



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 27 AUGUST 2019 To 31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity name: FRIENDS OF THE ULLSWATER WAY

Charity registration number: 1185056

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Advancing education of the cultural history, art and heritage of the Ullswater Valley. Providing or assisting in the provision of facilities and incentives to aid conditions of life the Ullswater Valley. Advancing the establishment of community heritage centres in the Ullswater Valley. Promoting activities that inspire the use of natural and cultural heritage as inspiration in artistic work.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the reporting period activities were seriously affected by COVID 19, placing significant restrictions on walking on the Ullswater Way and implementing our 2020 Understanding Ullswater Evening Talks programme.</p> <p>In Autumn 2019 we held a series of Talks during the Ullswater Festival and a further two in October and November.</p> <p>Although we were unable to have any talks in the first half of 2020 we carried out 5 in the second half of 2019. One was held in September at Parkin Hall, Pooley Bridge on the Conservation of red squirrels; and four were held virtually by ZOOM: on 'Nature – Friendly farming'; 'Back to the Future - Heritage lost Opportunities found. Some anecdotes from the Ullswater archives'; on the 'FOUW Ullswater Heritage Knowledge Bank'; and on the 'Lost Words in the Ullswater valley'. Viewing figures for all the talks were encouragingly high.</p> <p>Our other activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting an online survey of heritage needs in the Ullswater Valley in the first quarter of 2020, and issuing a report in April.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Lake District National Park Ranger and relevant Parish Councils to develop a signed walking route to Pooley Bridge from Penrith Station, thereby improving access facilities to the Ullswater Valley. • Expanding our website to offer seasonal photographic slide shows (offered to allow people restricted by COVID to see the delights of Ullswater across the seasons) • Production of a FOUW Heritage Trail information leaflet for the public • Cleaning and maintenance of art installations on the Heritage Trail • We were unable to continue with our artists' network due to the Covid 19 restrictions but trustees supported the much smaller Eden Valley Artistic Network Open Studios Event in the Valley in September 2020. One of the supporters, The Quiet Site in Watermillock, is on the Ullswater Way, so was an ideal site for our participation in the event. Other local artists took part in Tirril from their own homes. Although footfall was understandably less, EVAN still regarded the event as a success. • Initiating in May, and completing in September, the approval of a Concept paper to develop over 2021-2022 an ambitious and pioneering Ullswater Heritage Knowledge Bank and Website, designed to make the public aware of the extraordinary and unique heritage of the Ullswater valley. • Starting Phase 1 of the Concept, gathering data and informing local communities about the data bank. • Initiating contacts with the Lancaster University Regional Heritage Centre that will result in an MA student being assigned to produce research material that will be entered into the Knowledge Bank in early 2021.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have, in all activities, had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	SORP reference 1.38	A number of individuals within the valley as well as some of the Trustees have started writing material for the Heritage Knowledge Bank. 100 % of the work of the charity is done by volunteers.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>COVID 19 has had a negative effect on FOUW's activities. Despite this, the lockdown has allowed a number of online meetings by ZOOM to take place, bringing together individuals throughout the valley. These have led to the formulation of a new and important project.</p> <p>It had been hoped to engage with a number of organisations and community groups to set up a programme to update, for the first time in 20 years, the status of important heritage sites in and around Ullswater. This will now be postponed until late 2021/early 2022.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We did not set any fundraising targets for 2020.</p> <p>However, the postponement of the Understanding Ullswater talks had a major impact on our fundraising. Our new 2021 programme, primarily focused on ZOOM talks, will address this issue.</p> <p>Funding applications have however been written to help implement Phase 1 of the Ullswater Heritage Knowledge Bank project. These will be submitted in January 2021 .</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees have so far not set financial goals since the majority of its activities do not require funding. This will be reviewed in 2021.
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees believe that holding a reserve of £250 is sufficient as there are no ongoing contractual financial obligations on the Organisation. In the event of funds becoming completely depleted the charity would be wound up.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£ 250
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The business of the Charity is entirely conducted by volunteers and it does not depend on its fundraising abilities in order to carry out its charitable activities. Hence there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from the general public and grant applications for specific projects.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As soon as the trustees can meet in person in 2021 they will establish a set of Objectives and Targets for the year.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk faced by the charity is inability of the Trustees and volunteers to maintain and pursue its ambitions in the face of a continuing lockdown. Although Face-to-Face meetings have been severely curtailed we have been able to maintain contact through ZOOM calls.
Other		The new Heritage Knowledge Bank programme is ambitious and will require considerable energy and motivation to meet targets. It will also require some minimal funding to obtain the technical input we need to ensure a top quality professional product.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION.
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	Para 1.25	Trustees have been appointed by consensus, bearing in mind gender, geographical location around Ullswater, and professional skills needed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	There have been no formal training of Trustees, although some of the FOUW Trustees have been trained in other charities for which they hold responsibilities.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We have prepared a detailed draft Governance document, setting out rules and procedures. This is still in a draft version and will be considered in due course.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	FRIENDS OF THE ULLSWATER WAY
Other name the charity uses	FOUW
Registered charity number	1185056
Charity's principal address	5 GRASSTHWAITE HOWE GLENRIDDING CA11 0PY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Duration as a Trustee
1	TIM CLARKE	CHAIR	5 SEPTEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2021
2	CECILIA MCCABE	TREASURER	5 SEPTEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2020
3	ANNE CLARKE		5 SEPTEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2021
4	JUDITH COOKE		24 SEPTEMBER 2020	31 st Dec 2023
5	JOE FAULKNER		5 SEPTEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2022
6	JANE FIRTH		5 SEPTEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2022
7	LINDSEY HOULDING		5 SEPTEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2022
8	GORDON LIGHTBURN		5 DECEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2022
9	MILES MACINNES		19 MAY 2020	31 st Dec 2023
10	STUART SHAW		5 DECEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2022
11	STEVE SYKES		5 DECEMBER 2019	31 st Dec 2022

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information

Names and addresses of advisers :

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Management IT	Prof Edward Truch	Lancaster University Connected Communities Research Laboratory


FOUW would like to express its deep appreciation for the support , both financially and in-kind, from many organisations and individuals. Supporting organisations are listed below:

LDNP Communities Fund, Hadfield Trust, Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust, NAV 4 Adventure, Wainwright Society, United Utilities, Ullswater Preservation Society, Eden District Council, Dalemains Estates, Lancaster University Connected Communities Research Laboratory, National Trust, The Wordsworth Trust Ullswater Steamers, the Ullswater Association, and the Parish Councils of Patterdale, Matterdale, Dacre, Barton and Martindale.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full name	Tim Clarke
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman
Date	7 th March 2021

FRIENDS OF THE ULLSWATER WAY
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1185056

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 16 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	2020 £ As a CIO	2019 £ (As a Working Group)
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Grants from Public Bodies & Charitable Organisations	1	576	1,395
Donations from general public and trustees		925	1,031
Total Incoming Resources		1,501	2,426
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Heritage Projects (including Talks)		284	3,525
Website & Other technology costs		400	
Subscriptions		125	125
Printing and Stationery		194	
Donations to Charities and related activities		90	
Total Resources Expended		1,093	3,650
Net Movement in Funds		408	(1,224)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		-	
Current Assets			
Balance at Co-Op Bank		261	
Current Liabilities			
Committed Expenditure		-	147
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		261	147
FINANCED BY:			
Funds Brought Forward from previous years		(147)	1,076
Increase (Decrease) in Funds in Current Year		408	(1,223)
TOTAL FUNDS		261	(147)

Signed:

CECILIA MCCABE
TREASURER, FRIENDS OF THE ULLSWATER WAY
8 MARCH 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS DATED 31 DECEMBER 2020

These Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

1. Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005)
2. Accounting Standards
3. The Charities Act

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	NOTE	£ 2020	£ 2019
Grants from Public Bodies & Charitable Organisation:	1		
LDNPA Communities Fund			500
NAV4 Adventure			300
Ullswater Preservation Society			95
Eden DC Tourism Grant			500
Stainton School PTA		536	
Morland WI		40	
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Committed Expenditure	2		
Balance of cash expenses from 2018-19 Talks owed to Tim Clarke			(148)
The organisation had to operate with cash while the Charity was being formed and a bank account being opened. This took over a year.			