



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2022		31	07	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **CHAMPION BOWLAND**

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)
1	Michael Pugh	Chair		
2	Stephen Mark Sutcliffe	Trustee		
3	William Bowland	Trustee		
4	Margaret Wright	Trustee		
5	Nicholas Graham Renton Hunt	Trustee		
6	Paul Christian Reynolds	Trustee		
7	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)

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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.

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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

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

Grant giving in the Forest of Bowland AONB for environment/conservation/heritage.

Supports and helps promote the Lord Bowland Annual Lecture; organising and promoting Lord Bowland annual perambulation on a section of the ancient Forest of Bowland boundary.

Presenting Champion Bowland plaques to recipients of Small Grants to raise awareness and community involvement.

Badge boxes at businesses, such as tourism venues and accommodation – badges are currently Forest of Bowland locator badges

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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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)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information**

Champion Bowland also administers restricted funds on behalf of not-for-profit organisations associated with the Forest of Bowland AONB. These are included in the 2021-2022 annual financial report:

- Outdoor Learning Transport Fund that helps towards travel costs for school children and young people's community groups visiting the Forest of Bowland AONB
- Hay meadows project
- Pendle Hill Legacy Fund, set up to provide continuity after the end of the four year, National Lottery Heritage Fund supported Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership scheme, in October 2022
- Myers*
- Access*
- These are for specific projects generated by the AONB

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

	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

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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 Trampler	- 77.65	-
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	15,235.17	13,641.75
 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Total UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	10,001.97	7,554.07
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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 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:

(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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Shweta Pankhadiwala

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30th August 2023.