



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2023		31	07	2024

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

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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	Margaret McKinnon Wright	Trustee		
4	Nicholas Graham Renton Hunt	Trustee		
5	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)

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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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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 (AONB) 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

Fundraising 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

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)

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. 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 local groups in the Forest of Bowland AONB 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.

Badge boxes at businesses, such as tourism venues and accommodation providers. The pin badges are currently Forest of Bowland locator 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.

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

£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.

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:

- Outdoor Learning Transport Fund 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

14.05.2025

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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 Trampler	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
	Restricted Expenses £	Unrestricted Expenses £	Total Expenses £	Restricted Expenses £	Unrestricted Expenses £	Total Expenses £
Expenses						
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	0	0	0			
Haytime	0	0.00	0	2070	0.00	2070
Sabden Trampler	162.11	0.00	162.11	350.7	0.00	350.7
Discover Bowland	0.00	1491.31	1491.31	253.89	0.00	253.89
Small Grants	0.00	1500	1500	0.00	244.05	244.05
Salar Perambulation	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	2075	2075
Slaidburn Archive [Lecture]	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	83.67	83.67
Heritage Lottery	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	131.05	131.05
Management	0.00	709.14	709.14	1565.95	0.00	1565.95
				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

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BALANCE SHEET REPORT
as at 31st July 2023

	£	£
RESTRICTED FUNDS	2023-24	2022-23
Outdoor Learning Transport Fund	4,928.50	4,928.50
Haytime	3,159.32	2,889.32
Pendle Hill Legacy	6,513.27	6,513.27
Access [R Gray]	467.84	467.84
Myers	469.84	469.84
Heritage Lottery	44.05	44.05
Sabden Trampler	72.77 -	77.65
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	15,655.59	15,235.17
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Total UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	11,615.44	10,001.97
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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 2023 – 31st July 2024

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

C/o Lancaster District CVS, The Cornerstone Sulyard Street Lancaster LA1 1PX
26th September 2024.