

**UK NATIONAL PARKS CHARITY FOUNDATION YEAR  
ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**Charity number 1182566**

**Also registered in Scotland with Charity Number SC049846**

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### **Reference and Administrative Information**

#### **Charity number**

In England and Wales 1182566 In  
Scotland SC049846

#### **Address**

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#### **Trustees**

David Cameron (Treasurer, Secretary)  
Tegryn Jones (Chair)  
Peter Dixon  
Emyr Williams  
Gavin Williamson

#### **Bank**

Triodos Bank, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS  
This arrangement since January 2020

## **UK NATIONAL PARKS CHARITY FOUNDATION YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are pleased to present their third Trustees report together with the financial statements, for the period to 31 March 2024.

### **Structure, Governance and management**

The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 20 March 2019, and subsequently registered with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator on 9 January 2020.

The UK National Park Foundation Members are:

- Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority
- Broads Authority
- Cairngorms National Park Authority
- Eryri National Park Authority
- Lake District National Park Authority
- Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
- National Parks Partnerships
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
- South Downs National Park Authority

### **Membership**

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, subject to approval by Trustees.

### **Trustees**

The charity must have a minimum of three trustees, with no maximum.

Trustees are appointed following nomination by two National Parks members. For this purpose both National Parks Partnerships and the Broads Authority are deemed to be National Parks members.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Charitable Purpose**

The charity is established for the benefit of the public within the areas designated as National Parks in England, Wales and Scotland to support the following objectives and activities while recognising at all times the requirement to respect the special qualities of those designated areas:

1. The preservation, conservation and enhancement of natural and cultural heritage;
2. The promotion of sustainable development by:
  - (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources;
  - (b) the promotion of sustainable means of communities achieving rural economic growth and regeneration;
3. The education of the public in the physical and natural environment of the National Parks and their special qualities;
4. The promotion of the National Parks as facilities for appropriate recreation and enjoyment for members of the public at large in the interests of social welfare;

Sustainable development within these objectives means “development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

### **Activities**

The Charity refers to itself more commonly as The UK National Parks Foundation (UKNPF).

In the past year the following activity has taken place:

- Delivery of Year 2 grant of 5-year £500,000 commitment relating to private finance for nature restoration activities under ‘Revere’ secured from the Estée Lauder Companies UK & Ireland
- Delivery of American Express Foundation grant (£89,750 received January 2022) and drafting of year 2 application.
- Additional income from AMEX and BMW advertising campaigns totalling £3,969.09.
- Ongoing partnerships (managed by National Parks Partnerships) with Carousel Calendars, Otter House, Adventure Pins, Pawprint and trundl totalling £6,150.67.
- AGM held on 18 January 2023.

### **Achievements and performance**

The main focus of trustees in this reporting period has been working with NPP on the delivery of American Express Foundation (AMEX) and ELC grants.

#### **AMEX Foundation**

The grant of £89,750 was to support tree planting and green skills sessions. The winning of the grant was predicated on the requirement that 50% would go to SDNPA and 50% to other National Parks. The UKNPF Trustees were agreeable to this on the basis that funds to support the Charity's objectives would be distributed to the National Park family whilst not negatively impacting SDNPA's established relationship with AMEX. NPP manages the day-to-day relationship with AMEX on behalf of the UKNPF.

During this period the UKNPF distributed the following grants:

- **1 grant of £44,750** (Travel grants, tree and hedgerow planting) – SDNPA
- **5 grants of £4,750** (Green skills) – Broads, Cairngorms, New Forest, Peak District and Pembrokeshire Coast
- **2 grants of £10,000** (tree planting) – Loch Lomond & The Trossachs, Yorkshire Dales

£1,450 was retained by NPP in respect of their costs of managing and distributing the grants.

An exceptional amount of activity has taken place thanks to these grants with 7,941 trees planted and Over 2,000 young people engaged through outdoor learning fund and green skills activities. In addition, NPP/SDNPA/Peak District teams have delivered a variety of staff talks and volunteering sessions for AMEX staff.

#### **ELC**

ELC's 5-year partnership supports innovation in Nature-based Solutions through Revere.

ELC's year 2 grant was directed to South Downs National Park to develop a park-wide financing platform to support landowners across the South Downs to create biodiverse, native broadleaf woodland. Work is now completed and has ensured that the South Downs woodland project is now investment ready. Thanks to ELC funding both this project and their first project, Lake Windemere water quality, were included in a £13m pitch to AVIVA (outcome awaited).

At the end of 2023 a call out for 2024 projects was made by NPP on behalf of the UKNPF with the year 3 beneficiary (Loch Lomond & The Trossachs NP) being chosen in June of this year.

## **Financial review**

Income received by the UKNPF in 2023/4 was £100,299 as a mix of grant funding and ongoing product related partnerships and interest income. £179,700 was distributed as grants to NPAs during FY 2023/24 (including AMEX funding received in previous fy). £540 was incurred by UKNPF during this period for accounting support.

Trustees and colleagues at National Park Partnerships have been careful to avoid damaging any potential charitable income generation activities being pursued by charities based within individual National Parks. We believe our actions since formation have caused no adverse impacts for any National Parks' charitable activities or affiliations. It remains the intention of the UKNPF to generate additional funds for UK level activity that might not otherwise be secured via local charitable means.

## **Plans for the future**

We anticipate that 2024/5 will be similar to 2023/4 including grant distribution from partners including ELC and AMEX. In addition our cause-product partnerships will continue. Trustees together with NPP will continue to explore opportunities to leverage funding from companies that wish to provide philanthropic support at a UK level.

## **Membership of the Charity**

Trustees also recognise that since establishment of the Foundation on 20 March 2019, we have secured membership of ten of the UK's 15 National Parks. Now that we have significant funds available for distribution and have demonstrated the non-clash principles by which we operate (avoiding negative effects on local fundraising) we would welcome applications from the remaining NPAs to become members of the Charity. However, membership of the Charity is not a requirement for receiving funds.

The Foundation will also continue to have regard for the benefit of all National Parks in planning and delivering its work.

We will continue to have dialogue with any parties interested in securing our charitable objectives in order to ensure the Foundation sits well within the overall framework of organisations working for the benefit of National Parks in England, Wales and Scotland.

**David Cameron MA CPFA, Treasurer and Trustee for UK National Parks Charity Foundation**

## **Independent Certification**

Having reviewed the bank statements I certify receipts and payment accounts statement of year ended 31 March 2024 are accurately recorded.

**Peter Notley CPFA, Lake District National Park Authority**  
**22 December 2024**

**UK NATIONAL PARKS CHARITY FOUNDATION YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><i>Receipts</i></b>	<b>Notes</b>						
Grants		£ -	£ 90,647	£ 90,647	£ -	£ 179,305	£ 179,305
Donations	1	£ 9,157	£ -	£ 9,157	£ 4,658	£ -	£ 4,658
Investment Income		£ 494	£ -	£ 494	£ 210	£ -	£ 210
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£ 9,651</b>	<b>£ 90,647</b>	<b>£ 100,299</b>	<b>£ 4,868</b>	<b>£ 179,305</b>	<b>£ 184,172</b>
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>							
Charitable Payments		£ -	£ 179,700	£ 179,700	£ -	£ 90,000	£ 90,000
Bank Charges		£ 6	£ -	£ 6	£ 4	£ -	£ 4
Accountancy Fees		£ 540	£ -	£ 540	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£ 546</b>	<b>£ 179,700</b>	<b>£ 180,246</b>	<b>£ 4</b>	<b>£ 90,000</b>	<b>£ 90,004</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>£ 9,106</b>	<b>(£ 89,053)</b>	<b>(£ 79,947)</b>	<b>£ 4,863</b>	<b>£ 89,305</b>	<b>£ 94,168</b>
<b>Reserves Brought Forward</b>		<b>£ 14,443</b>	<b>£ 89,305</b>	<b>£ 103,748</b>	<b>£ 9,579</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 9,579</b>
<b>Reserves Carried forward</b>		<b>£ 23,548</b>	<b>£ 252</b>	<b>£ 23,801</b>	<b>£ 14,443</b>	<b>£ 89,305</b>	<b>£ 103,748</b>

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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		<b>£ 23,801</b>	£ 103,748
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>£ 23,801</b>	<b>£ 103,748</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	2	<b>£ 23,548</b>	£ 14,443
Restricted Funds	3	<b>£ 252</b>	£ 89,305
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>£ 23,801</b>	<b>£ 103,748</b>



David Cameron MA CPFA Trustee,  
Treasurer  
UK National Parks Charity Foundation  
Date: 10 November 2024



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ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS**

**1 DONATIONS**

	Unrestricted Reserves		Restricted Reserves		Total Funds 2024		Unrestricted Reserves		Restricted Reserves		Total Funds 2023	
<b>Donations</b>	£	9,157	£	-	£	9,157	£	4,658	£	-	£	4,658

**2 UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS**

Unrestricted Income Funds	Balance as at		Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Total		Balance as at	
	31/03/2023				Movement in	31/03/2024		
	£		£	£	£		£	
Columbia Friends and Family	£	3,063	£	-	£	-	£	3,063
Amazon Smile Contributions	£	37	£	-	£	-	£	37
Adventure Pins	£	3,216	£	2,125	£	-	£	5,341
Pedal for Parks	£	5,000	£	-	£	-	£	5,000
Trundl	£	1,319	£	982	£	-	£	2,301
Outdoor ScratchMaps	£	48	£	-	£	-	£	48
Bank interest and charges	£	206	£	494	£	6	£	695
Calendar/jigsaws	£	936	£	2,081	£	-	£	3,017
Little Trekkers	£	293	£	-	£	-	£	293
General Donations	£	25	£	2,442	£	540	£	1,907
Hublsoft	£	300	£	-	£	-	£	300
Pawprint	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
WeAre8	£	-	£	1,527	£	-	£	1,527
Total	£	14,443	£	9,651	£	546	£	23,548

### 3 RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

Restricted Income Funds	Balance as at 31/03/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Total Movement in the Year	Balance as at 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
AMEX	£ 89,555	£ 397	£ 89,950	(£ 89,553)	£ 2
ELC	(£ 250)	£ 90,250	£ 89,750	£ 500	£ 250
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 89,305</b>	<b>£ 90,647</b>	<b>£ 179,700</b>	<b>£ 89,053</b>	<b>£ 252</b>

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	£	£	£	£	£
AMEX	£ -	£ 89,555	£ -	£ 89,555	£ 89,555
ELC	£ -	£ 89,750	£ 90,000	(£ 250)	(£ 250)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 179,305</b>	<b>£ 90,000</b>	<b>£ 89,305</b>	<b>£ 89,305</b>

AMEX Grants support green skills/tree planting projects (received in 22/23 financial year).

ELC funding to Revere Innovation, this year directed to South Downs Woodland platform project.

### 4 STAFF COSTS

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises of the Trustees only. No Trustees received remuneration during the period from the Charity

The charity has no directly employed staff.

### 5 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the year.