goodall
Kenneth Hargreaves Charitable Trust
Kirklees Council
Leeds City Council
Microsoft
Minster Law
National Lottery Community Fund
NHS Charities Together
NHS Personalised Care Programme
NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership
Nidderdale Messiah
Northern Powergrid
North Yorkshire County Council
North Yorkshire County Councillor Matt Scott
North Yorkshire County Councillor Matt Walker
North Yorkshire County Councillor Monika Slater
Nova Wakefield
Otley Town Council
The Estate of Pam Harrison
Pannal Methodist Church
Philip Robinson
Pinewoods Conservation Group
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust

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Primary Club
Rotary Club of Horbury & Ossett Phoenix Trust Fund
Sally Weatherill
Scotton Parish Council
Sharow PCC
Squire Patton Boggs Charitable Trust
St. John's Knaresborough
Stonebridge Homes
TCV/OVO
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
The Bostock Foundation
The Calmcott Trust
The Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust
The Cheridan Raithby Charitable Trust
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust
The Duke of Devonshire's 1949 Charitable Trust
The Fitton Trust
The friends and family of Chris Mills
The friends and family of Nichola Emmerson
The George A. Moore Foundation
The Hobson Charity
The Opportunity Holiday Trust
The Shears Foundation
The Sylvia & Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust
The Tony Bramall Charitable Trust
The Whitwam Family Charitable Foundation
Tom & Julie Leggett
Two Ridings Community Foundation/Nimbuscare
Waitrose Limited
Wakefield Council
Wakefield & District Health & Community Support
Wakefield Recovery & Wellbeing College
West Riding Masonic Charities Limited
White Rose Forest/Kirklees Council
Woodland Trust
Woodroffe Benton Foundation
WWF-UK
W.W. Spooner Charitable Trust
Yorkshire Water
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Open Country

I report on the accounts of: **Open Country**

For the year ended: **31st March 2023** Which are set out on pages 9 to 23

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 material 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 Trust as required by section 386 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
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.



Karen Wood (ACMA)
Outsource independent examination service
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12/12/2023

Date

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3.1	33,491	600	34,091	35,375
Charitable activities	3.2	179,437	207,888	387,325	259,449
Investments	3.3	1,231	-	1,231	1,899
Other income	3.4	8,992	-	8,992	20,986
Total income	3	223,151	208,488	431,639	317,709
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4.1	234,743	147,100	381,843	296,892
Total expenditure	4	234,743	147,100	381,843	296,892
Net income/(expenditure)		(11,592)	61,388	49,796	20,817
Gross transfer between funds	11.2	53,549	(53,549)	-	-
Net movement in funds		41,957	7,839	49,796	20,817
Total funds brought forward		342,491	69,426	411,917	391,100
Total funds carried forward		384,448	77,265	461,713	411,917

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Balance Sheet as at		31st March 2023	
	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	83,260	50,600
Total fixed assets			
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	360,212	345,443
Debtors & prepayments	9	20,201	21,121
Total fixed assets			
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	10	(1,960)	(5,247)
Net current assets			
Total assets less current liabilities			
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	384,448	342,491
Restricted Funds	11	77,265	69,426
Total Funds Carried Forward			

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

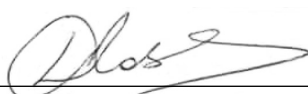
ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 6 DECEMBER 2023

and signed on their behalf by:

David Robinson **Trustee**



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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended

31st March 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	49,796	20,817
Add: Depreciation for the year	21,576	21,991
	71,372	42,808
Working capital changes		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	920	(3,369)
Increase/decrease in creditors	(3,287)	3,211
	69,005	42,650
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(54,236)	(4,825)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	14,769	37,825
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022	345,443	307,618
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2023	360,212	345,443

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt of the resources is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure

Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities

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

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3.1 Donations and legacies						
Donations & legacies	33,019	600	33,619	25,422	8,200	33,622
Gift aid	472	-	472	1,753	-	1,753
	33,491	600	34,091	27,175	8,200	35,375
3.2 Charitable activities						
Grants	35,503	207,888	243,391	22,106	127,644	149,750
Wild About Wetherby project	32,425	-	32,425	32,425	-	32,425
NYCC social services	500	-	500	-	-	-
Self funders	80,942	-	80,942	64,690	-	64,690
Transport contributions	6,511	-	6,511	3,532	-	3,532
Trips income	6,150	-	6,150	992	-	992
Tandem income	3,821	-	3,821	2,535	-	2,535
Bus Service Operators' Grant	1,995	-	1,995	1,995	-	1,995
Work party income	11,590	-	11,590	3,530	-	3,530
	179,437	207,888	387,325	131,805	127,644	259,449
3.3 Investments						
Interest received	1,231	-	1,231	1,899	-	1,899
	1,231	-	1,231	1,899	-	1,899
3.4 Other income						
JRS Grant	-	-	-	6,603	-	6,603
Head office recharges	8,712	-	8,712	13,710	-	13,710
Sundry income	280	-	280	673	-	673
	8,992	-	8,992	20,986	-	20,986
Total income	223,151	208,488	431,639	181,865	135,844	317,709

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4.1 Charitable activities	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff:						
- salaries and pensions	144,229	106,137	250,366	104,542	74,639	179,181
- training	5,423	4,192	9,615	2,464	274	2,738
- subsistence	718	-	718	478	-	478
- travel expenses	131	62	193	87	-	87
- recruitment costs	2,332	660	2,992	340	-	340
- uniform & protective equip.	1,015	-	1,015	372	204	576
Volunteer's expenses	1,106	134	1,240	1,063	480	1,543
Activity expenses:						
- activity fees and costs	3,493	5,706	9,199	2,692	8,169	10,861
- tandem costs	401	9,967	10,368	536	4,510	5,046
- allotment	236	641	877	94	-	94
- insurance	2,752	-	2,752	2,216	-	2,216
Project costs:						
- Conservation materials	420	750	1,170	366	730	1,096
- Wild about Wetherby	79	18	97	13	-	13
Vehicles:						
- fuel and oil	10,335	-	10,335	6,391	-	6,391
- repairs and servicing	6,035	-	6,035	3,947	-	3,947
- insurance	3,137	-	3,137	537	3,452	3,989
Small equipment and tools	(379)	737	358	1,225	2,274	3,499
Mower & trailer maintenance	138	-	138	171	-	171

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Administration expenses:

- rent	6,891	4,323	11,214	6,407	-	6,407
- cleaning and maintenance	70	279	349	123	-	123
- health and safety	2,152	-	2,152	786	1,732	2,518
- advertising & PR	442	512	954	709	4,177	4,886
- printing and stationary	1,806	2,040	3,846	921	5,821	6,742
- postage and telephone	1,242	173	1,415	1,579	-	1,579
- IT and internet	7,445	2,025	9,470	912	2,000	2,912
- subscriptions	260	-	260	367	-	367
- other	502	32	234	381	-	381
- payroll bureau fees	909	-	909	704	-	704
- bookkeeping	2,706	-	2,706	-	-	-
Depreciation	21,576	-	21,576	21,991	-	21,991
Legal & professional fees	6,806	-	6,806	12,045	-	12,045
Bank charges	335	-	335	261	-	261
Head office recharges	-	8,712	8,712	-	13,710	13,710
	234,743	147,100	381,834	174,720	122,172	296,892

Total expenditure	234,743	147,100	381,843	174,720	122,172	296,892
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5 Trustee expenses and examination fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	660	660
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner (BSOG authorisation)	80	80

6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	230,727	167,510
Employers national insurance	14,785	8,507
Employers pension contributions	4,854	3,164
	250,366	179,181
Average number of employees	10	6

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£
Current bank account	50,228	77,265	127,493	114,006
Deposit bank accounts	232,409	-	232,409	231,178
Cash in hand	310	-	310	259
	282,947	77,265	360,212	345,443

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8 Fixed assets	Vehicles	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
8.1 Tangible fixed assets			
Cost or valuation			
At 1st April 2022	156,563	25,123	181,686
Additions in year	54,236	-	54,236
Disposals in year	-	-	-
at 31st March 2023	210,799	25,123	235,922
Depreciation	£	£	£
At 1st April 2022	114,326	16,760	131,086
Charge for the year	16,475	5,101	21,576
Disposals	-	-	-
at 31st March 2023	130,801	21,861	152,662
Net Book Value	£	£	£
At 31st March 2023	79,998	3,262	83,260
At 31st March 2022	42,237	8,363	50,600

9 Debtors and prepayments	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Debtors	17,489	19,437
Prepayments and accrued income	2,712	1,684
Total	20,201	21,121

10 Creditors and accruals	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	1,960	4,865
Pension & other creditors	-	382
Total	1,960	5,247

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11 Movement of funds

11.1 Movement of major funds

2023 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	342,491	223,151	234,743	53,549	384,448
Restricted funds					
Minibuses	9,500	44,000	-	(53,500)	-
H. Catley	2,987	100	-	-	3,087
Awards for All	8,031	-	2,166	-	5,865
Community Fund	-	97,651	79,880	-	17,771
Wild about Wakefield	15,028	21,736	14,081	-	22,683
Activities					
Primary Club	3,000	2,000	2,000	-	3,000
Family of C Hawkin	3,278	-	3,278	-	-
Ripon tandem	1,226	-	1,226	-	-
Jack Brunton	750	-	750	-	-
Feoffees of St Michael	-	4,200	4,200	-	-
NHS	-	4,155	1,811	-	2,344
TR Heart of Selby	10,000	-	561	-	9,439
Benendon	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
West Riding Masonic	-	2,070	2,070	-	-
Total activities	18,254	14,425	17,896	-	14,783
Conservation					
Grocer's charity	739	-	739	-	-
Ninevah	3,667	-	3,667	-	-
29th May 1961	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
D'Oyly Carte	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Total conservation	4,406	6,000	7,406	-	3,000

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Mental Health

Leeds hospital	2,083	12,500	14,583	-	-
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Miscellaneous

Two Ridings	-	4,913	-	-	4,913
Hey Smile	8,079	-	8,030	(49)	-
NYCC locality	1,058	2,000	3,058	-	-
Whitwam Family	-	5,163	-	-	5,163
	9,137	12,076	11,088	(49)	10,076
Total Restricted Funds	69,426	208,488	147,100	(53,549)	77,265
Total Funds	411,917	431,639	381,843	-	461,713

11.1 Movement of major funds (continued)

2022 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	330,521	181,865	174,720	4,825	342,491
Restricted funds					
Minibuses	-	9,500	-	-	9,500
Mower	3,500	-	-	(3,500)	-
Infection control Fund	-	27,204	27,204	-	-
H. Catley	2,837	150	-	-	2,987
Wheelchair	262	-	262	-	-
Awards for All	9,429	-	1,398	-	8,031
Wild about Wakefield	41,489	28,546	53,682	(1,325)	15,028
Activities					
Primary Club	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Family of C Hawkin	-	5,050	1,772	-	3,278
Ripon tandem	-	2,958	1,732	-	1,226
Jack Brunton	-	3,000	2,250	-	750
Two Ridings	2,862	2,877	5,739	-	-
Hedley Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
TR Heart of Selby	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total activities	2,862	28,885	13,493	-	18,254

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Conservation

Betty's	200	-	200	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	4,992	4,992	-	-
Grocer's charity	-	2,211	1,472	-	739
Ninevah	-	4,000	333	-	3,667
29th May 1961	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
Total conservation	200	14,203	9,997	-	4,406

Mental Health

Leeds hospital	-	12,500	10,417	-	2,083
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Miscellaneous

City Connect	-	4,984	4,984	-	-
Hey Smile	-	8,814	735	-	8,079
NYCC locality	-	1,058	-	-	1,058
	-	14,856	5,719	-	9,137

Total Restricted Funds

60,579	135,844	122,172	(4,825)	69,426
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Total Funds

391,100	317,709	296,892	-	411,917
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11.2 Transfer between funds

As permitted by the Charity SORP (FRS102), tangible fixed assets of £53,500 have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. These assets were purchased from grants or donations which were restricted funds but are now held for a general and not a restricted purpose.

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11.3 Details of Funds Held

Unrestricted Funds General

The general fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

Minibuses

A fund reflecting grants and donations received for the acquisition of minibuses in future periods.

H. Catley

A fund to finance or subsidise breaks.

Awards for All

Big Lottery funding towards 'adventure' weekend trips.

Community Fund

National Lottery Community funding to provide a range of activities in the Wakefield district.

Wild about Wakefield

To fund a project officer and activities in Wakefield.

Activities

Grants contributing towards the running of tandem clubs, walking groups and other activities.

Conservation

Grants contributing towards the costs of conservation activities and biodiversity projects.

Mental Health

Grant towards Covid recovery work for people with mental health.

Miscellaneous

Grants for breakfree packs, allotment project & IT equipment.

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12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
Balances at 31st March 2023	£	£	£
Fixed assets	83,260	-	83,260
Current assets	303,148	77,265	380,413
Current liabilities	(1,960)	-	(1,960)
	384,448	77,265	461,713
	Funds	Funds	2022
Balances at 31st March 2022	£	£	£
Fixed assets	50,600	-	50,600
Current assets	305,985	60,579	366,564
Current liabilities	(5,247)	-	(5,247)
	351,338	60,579	411,917

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2021

To: 31st March 2022

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS102)).

Charity's full name	Open Country
Registered Company number	5155859
Registered Charity number	1107331

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of disabled people and their carers without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political or religious or other opinions by facilitating such persons to have access to the countryside with the objects of improving the conditions of life of such persons.

(b) To promote education and research into the treatment and care of disabled people, in particular but not exclusively focusing on disabled access to the countryside.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

Open Country is a Yorkshire-based organisation that seeks to enable anyone with any disability to access and enjoy the countryside. This is achieved through a variety of countryside activities and the provision of information and advice. Our four nature conservation work parties give people with learning disabilities and mental health issues a chance to get involved in helping improve the environment throughout the local area. Four walking groups operate throughout the year, with walks ranging from two to ten miles. There are regular countryside outings to a variety of wheelchair accessible locations, including nature reserves and country houses. We have five tandem clubs, between them covering Harrogate & Knaresborough, Ripon, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Other groups are 'Wild Things' (a nature study group) and the 'Adventure Club' (specialising in outdoor pursuits). The 'Care in the Countryside' group targets people with disabilities and their family carers. 'Wild about Wetherby', is a project for Aspire CBC, offering day services to people from the Wetherby area. The 'Wild about Wakefield' project still offers inspiring activities in the West Yorkshire cathedral city, such as wildflower growing, outdoor pursuits and online classes in spinning, yoga and nature study. Our 'Countryside Advice Service' continues to offer information and advice on aspects of countryside access for all to a wide range of individuals, statutory agencies and countryside organisations. We evaluate our activities carefully and there is clear evidence of the physical and mental benefits to our service users, in the form of improving overall health, combating social isolation and forming strong and lasting friendships. In our 2021 survey 73% of our respondents said they feel more confident and say our activities have improved their self esteem, 86% feel healthier and fitter after an activity and 80% said that spending time outdoors had improved their health and wellbeing during the pandemic.

Despite the undoubted funding challenges facing our sector, we are expanding the service we offer, offering our skills to a wider community of disabled people and carers. In recent years we have expanded our digital offer to include audio walks, new publications and online classes including spinning, capoeira and yoga.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Contribution made by volunteers - Open Country continues to rely heavily on around 125 volunteers, without whom the activities offered to users would be severely restricted.

Other - In 2022/23 our targets include:

Welcome at least 450 people on our countryside activities, just above pre-pandemic numbers.

Recruit extra staff to facilitate the above, in what looks like a very challenging year for staff recruitment.

Conduct a scoping exercise to find our 3rd hub. The candidate areas are Middlesbrough/Teesside, Hull/Beverley and Rotherham/Sheffield.

Identify the satellite locations for the duration of the Plan.

Continue to expand our Reach and develop our Voice.

Through the lottery project, embed Wakefield as our 2nd Hub.

Field 60 Countryside Advice Service enquiries (10% increase)

Achieve a 10% increase in our social media following.

Establish a GAS award 'Winners Club' to better promote inclusive access.

Retain, grow and better utilise our network of Partners.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

As the country began to emerge from the global pandemic, this year we were able to work with a creditable 361 different people on 6,921 activity days, enjoying a mixture of face-to-face and virtual activities. All our 'normal times' activities returned and we were also able to continue with the best of our digital offering, including audio walks, yoga, capoeira and wildlife study. We also returned to offering occasional residential weekends.

Although we still faced some operating difficulties, we were delighted that most of our Business Plan targets were achieved. For example, income was healthy, and we successfully implemented Year One of our new Five-Year Business Plan. Some notable achievements were:

We sought to ensure our financial sustainability through creating extra Fundraising and Marketing capacity within our staff team.

Further development of our 'Wild about Wakefield' project took place. In May 2022 we were delighted to hear that we had secured three year National Lottery Funding. This will help transform the prospects of our Wakefield project.

We offered an exciting and stimulating range of face-to-face activities, complemented by digital activities where appropriate, as the UK continued to climb out of lockdown.

We extended our reach, for example by producing 'Breakfree' trail packs for Leeds and Wakefield.

Financial review

Results for the year.

As set out in the Statement of Financial activities on page 7, total income for the year was £317,709 (2021: £276,957) Net income for the year was £20,817 (2021: £10,257)

During the year we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the organisations and individuals listed in the appendix.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Reserves are required to bridge the gap between expenditure and income, to cover unplanned emergency expenditure and to develop new services.

Total funds as at 31 March 2022 amounted to £411,917 (2021: £391,100) of which £342,491 (2021: £330,521) was unrestricted. However, the unrestricted funds at 31 March 2022 include functional fixed assets (eg minibuses and other equipment required for the Charity's activities) of £50,600 that are essential for the Charity's activities and are therefore excluded from free reserves.

Therefore, the Charity's reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2022 were £291,891 (2021: £262,755).

The Charity seeks to achieve sufficient reserves to cover six months' expenditure on charitable activities (£180,000) plus the estimated costs of meeting all commitments on a winding-up of the organisation (£60,000); a total of £240,000. The trustees note that reserves freely available to spend increased during the year ended 31 March 2022, notwithstanding the impact of the pandemic. In part this reflects the fact that many activities were suspended and staff furloughed in the earlier part of the year as a result of which some of the funding received could not be spent until activities could resume. The Charity was in a good financial position prior to the pandemic and remains so. There will however be expenditure required over the next two years for asset replacement and to fund the development of additional services and activities across existing and new locations to be added during 2022/23, some of which will need to be financed from existing funds. Although reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2022 were above the level required to satisfy our reserves policy at that date, the trustees consider this to be necessary to ensure that the Charity can continue to maintain and expand its services for the benefit of service users.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Memorandum and Articles of Association form its governing document

How the charity is constituted Company limited by guarantee

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees Trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body

Reference and administration details

Charity's full name Open Country

Charity's principal address Community House
46 East Parade
Harrogate

Postcode HG1 5LT

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Giles Blessed		Until 13/07/22	
Richard Firth	Chair		
Ian Brotherton			
Stephen Constable		Until 01/12/21	
Tracey Jackson			
Molly Lawson		Until 26/01/22	
David Robinson	Treasurer		
David Titchmarsh		From 16/02/22	
Jonty Warneken		From 16/02/22	
Catherine Nangle		From 23/09//22	

Name of Company Secretary

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
David Shaftoe	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

David Shaftoe (Chief Officer)

Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors (trustees) are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full Name David Robinson
Position Treasurer and trustee

Date 30 NOVEMBER 2022

Appendix

2021 – 2022 During the Year we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the following organisations and individuals

Adel Church
Anna Baldwin
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust
Arnold Clark Community Fund
ASDA Foundation
Aspire Community Benefit Company Ltd.
Awards for All
Cherish Yorkshire Ltd
City of York Council
David & Julie Turner
Department of Health & Social Care
Department for Transport
Engage Interactive
European Social Fund
Family of the late Chris Hawkin
Friends of Parkinson's Park
George A. Moore Foundation
Groundwork/Tescos
HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust
Hedley Foundation
Hey Smile
HMRC
HM Young Offenders Institution Wetherby - in-kind
Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
Jonty Warneken
Ken Jackson
Kiln Family Trust
Leeds City Council
Linley & Simpson
Moto in the Community Trust
NHS Charities Together
NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership
Nidderdale Messiah
Nineveh Trust
North Yorkshire County Councillor Jim Clark
North Yorkshire County Council
Nova Wakefield
Open Gate R.C
Philip Robinson
Primary Club
Retiring Dentist
Ripon City Club
Rotary Club of Horbury & Ossett Phoenix Trust Fund
Sally Weatherill
Samuel Storey Charitable Trust
Scotton Parish Council
Sharow PCC
Spectrum Community
Skinny Designs
TCV/OVO
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
The DASHLIGHT Foundation
The Grocer's Charity
The Sir Jules Thorne Charitable Trust
The Steel Charitable Trust
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation
Tom & Julie Leggett
Two Ridings Foundation
St. Peter's Church, Woolley
Wakefield Council
Wakefield & District Health & Community Support
Wakefield Recovery & Wellbeing College
West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Wotsit Investment Club
W.W. Spooner Charitable Trust
Yorkshire Agricultural Society
Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity
Yorkshire Water

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Open Country

I report on the accounts of: **Open Country**
for the year ended: **31st March 2022** which are set out on pages 7 to 19.

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 material 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 Trust as required by section 386 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records
- 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.



Karen Wood (ACMA)
Outsource independent examination
service
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR

01/12/2022

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31st March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3.1	27,175	8,200	35,375	35,715
Charitable activities	3.2	131,805	127,644	259,449	184,161
Investments	3.3	1,899	-	1,899	1,105
Other income	3.4	20,986	-	20,986	55,976
Total income	3	181,865	135,844	317,709	276,957
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4.1	174,720	122,172	296,892	266,700
Total expenditure	4	174,720	122,172	296,892	266,700
Net income/(expenditure)		7,145	13,672	20,817	10,257
Gross transfers between funds	11.2	4,825	(4,825)	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,970	8,847	20,817	10,257
Total funds brought forward		330,521	60,579	391,100	380,843
Total funds carried forward		342,491	69,426	411,917	391,100

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Balance Sheet as at:

31st March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	50,600	67,766
Total Fixed Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	345,443	307,618
Debtors & prepayments	9	21,121	17,752
Total Current Assets		366,564	325,370
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	10	(5,247)	(2,036)
Net current assets		361,317	323,334
Total assets less current liabilities		411,917	391,100
 Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	342,491	330,521
Restricted Funds	11	69,426	60,579
Total Funds Carried Forward 11 & 12		411,917	391,100

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on *30 NOVEMBER 2022* and signed on their behalf by:



David Robinson

Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended:

31st March 2022

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	20,817	10,257
Add: Depreciation for the year	21,991	23,707
	<u>42,808</u>	<u>33,964</u>
Working capital changes		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(3,369)	26,146
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	3,211	(7,941)
	<u>42,650</u>	<u>52,169</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>(4,825)</u>	<u>(49,920)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	37,825	2,249
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2021	307,618	305,369
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2022	<u><u>345,443</u></u>	<u><u>307,618</u></u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31st March 2022

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure

Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities

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

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
3.1 Donations and legacies						
Donations and legacies	25,422	8,200	33,622	32,510	1,370	33,880
Gift Aid	1,753	-	1,753	1,835	-	1,835
	27,175	8,200	35,375	34,345	1,370	35,715
3.2 Charitable activities						
Grants	22,106	127,644	149,750	34,087	77,930	112,017
Wild About Wetherby project	32,425	-	32,425	32,425	-	32,425
NYCC social services	-	-	-	391	-	391
Self funders	64,690	-	64,690	34,628	-	34,628
Transport contributions	3,532	-	3,532	-	-	-
Trips income	992	-	992	76	-	76
Tandem income	2,535	-	2,535	-	-	-
Bus Service Operators' Grant	1,995	-	1,995	1,995	-	1,995
Work party income	3,530	-	3,530	2,629	-	2,629
	131,805	127,644	259,449	106,231	77,930	184,161
3.3 Investments						
Interest received	1,899	-	1,899	1,105	-	1,105
	1,899	-	1,899	1,105	-	1,105
3.4 Other income						
JRS Grant	6,603	-	6,603	39,341	-	39,341
Head office recharges	13,710	-	13,710	16,635	-	16,635
Sundry income	673	-	673	-	-	-
	20,986	-	20,986	55,976	-	55,976
Total income	181,865	135,844	317,709	197,657	79,300	276,957

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
4.1 Charitable activities						
Staff:						
- salaries and pensions	104,542	74,639	179,181	117,107	45,889	162,996
- training	2,464	274	2,738	2,718	352	3,070
- subsistence	478	-	478	5	-	5
- travel expenses	87	-	87	49	-	49
- recruitment costs	340	-	340	-	-	-
- uniform & protective equip.	372	204	576	164	-	164
Volunteer's expenses	1,063	480	1,543	29	-	29
Activity expenses:						
- activity fees and costs	2,692	8,169	10,861	676	12,685	13,361
- tandem costs	536	4,510	5,046	297	150	447
- allotment	94	-	94	570	-	570
- insurance	2,216	-	2,216	2,054	-	2,054
Project costs:						
- Conservation materials	366	730	1,096	1,022	1,448	2,470
- Wild About Wetherby	13	-	13	16	-	16
Vehicles:						
- fuel and oil	6,391	-	6,391	1,532	-	1,532
- repairs and servicing	3,947	-	3,947	3,063	-	3,063
- insurance	537	3,452	3,989	3,061	-	3,061
Small equipment and tools	1,225	2,274	3,499	197	520	717
Mower & trailer maintenance	171	-	171	56	-	56

Administration expenses:						
- rent	6,407	-	6,407	6,255	-	6,255
- cleaning and maintenance	123	-	123	246	-	246
- health and safety	786	1,732	2,518	2,302	-	2,302
- advertising and PR	709	4,177	4,886	347	-	347
- printing and stationery	921	5,821	6,742	2,213	710	2,923
- postage and telephone	1,579	-	1,579	1,104	159	1,263
- IT and internet	912	2,000	2,912	973	294	1,267
- subscriptions	367	-	367	367	-	367
- other	381	-	381	292	-	292
- payroll bureau fees	704	-	704	764	-	764
Depreciation	21,991	-	21,991	-	23,707	23,707
Legal & professional fees	12,045	-	12,045	16,165	295	16,460
Bank charges	261	-	261	212	-	212
Head office recharges	-	13,710	13,710	7,557	9,078	16,635
	174,720	122,172	296,892	171,413	95,287	266,700
Total expenditure	174,720	122,172	296,892	171,413	95,287	266,700

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2022

5 Trustee expenses & examination fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

	2022	2021
	£	£
5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts		
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	660	660
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner (BSOG authorisation)	80	80

6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	167,510	150,971
Employers National Insurance	8,507	8,977
Employers pension contributions	3,164	2,968
	179,181	162,916
Average number of employees	6	6

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Current bank account	44,580	69,426	114,006	78,087
Deposit bank accounts	231,178	-	231,178	229,279
Cash in hand	259	-	259	252
	276,017	69,426	345,443	307,618

8 Fixed assets

8.1 Tangible fixed assets	Vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1st April 2021	156,563	20,298	176,861
Additions in year	-	4,825	4,825
Disposals in year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>156,563</u>	<u>25,123</u>	<u>181,686</u>
Depreciation	£	£	£
At 1st April 2021	96,585	12,510	109,095
Charge for the year	17,741	4,250	21,991
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>114,326</u>	<u>16,760</u>	<u>131,086</u>
Net Book Value	£	£	£
At 31st March 2022	<u>42,237</u>	<u>8,363</u>	<u>50,600</u>
At 31st March 2021	<u>59,978</u>	<u>7,788</u>	<u>67,766</u>

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Debtors	19,437	11,028
Prepayments and accrued income	1,684	6,724
	<u>21,121</u>	<u>17,752</u>

10 Creditors and accruals

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	4,865	2,036
Pension & other creditors	382	-
	<u>5,247</u>	<u>2,036</u>

11 Movement of funds

11.1 Movement of major funds

2022

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	330,521	181,865	174,720	4,825	342,491
Restricted Funds					
Minibuses	-	9,500	-	-	9,500
Mower	3,500	-	-	(3,500)	-
Infection control Fund	-	27,204	27,204	-	-
H. Catley	2,837	150	-	-	2,987
Wheelchair	262	-	262	-	-
Awards for All	9,429	-	1,398	-	8,031
Wild about Wakefield	41,489	28,546	53,682	(1,325)	15,028
Activities					
Primary Club	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Family of C Hawkin	-	5,050	1,772	-	3,278
Ripon tandem	-	2,958	1,732	-	1,226
Jack Brunton	-	3,000	2,250	-	750
Two Ridings	2,862	2,877	5,739	-	-
Hedley Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
TR Heart of Selby	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total activities	2,862	28,885	13,493		18,254
Conservation					
Betty's	200	-	200	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	4,992	4,992	-	-
Grocer's charity	-	2,211	1,472	-	739
Ninevah	-	4,000	333	-	3,667
29th May 1961	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
Total conservation	200	14,203	9,997		4,406
Mental Health					
Leeds hospital	-	12,500	10,417	-	2,083
Miscellaneous					
City Connect	-	4,984	4,984	-	-
Hey Smile	-	8,814	735	-	8,079
NYCC locality	-	1,058	-	-	1,058
	-	14,856	5,719	-	9,137
Total Restricted	60,579	135,844	122,172	(4,825)	69,426
Total Funds	391,100	317,709	296,892	-	411,917

11.1 Movement of major funds (continued)

2021

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	205,534	183,562	159,423	100,848	330,521
Designated	32,361	14,095	11,990	(34,466)	-
	<u>237,895</u>	<u>197,657</u>	<u>171,413</u>	<u>66,382</u>	<u>330,521</u>
Restricted Funds					
Minibuses	78,476	-	19,882	(58,594)	-
Tandem	150	-	150	-	-
H Catley	2,837	-	-	-	2,837
Wheelchair	8,825	3,050	3,825	(7,788)	262
Wild about Wakefield	26,532	68,337	53,380	-	41,489
Awards for All	9,429	-	-	-	9,429
York Tandem	1,950	-	1,950	-	-
Harrogate Tandem	2,862	-	-	-	2,862
Mower	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
Conservation activities	5,292	3,500	8,592	-	200
Residentials	2,500	-	2,500	-	-
NYCC locality	595	4,413	5,008	-	-
	<u>142,948</u>	<u>79,300</u>	<u>95,287</u>	<u>(66,382)</u>	<u>60,579</u>
Total Funds	<u>380,843</u>	<u>276,957</u>	<u>266,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,100</u>

11.2 Transfer between funds

As permitted by the Charity SORP (FRS102), tangible fixed assets with a cost of £4,825 have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. These assets were purchased from grants or donations which were restricted funds but are now held for a general and not a restricted purpose.

The designated Outreach fund became undesignated as at 31st March 2021 was transferred into general unrestricted funds at that date.

11.3 Details of Funds Held

Unrestricted Funds General

The general fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

Minibuses

A fund reflecting grants and donations received for the acquisition of minibuses in future periods.

Mower

Contributions towards the purchase of a new BCS mower, which was acquired in the year.

Infection control Fund

Government funding received via North Yorkshire County Council to reimburse certain costs incurred as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.

H. Catley

A fund to finance or subsidise breaks

Wheelchair

A fund for the purchase and maintenance of wheelchair tandems

Awards for All

Big Lottery funding towards 'adventure' weekend trips

Wild about Wakefield

To fund a project officer and activities in Wakefield

Activities

Grants contributing towards the running of tandem clubs, walking groups and other activities.

Conservation

Grants contributing towards the costs of conservation activities and biodiversity projects.

Mental Health

Grant towards Covid recovery work for people with mental health.

Miscellaneous

Grants for breakfree packs, allotment project & IT equipment

12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Balances at 31st March 2022			
Fixed assets	50,600	-	50,600
Current assets	297,138	69,426	366,564
Current liabilities	(5,247)	-	(5,247)
	342,491	69,426	411,917
	Funds	Funds	2021
Balances at 31st March 2021	£	£	£
Fixed assets	67,766	-	67,766
Current assets	264,791	60,579	325,370
Current liabilities	(2,036)	-	(2,036)
	330,521	60,579	391,100

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England & Wales - Charity number 1107331

Accounts

Open Country

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2020

To: 31st March 2021

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015).

Charity's full name	Open Country
Registered Company number	5155859
Registered Charity number	1107331

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of disabled people and their carers without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political or religious or other opinions by facilitating such persons to have access to the countryside with the objects of improving the conditions of life of such persons.

(b) To promote education and research into the treatment and care of disabled people, in particular but not exclusively focusing on disabled access to the countryside.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

Open Country is a Yorkshire-based organisation that seeks to enable anyone with any disability to access and enjoy the countryside. This is achieved through a variety of countryside activities and the provision of information and advice. Our four nature conservation work parties give people with learning disabilities and mental health issues a chance to get involved in helping improve the environment throughout the local area. Four walking groups operate throughout the year, with walks ranging from two to ten miles. There are regular countryside outings to a variety of wheelchair accessible locations, including nature reserves and country houses. We have five tandem clubs, between them covering Harrogate & Knaresborough, Ripon, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Other groups are 'Wild Things' (a nature study group) and the 'Adventure Club' (specialising in outdoor pursuits). The 'Care in the Countryside' group targets people with disabilities and their family carers. 'Wild about Wetherby', is a project for Aspire CBC, offering day services to people from the Wetherby area. The 'Wild about Wakefield' project still offers inspiring activities in the West Yorkshire cathedral city. Our 'Countryside Advice Service' continues to offer information and advice on aspects of countryside access for all to a wide range of individuals, statutory agencies and countryside organisations. We evaluate our activities carefully and there is clear evidence of the physical and mental benefits to our service users, in the form of improving overall health, combating social isolation and forming strong and lasting friendships.

Despite the undoubted funding challenges facing our sector, we are expanding the service we offer, offering our skills to a wider community of disabled people and carers.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Contribution made by volunteers - Open Country continues to rely heavily on around 125 volunteers, without whom the activities offered to users would be severely restricted.

Other - In 2021/22 we will:

Improve the efficiency and sustainability of our organisation through implementing Year One of our new Five-Year Business Plan.

Seek to ensure our financial sustainability through creating extra Fundraising and Marketing capacity within our staff team.

Further develop our 'Wild about Wakefield' outreach project.

Offer an exciting and stimulating range of face-to-face activities, complemented by digital activities where appropriate, as the UK continues to climb out of Lockdown.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Our activities were unquestionably affected by the global pandemic this year but we still managed to work with a creditable 219 different people on a mixture of face-to-face and virtual activities. Some highlights were our virtual offer, which grew from nothing in response to the pandemic. Zoom-based activities included yoga, boogie bounce, capoeira and wildlife study. Elsewhere, where the national lockdowns allowed, our work continued to embrace a wide variety of face-to-face activities, including developing our allotment, launching a new wildflower growing project and holding regular picnics in a local park.

Despite the severe operating difficulties, we were delighted that most of our Business Plan targets were achieved. For example, income was healthy, business and community support increased and we took steps to strengthen our Governance.

Financial review

Results for the year.

As set out in the Statement of Financial activities on page 7, total income for the year was £276,957 (2020: £341,281) Net income for the year was £10,257 (2020: £73,779)

During the Year we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the following organisations and individuals: See appendix

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Reserves are required to bridge the gap between expenditure and income, to cover unplanned emergency expenditure and to develop new services.

Total funds as at 31 March 2021 amounted to £391,100 of which £330,521 was unrestricted. However, the unrestricted funds at 31 March 2021 include functional fixed assets (eg minibuses and other equipment required for the Charity's activities) of £67,766 that are essential for the Charity's activities and are therefore excluded from free reserves.

Total funds at 31 March 2020 amounted to £380,843 of which £237,895 was unrestricted. Restricted reserves amounted to £142,948 at that date of which £41,553 was represented by tangible fixed assets which have since been transferred to unrestricted reserves as the restrictions placed on them have been met.

Therefore, the Charity's reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2021 were £262,755 (2020: £237,895).

The Charity seeks to achieve sufficient reserves to cover six months' expenditure on charitable activities (£165,000) plus the estimated costs of meeting all commitments on a winding-up of the organisation (£65,000); a total of £230,000. The trustees note that reserves freely available to spend increased during the year ended 31 March 2021, notwithstanding the impact of the pandemic. In part this reflects the fact that most activities were suspended and staff furloughed as a result of which some of the funding received could not be spent until activities, largely, resumed after the year end. The Charity was in a good financial position prior to the pandemic and remains so. There will however be expenditure required over the next two years for asset replacement and to fund the development of services and activities, some of which will need to be financed from new funds. Although reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2021 were above the level required to satisfy our reserves policy at that date, the trustees consider this to be necessary to ensure that the Charity can continue to maintain and expand its services for the benefit of service users.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Memorandum and Articles of Association form its governing document

How the charity is constituted Company limited by guarantee

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees Trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body

Reference and administration details

Charity's full name Open Country

Charity's principal address Community House
46 East Parade
Harrogate

Postcode HG1 5LT

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Giles Blessed	Health & Safety		
Richard Firth	Chair		
Ian Brotherton			
Stephen Constable			
Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley	Chair	Until 01/12/20	
Tracey Jackson			
Molly Lawson			
David Robinson	Treasurer		
Therese Smallbone		Until 21/04/20	

Name of Company Secretary

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
David Shaftoe	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

David Shaftoe (Chief Officer)

Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors (trustees) are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 4.

Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full Name	David Robinson
Position	Treasurer and trustee
Date	22 September 2021

Appendix

Age Partnership Charity
Alchemy Foundation
Anna Baldwin
ASDA
Aspire Community Benefit Company Ltd.
Aviva Community Fund
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund
Bettys & Taylors Group Ltd
Bettys
Boston Spa Parish Council
Catherine Barber
Chris & Rebecca Hunter
CLA Charitable Trust
Community Foundation for Leeds
David & Julie Turner
Department for Transport
Dottie Renwick
Education & Skills Funding Agency
Ella Dixon, Bel Ashton & Ruth Hargreaves
Engage Interactive
European Social Fund
G & P Hartley's Hillards Charitable Trust
Groundwork UK
HMRC
HM Young Offenders Institution Wetherby
Huby Tennis Club
J.J & M Burton Charitable settlement
Live Well Wakefield Small Grants
Lower Ure Conservation Trust
Margaret Sutcliffe
National Lottery Community Fund
NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership
Nigel Scaife
Northern Powergrid
North Yorkshire County Council
North Yorkshire County Councillor Geoff Webber
Nova Wakefield District
One Family Foundation
Phillip Robinson
Primary Club
Richard Doherty
Ripon Activity Project
Rotary Club of Harrogate
Sally Weatherill
Scotton Council
Sharron & Harvey Smith
Skinny Designs
St James's Place Charitable Foundation
TCV/OVO
The Alchemy Foundation
The Bostock Foundation
The Edward Gostling Foundation
The Scurrah Wainwright Charity
Tom & Julie Leggett
Toyota Parasport
Waitrose Limited
Co-op Local Community Fund
Wakefield Council
Wendy Potter
West Yorkshire Health & Care
Woodland Trust
W.W. Spooner Charitable Trust.
Yorkshire Sport Foundation

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Open Country

I report on the accounts of: **Open Country**
for the year ended: **31st March 2021** which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

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 material 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 Trust as required by section 386 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records
- 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.

K Wood

Karen Wood (ACMA)
Outsource independent examination
service
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR

1/10/2021

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31st March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3.1	68,432	79,300	147,732	202,259
Charitable activities	3.2	72,144	-	72,144	137,746
Investments	3.3	1,105	-	1,105	962
Other income	3.4	55,976	-	55,976	314
Total income	3	197,657	79,300	276,957	341,281
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4.1	171,413	95,287	266,700	267,502
Total expenditure	4	171,413	95,287	266,700	267,502
Net income/(expenditure)		26,244	(15,987)	10,257	73,779
Gross transfers between funds		66,382	(66,382)	-	-
Net movement in funds		92,626	(82,369)	10,257	73,779
Total funds brought forward		237,895	142,948	380,843	307,064
Total funds carried forward		330,521	60,579	391,100	380,843

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Balance Sheet as at: 31st March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>67,766</u>	<u>41,553</u>
Total Fixed Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	307,618	305,369
Debtors & prepayments	9	17,752	43,898
Total Current Assets		<u>325,370</u>	<u>349,267</u>
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	10	(2,036)	(9,977)
Net current assets		<u>323,334</u>	<u>339,290</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>391,100</u>	<u>380,843</u>
 Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	330,521	237,895
Restricted Funds	11	60,579	142,948
Total Funds Carried Forward 11 & 12		<u>391,100</u>	<u>380,843</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



David Robinson
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended:

31st March 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	10,257	73,779
Add: Depreciation for the year	23,707	20,084
	<u>33,964</u>	<u>93,863</u>
Working capital changes		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	26,146	(26,335)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(7,941)	895
	<u>52,169</u>	<u>68,423</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		
	<u>52,169</u>	<u>68,423</u>
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>(49,920)</u>	-
	2,249	68,423
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		
	2,249	68,423
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2020	305,369	236,946
	<u>307,618</u>	<u>305,369</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021		
	<u>307,618</u>	<u>305,369</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31st March 2021

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure

Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities

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

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
3.1 Donations and legacies						
Grants	34,087	77,930	112,017	13,995	34,285	48,280
Donations and legacies	32,510	1,370	33,880	66,794	81,104	147,898
Gift Aid	1,835		1,835	6,081	-	6,081
	<u>68,432</u>	<u>79,300</u>	<u>147,732</u>	<u>86,870</u>	<u>115,389</u>	<u>202,259</u>
3.2 Charitable activities						
Wild About Wetherby project	32,425	-	32,425	32,425	-	32,425
NYCC social services	391	-	391	-	-	-
Self funders	34,628	-	34,628	74,764	-	74,764
Transport contributions	-	-	-	9,629	-	9,629
Trips income	76	-	76	6,711	-	6,711
Tandem income	-	-	-	3,920	-	3,920
Bus Service Operators' Grant	1,995	-	1,995	2,045	-	2,045
Work party income	2,629	-	2,629	8,252	-	8,252
	<u>72,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,144</u>	<u>137,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,746</u>
3.3 Investments						
Interest received	1,105	-	1,105	962	-	962
	<u>1,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,105</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>962</u>
3.4 Other income						
JRS Grant	39,341	-	39,341	-	-	-
Head office recharges	16,635	-	16,635	-	-	-
Sundry income	-	-	-	314	-	314
	<u>55,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,976</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314</u>
Total income	<u>197,657</u>	<u>79,300</u>	<u>276,957</u>	<u>225,892</u>	<u>115,389</u>	<u>341,281</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
4.1 Charitable activities						
Staff:						
- salaries and pensions	117,107	45,889	162,996	131,957	30,959	162,916
- training	2,718	352	3,070	2,356	-	2,356
- subsistence	5	-	5	251	-	251
- travel expenses	49	-	49	245	-	245
- recruitment costs	-	-	-	337	-	337
- uniform & protective equip.	164	-	164	2,193	-	2,193
Volunteer's expenses	29	-	29	789	-	789
Activity expenses:	-					
- activity fees and costs	676	12,685	13,361	5,853	2,049	7,902
- tandem costs	297	150	447	1,180	8,884	10,064
- allotment	570	-	570	117	-	117
- insurance	2,054	-	2,054	1,884	-	1,884
Project costs:						
- Conservation materials	1,022	1,448	2,470	2,704	1,384	4,088
- Wild About Wetherby	16	-	16	78	-	78
Vehicles:						
- fuel and oil	1,532	-	1,532	7,359	1,000	8,359
- repairs and servicing	3,063	-	3,063	4,482	-	4,482
- insurance	3,061	-	3,061	2,551	-	2,551
Small equipment and tools	197	520	717	1,615	940	2,555
Mower & trailer maintenance	56	-	56	230	-	230

Administration expenses:						
- rent	6,255	-	6,255	6,185	-	6,185
- cleaning and maintenance	246	-	246	334	-	334
- health and safety	2,302		2,302	-	-	-
- advertising and PR	347	-	347	1,949	-	1,949
- printing and stationery	2,213	710	2,923	2,216	-	2,216
- postage and telephone	1,104	159	1,263	1,813	-	1,813
- IT and internet	973	294	1,267	780	917	1,697
- subscriptions	367	-	367	637	-	637
- other	292	-	292	1,121	-	1,121
- payroll bureau fees	764	-	764	684	-	684
Depreciation	-	23,707	23,707	-	20,084	20,084
Legal & professional fees	16,165	295	16,460	18,999	-	18,999
Bank charges	212	-	212	386	-	386
Head office recharges	7,557	9,078	16,635	386		
	171,413	95,287	266,700	201,285	66,217	267,502
Total expenditure	171,413	95,287	266,700	201,285	66,217	267,502

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: **31st March 2021**

5 Trustee expenses & examination fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

	2021	2020
	£	£
5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts		
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	660	660
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner (accountancy etc)	80	80

6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	151,325	150,971
Employers National Insurance	8,507	8,977
Employers pension contributions	3,164	2,968
	162,996	162,916
Average number of employees	6	6

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Current bank account	17,508	60,579	78,087	160,932
Deposit bank account	59,279	-	59,279	59,279
Charity bank	85,000	-	85,000	85,000
Shawbrook bank	85,000	-	85,000	-
Cash in hand	252	-	252	158
	247,039	60,579	307,618	305,369

8 Fixed assets

8.1 Tangible fixed assets	Vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1st April 2020	114,431	12,510	126,941
Additions in year	42,132	7,788	49,920
Disposals in year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>156,563</u>	<u>20,298</u>	<u>176,861</u>
Depreciation	£	£	£
At 1st April 2020	76,703	8,685	85,388
Charge for the year	19,882	3,825	23,707
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>96,585</u>	<u>12,510</u>	<u>109,095</u>
Net Book Value	£	£	£
At 31st March 2021	<u>59,978</u>	<u>7,788</u>	<u>67,766</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>37,728</u>	<u>3,825</u>	<u>41,553</u>

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Debtors	11,028	21,580
Prepayments and accrued income	6,724	22,318
	<u>17,752</u>	<u>43,898</u>

10 Creditors and accruals

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	2,036	9,977
	<u>2,036</u>	<u>9,977</u>

11 Movement of funds

11.1 Movement of major funds

2021

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	205,534	183,562	159,423	100,848	330,521
Designated	32,361	14,095	11,990	(34,466)	-
	<u>237,895</u>	<u>197,657</u>	<u>171,413</u>	<u>66,382</u>	<u>330,521</u>

Restricted Funds

Minibuses	78,476	-	19,882	(58,594)	-
Tandem	150	-	150	-	-
H Catley	2,837	-	-	-	2,837
Wheelchair	8,825	3,050	3,825	(7,788)	262
WAW	26,532	68,337	53,380	-	41,489
Awards for All	9,429	-	-	-	9,429
York tandem	1,950	-	1,950	-	-
Harrogate tandem	2,862	-	-	-	2,862
Mower	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
Conservation activities	5,292	3,500	8,592	-	200
Residential	2,500	-	2,500	-	-
Misc funds	595	4,413	5,008	-	-
	<u>142,948</u>	<u>79,300</u>	<u>95,287</u>	<u>(66,382)</u>	<u>60,579</u>

Total Funds	<u>380,843</u>	<u>276,957</u>	<u>266,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,100</u>
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Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	187,623	194,718	176,807	-	205,534
Designated	25,665	31,174	24,478	-	32,361
	<u>213,288</u>	<u>225,892</u>	<u>201,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,895</u>

Restricted Funds

Minibuses	74,227	10,000	16,259	10,508	78,476
Tandem	-	6,950	6,800	-	150
H Catley	2,997	100	260	-	2,837
Wheelchair	12,650	-	3,825	-	8,825
WAW	2,652	69,004	34,616	(10,508)	26,532
Awards for All	1,250	9,054	875	-	9,429
York Tandem	-	2,950	1,000	-	1,950
Harrogate Tandem	-	2,862	-	-	2,862
Mower	-	3,500	-	-	3,500
Conservation activities	-	7,336	2,044	-	5,292
Residential	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Misc funds	-	1,133	538	-	595
	<u>93,776</u>	<u>115,389</u>	<u>66,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,948</u>

Total Funds	<u>307,064</u>	<u>341,281</u>	<u>267,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380,843</u>
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11.2 Transfer between funds

As permitted by the Charity SORP (FRS102), tangible fixed assets with a net book value of £66,382 have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. These assets were purchased from grants or donations which were restricted funds but are now held for a general and not a restricted purpose.

The designated Outreach fund became undesignated as at 31st March 2021 and has been transferred into general unrestricted funds.

11.3 Details of Funds Held

Unrestricted Funds General

The general fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

Unrestricted Funds Designated

An unrestricted fund designated by the trustees to develop and operate our 'Wild about Wakefield' outreach project. As the pilot project has been completed the trustees no longer consider the designated fund to be necessary and the fund balance has been added to the general fund.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

Minibuses

A fund representing the net book value of minibuses acquired. All minibuses are held for general purposes and the balance on the fund has been transferred to the general fund.

Tandem

A fund for the purchase and maintenance of tandems

H Catley

A fund to finance or subsidise breaks

Wheelchair

A fund for the purchase and maintenance of wheelchair tandems

Wild about Wakefield

To fund a project officer and activities in Wakefield

Awards for All

Big Lottery funding towards 'adventure' weekend trips

York Tandem

Contributions towards running costs of the York Tandem Club

Harrogate Tandem

A grant from Two Ridings Community Foundation to cover the running costs of the Harrogate Tandem Club

Mower

Contributions towards the purchase of a new BCS mower, delivered after the balance sheet date.

Conservation activities

Grants from Sovereign Health, Betty's Trees for Life and Two Ridings Community Foundation to contribute towards the costs of conservation work in Lower Wharfedale.

Residential

Grant from Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust to contribute to the overall costs of residential

Misc funds

Miscellaneous restricted funds less than £2,000

12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Balances at 31st March 2021			
Fixed assets	67,766	-	67,766
Current assets	264,791	60,579	325,370
Current liabilities	(2,036)	-	(2,036)
	<u>330,521</u>	<u>60,579</u>	<u>391,100</u>
	Funds £	Funds £	2020 £
Balances at 31st March 2020			
Fixed assets	-	41,553	41,553
Current assets	246,717	102,550	349,267
Current liabilities	(8,822)	(1,155)	(9,977)
	<u>237,895</u>	<u>142,948</u>	<u>380,843</u>