

CHAMPION BOWLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1177246

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-02-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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C/o Forest Of Bowland NI
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE FOREST OF BOWLAND AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Activities: 1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. 2. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£6,153	£7,811	-	-
2024-07-31	£5,896	£3,862	-	-
2023-07-31	£11,286	£7,245	-	-
2022-07-31	£14,497	£8,327	-	-
2021-07-31	£5,280	£7,950	-	-
2020-07-31	£12,130	£6,648	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL PUGH	Chair	2018-02-20
BRENDA KATHRYN MCLOUGHLIN		2018-02-20
Margaret Wright		2019-04-15
Nicholas Graham Renton Hunt		2019-03-14
PAUL CHRISTIAN REYNOLDS		2018-02-20

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2024		31	07	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1177246

Charity's principal address

C/O FOREST OF BOWLAND NATIONAL LANDSCAPE KETTLEDROM, 6 Root Hill Estate Yard
Whitewell Road, Dunsop Bridge
CLITHEROE
Postcode BB7 3AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

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Trustees ensure that public benefits are fully met when awarding grants or financial support.

Champion Bowland makes grants principally to community organisations and groups; provides other finance; provides advocacy/advice/information; all of which must meet the charity's objectives

Fundraising for grants is principally via visitor giving; donations from businesses, organisations and individuals in the Forest of Bowland National Landscape; donations from attendees at Champion Bowland associated events

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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Supporting destination website set up with Champion Bowland support via a National Heritage Lottery Fund grant - www.discoverbowland.uk that promotes the Forest of Bowland. Discover Bowland membership fees are invested back into the website that benefits the Forest of Bowland area, and meets the charity's criteria

Grant giving to applicants in the Forest of Bowland NL and close area for environment/conservation/heritage.

Supports and helps promote the Lord Bowland Annual Lecture; presents Champion Bowland plaques to recipients of Small Grants in order to raise awareness and community involvement.

Pin-badge boxes at businesses, such as cafes, tea shops, tourism venues and accommodation providers. The pin badges are a mix of Forest of Bowland locator and logo-ed Forest of Bowland NL badges.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Trustees are seeking to encourage volunteer and/or more trustees to get involved with Champion Bowland. Two new volunteers this year support trustees by visiting selected pin-badge box outlets to top up badge supply and collect cash.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

£1,275 in small grants (up to £750) awarded between August 2024 and July 2025

Support of Lord of Bowland annual lecture

Discover Bowland website traffic indicates a continued rise in visitors looking at staying in the Forest of Bowland

Badge boxes, promoting visitor giving, providing an income flow.

Providing running costs for the Sabden Trampler all terrain accessible vehicle (funded originally by the Pendle Hill Landscape Project & Heritage Fund. Now managed by the Forest of Bowland NL team, and organised by a small group of volunteers in Sabden). Hirers of the free-to-use Trampler may make 'thank you' donations to Champion Bowland. These donations are ring-fenced for running costs such as electricity and servicing of the trampler.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are rolled over to the following financial year. Any surplus reserves are now in a deposit savings easy access account, running alongside the charity's current account,

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M M Wright

Full name(s)

Margaret McKinnon Wright

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

13.05.2026

Champion Bowland
PROFIT & LOSS REPORT
Accounts 2024-25 - Year ending 31st July 2025

Income	2024-25			2023-24		
	Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total Income £	Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total Income £
Haytime	90.00	0.00	90.00	270.00	0.00	270.00
Pendle Hill Leg	12.50	0.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sabden Tramp	124.29	0.00	124.29	312.53	0.00	312.53
Champion Spe	0.00	63.00	63.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discover Bowl	0.00	2483.50	2483.50	0.00	3753.00	3753.00
Badge Box	0.00	2016.82	2016.82	0.00	0.00	3753.00
Festival - Bowl	0.00	301.41	301.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Pe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.61	37.61
Donations - Ot	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	554.26	554.26
Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	794.05	794.05
Misc Income	0.00	42.18	42.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lecture	0.00	215.00	215.00	0.00	175.00	175.00
Interest	0.00	55.12	55.12			
Total Income	226.79	5927.03	6153.82	582.53	5313.92	5896.45
Expenses	Restricted Expenses £	Unrestricted Expenses £	Total Expenses £	Restricted Expenses £	Unrestricted Expenses £	Total Expenses £
Outdoor Learn	740.00	0.00	740.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pendle Hill Leg	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sabden Tramp	33.71	0.00	33.71	162.11	0.00	162.11
Access [R Gray	467.84	0.00	467.84	0.00	1491.31	1491.31
Small Grants	0.00	1275.00	1275.00	0.00	1500.00	1500.00
Discover Bowl	0.00	2424.86	2424.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Badges	0.00	1280.40	1280.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management	0.00	890.07	890.07	0.00	709.14	709.14
Total Expense	1941.55	5870.33	7811.88	162.11	3700.45	3862.56
Surplus/(Loss)	-1714.76	56.70	-1658.06	420.42	1613.47	2033.89

Champion Bowland
BALANCE SHEET REPORT
as at 31st July 2025

	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	4,188.50	4,928.50
Haytime	3,249.32	3,159.32
Pendle Hill Legacy	5,825.77	6,513.27
Access [R Gray]	-	467.84
Myers	469.84	469.84
Heritage Lottery	44.05	44.05
Sabden Trumper	163.35	72.77
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	13,940.83	15,655.59
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Total UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	11,672.14	11,615.44
<hr/> Total Funds <hr/>	<hr/> 25,612.97 <hr/>	<hr/> 27,271.03 <hr/>

Balance as per the Bank accounts

	2024-25
	£
Current Account	10557.85
Reserve Account	15055.12
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Champion Bowland CIO 1177246

I report on the accounts for the year

1st August 2024 – 31st July 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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have not been met; or

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Shweta Pankhadiwala

C/o Lancaster District CVS, The Cornerstone Sulyard Street Lancaster LA1 1PX
17th September 2025.

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Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

£1,500 in small grants (up to £750) awarded between August 2023 and June 2024

2023-24 was a slow year as the general economy squeezed disposable incomes. Grant applications also slow and have to be managed in conjunction with visitor giving.

Support of Lord of Bowland annual lecture

Increasing engagements with other voluntary in the Forest of Bowland area, to raise the profile of Champion Bowland

Discover Bowland website continues to develop successfully as a visitor destination site.

Badge boxes, promoting visitor giving, providing some income.

Providing running costs for the Sabden Tramper all terrain accessible vehicle (funded originally by the Pendle Hill Landscape Project & Heritage Fund. Now managed by the Forest of Bowland AONB team, and organised by a small group of volunteers in Sabden). Hirers of the free-to-use Tramper may make 'thank you' donations to Champion Bowland. These donations are ring-fenced for running costs such as electricity and servicing of the tramper.

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) M M Wright

Full name(s)

Margaret McKinnon Wright

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

14.05.2025

Champion Bowland
PROFIT & LOSS REPORT
Accounts 2023-24 - Year ending 31st July 2024

	2023-24			2022-23		
	Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total Income £	Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total Income £
Income						
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	0	0.00	0	4750	0.00	4750
Haytime	270	0.00	270	370	0.00	370
Pendle Hill Legacy	0	0.00	0	537.72	0.00	537.72
Sabden Trumper	312.53	0.00	312.53	176.24	0.00	176.24
Discover Bowland membership 2023-24	0.00	3753.00	3753	0.00	0.00	0
Discover Bowland membership 2022-23	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	3925.50	3925.5
Donations - Local Giving	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	182.35	182.35
Donations - Perambulation	0.00	37.61	37.61	0.00	0.00	0
Donations - Other	0.00	554.26	554.26	0.00	0.00	0
Management	0.00	794.05	794.05	0	0.00	0
Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	964.39	964.39
Lecture	0.00	175.00	175	0.00	380.00	380
Total Income	582.53	5313.92	5896.45	5833.96	5452.24	11286.20
Expenses						
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	0	0	0	2070	0.00	2070
Haytime	0	0.00	0	350.7	0.00	350.7
Sabden Trumper	162.11	0.00	162.11	253.89	0.00	253.89
Discover Bowland	0.00	1491.31	1491.31	0.00	244.05	244.05
Small Grants	0.00	1500	1500	0.00	2075	2075
Salar Perambulation	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	83.67	83.67
Slaidburn Archive [Lecture]	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	131.05	131.05
Heritage Lottery	0.00	0.00	0	1565.95	0.00	1565.95
Management	0.00	709.14	709.14	0.00	470.57	470.57
Total Expenses	162.11	3700.45	3862.56	4240.54	3004.34	7244.88
Surplus/(Loss)	420.42	1613.47	2033.89	1593.42	2447.90	4041.32

Champion Bowland
BALANCE SHEET REPORT
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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

£2,000 in small grants (up to £750) awarded between August 2022 and June 2023

Support of the guided walk following the ancient Forest of Bowland boundary

2022-23 continued the slow growth post covid.. Grant applications slowly picking up but having to be matched against visitor giving.

Support of Lord of Bowland annual lecture

Increasing engagements with other voluntary groups – such as Rotary and Round Table - in the Forest of Bowland area, to raise the profile of Champion Bowland

Discover Bowland website continues to develop successfully as a visitor destination site.

Badge boxes, promoting visitor giving, providing some income

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are rolled over to the following financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) M M Wright

Full name(s) Margaret McKinnon Wright

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Date 25.04.2024

Champion Bowland
PROFIT & LOSS REPORT
Accounts 2022-23- Year ending 31st July 2023

	2022-23			2021-22		
	Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total Income £	Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total Income £
Income						
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	4750	0.00	4750	2500.00	0.00	2500.00
Haytime	370	0.00	370	2770.02	0.00	2770.02
Pendle Hill Legacy	537.72	0.00	537.72	3300.00	0.00	3300.00
Sabden Trampler	176.24	0.00	176.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discover Bowland membership 2021-22	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	2068.00	2068.00
Discover Bowland membership 2022-23	0.00	3925.50	3925.5	0.00	1950.00	1950.00
Donations - Local Giving	0.00	182.35	182.35	0.00	887.84	887.84
Donations - Badge Box	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	308.38	308.38
Donations - Other	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	649.51	649.51
Misc Income	0.00	964.39	964.39	0.00	63.31	63.31
Lecture	0.00	380.00	380	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	5833.96	5452.24	11286.20	8570.02	5927.04	14497.06

	2022-23			2021-22		
	Restricted Expenses £	Unrestricted Expenses £	Total Expenses £	Restricted Expenses £	Unrestricted Expenses £	Total Expenses £
Expenses						
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	2070	0.00	2070	2272.50	0.00	2272.50
Haytime	350.7	0.00	350.7	670.30	0.00	670.30
Sabden Trampler	253.89	0.00	253.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discover Bowland	0.00	244.05	244.05	0.00	2442.02	2442.02
Small Grants	0.00	2075	2075	0.00	1969.00	1969.00
Salar Perambulation	0.00	83.67	83.67	0.00	138.00	138.00
Slaidburn Archive [Lecture]	0.00	131.05	131.05	0.00	223.30	223.30
MJP Hdrive	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	65.89	65.89
one.com	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	202.62	202.62
SB stamps	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	19.80	19.80
RV Trampler service	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	324.00	324.00
Heritage Lottery	1565.95	0.00	1565.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management	0.00	470.57	470.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	4240.54	3004.34	7244.88	2942.80	5384.63	8327.43
Surplus/(Loss)	1593.42	2447.90	4041.32	5627.22	542.41	6106.32

Champion Bowland
BALANCE SHEET REPORT
as at 31st July 2023

	£	£
RESTRICTED FUNDS	2022-23	2021-22
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	4,928.50	2,248.50
Haytime	2,889.32	2,870.02
Pendle Hill Legacy	6,513.27	5,975.55
Access [R Gray]	467.84	467.84
Myers	469.84	469.84
Heritage Lottery	44.05	1,610.00
Sabden Trumper	-	-
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	15,235.17	13,641.75
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Total UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	10,001.97	7,554.07
Total Funds	25,237.14	21,195.82

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Champion Bowland CIO 1177246

I report on the accounts for the year

1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Shweta Pankhadiwala

C/o Lancaster District CVS, The Cornerstone Sulyard Street Lancaster LA1 1PX

30th August 2023.

CHAMPION BOWLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1177246

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

From

Period end date

To

01
08
2021

31
07
2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name



Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1177246

Charity's principal address

C/O FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB
KETTLEDROM, 6 Root Hill Estate Yard

Whitewell Road, Dunsop Bridge

CLITHEROE

Postcode BB7 3AY

Names of the charity 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)

Michael Pugh
Chair

1

Stephen Mark Sutcliffe
Trustee

2

William Bowland
Trustee

3

Margaret Wright
Trustee

4

Nicholas Graham Renton Hunt

5

Trustee

Paul Christian Reynolds
Trustee

6

Brenda Kathryn McLoughlin
Trustee

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name
Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE FOREST OF BOWLAND AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Trustees ensure that public benefits are fully met when awarding grants or financial support.

Champion Bowland makes grants to Individuals; to community organisations; provides other finance; provides advocacy/advice/information; all of which must meet the charity's objectives

Fund raising for grants is principally via visitor giving; donations from businesses, organisations and individuals in the Forest of Bowland AONB; donations from attendees at Champion Bowland associated events

Promoting Champion Bowland Small Grants scheme via www.championbowland.org.uk and social media

Supporting destination website set up with Champion Bowland support via a National Heritage Lottery Fund grant - www.discoverbowland.uk that promotes the Forest of Bowland

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Grants of up to £750 awarded to community projects :

- Thornley Community Space - second grant towards renovation of iconic former rural village school that volunteers are restoring into a community hub and visitor information base.
- Slaidburn Archive production of book on the history of Bashall Eaves
- Trees for new burial ground in the remote rural community of Keasden

Support of the first Perambulation of the ancient Forest of Bowland boundary

Re-booting profile of Champion Bowland, post-Covid, via social media

2021-2022 was recovery year after Covid restrictions closed fund raising opportunities and grant applications. Few grant applications were received during the year. Visitor giving was at a low level too.

Organisation and management of the first Lord Bowland Perambulation on part of the ancient Forest of Bowland boundary

Support of Lord of Bowland annual lecture

Launch of plaques awards for Small Grants scheme beneficiaries

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Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Champion Bowland
PROFIT & LOSS REPORT
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Income	RESTRICTED Income £	UNRESTRICTED Income £	Total Income £
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	2500.00	0.00	2500.00
Haytime	2770.02	0.00	2770.02
Pendle Hill Legacy	3300.00	0.00	3300.00
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Haytime	670.30	0.00	670.30
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Champion Bowland
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Haytime	2,870.02	770.30
Pendle Hill Legacy	5,975.55	2,675.55
Access [R Gray]	467.84	467.84
Myers	469.84	469.84
Heritage Lottery	1,610.00	1,610.00
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	13,641.75	8,014.53
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Total UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	7,554.07	7,011.66
Total Funds	21,195.82	15,026.19

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7th March 2023.

CHAMPION BOWLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1177246

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CHAMPION BOWLAND



2021

Annual Finance Report

Champion Bowland CIO 1177246

31/07/2021

Income & Expenditure Statement Year to July 31st 2021	Champion Bowland CIO Yr3
Income	
Ribble Valley Borough Council	2181
Misc Income (Cards)	0
Badge Box & Donations	2051
Bowland Website Invoices	1000
Events & Lectures (+Donations collected)	48
	5280
Expenditure	
Heritage Lottery	5890
Insurance for Trumper	336
Admin and Other Sundries	1628
Donation Processing Fees	96
	7950
P&L Surplus to Reserve	-2670

Year 3

Balance Sheet Current to 31st July 2021
£

Fund Description

Unrestricted funds 7839

Heritage Lottery 1610

Pendle Hill Legacy 2676

Farm Visits Fund 2131

Haytime 770

Total Funds **15026**

Unrestricted Funds 7839

Restricted Funds 7187

Total Funds **15026**