

# ACCESS THE DALES

England & Wales · Charity number 1199934

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-08-02

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** Access the Dales exists to break down the barriers that prevent people living with disabilities enjoying the great outdoors either independently or with their friends and family. We will do this wherever need, demand and our capacity allow, by making all-terrain mobility vehicles available to borrow at outdoor locations in the north of England. We are sharing information

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,570	£21,418	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,195	£12,539	-	-
2023-03-31	£118,294	£25,217	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Rose Medlock		2022-08-02
Deborah North		2022-08-02
Holly Brega		2023-02-25
JONATHAN MICHAEL KELLETT SMITH		2022-08-02
Marika Kovac		2026-01-13
Rasida Patel		2025-10-05

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# Accounts

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## **Access the Dales**

### **Annual Report and Financial Statements For the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Registered Name:** Access the Dales

**Registered Office:**

Holme Lea  
Ingleton  
LA6 3ET

**Trustees:**

- Mrs D A North
- Ms H Brega
- Mr J M K Smith
- Ms M E C Globe
- Mrs A R Medlock

**Period Covered:**

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

**Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the period ended 31 March 2025.

**Mission, Aims and Public Benefit****Mission**

Access the Dales is devoted to making the countryside accessible to everyone.

**Aims**

Access the Dales exists to alleviate disadvantage and promote inclusion by enhancing access to the countryside for people with disabilities.

The charity achieves this by:

- Providing all-terrain mobility vehicles at accessible locations across the Yorkshire and Lancashire Dales, where need, demand, and capacity allow, enabling disabled people to enjoy outdoor environments independently or with others.
- Organising and supporting activities and events that enable disabled people, including those from under-represented and hard-to-reach communities, to experience, access, and engage with the countryside.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Access the Dales delivers public benefit in the following ways:

### **Inclusivity and Equality**

By breaking down physical and social barriers, the charity ensures that disabled people can access and enjoy outdoor spaces, promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion.

### **Physical and Mental Wellbeing**

Accessible outdoor experiences support physical activity, mental wellbeing, reduced isolation, and improved quality of life.

### **Education and Awareness**

The charity raises awareness of accessibility needs in outdoor environments and advocates for inclusive design and practice.

### **Environmental Stewardship**

Access the Dales promotes responsible outdoor recreation and respect for the natural environment, encouraging appreciation and conservation.

### **Economic Impact**

Accessible tourism supports local businesses and contributes to the local economy within the Yorkshire Dales, Forest of Bowland National Landscape, and Nidderdale National Landscape.

### **Social Cohesion**

Activities foster shared experiences, connection, and community cohesion by bringing people together in accessible outdoor settings.

### **Empowerment and Independence**

By enabling independent access to the countryside, the charity empowers disabled people, increasing confidence, independence, and self-esteem.

Trustees Report

During the 2024–2025 reporting period, Access the Dales experienced a year of significant growth, expanded impact, and national recognition as the charity continued to break down barriers and create opportunities for disabled people to enjoy the countryside.

### Development and Growth of Accessible Hubs

The heart of the charity’s work remained its network of wheelchair hubs. The hubs at Aysgarth and Malham continued to flourish, welcoming visitors from across the UK and abroad to experience the beauty of the Yorkshire Dales using all-terrain mobility equipment. In addition, the charity welcomed Swinton Estate into its family of hubs, supporting the use of a Trampler at *The Luminescence* to enable more accessible exploration of woodlands and parkland. These hubs are central to restoring independence, confidence, and connection with nature for many people whose access to outdoor environments had previously been limited.

### Inclusive Events and Community Engagement

In September 2025, Access the Dales hosted its first Children’s Festival — a free, inclusive event designed for families with disabled children. Held in Gisburn Forest within the Forest of Bowland National Landscape, the festival featured activities such as music, crafts, outdoor play, sensory experiences, and adaptive biking. More than 200 families attended, enjoying a space designed entirely around accessibility where children could fully participate without barriers.[a](#)

The charity also partnered with YHA England and Wales during the YHA Festival of Walking, hosting 40 children from Leeds Special Schools for a day of accessible outdoor exploration. This collaboration demonstrated the power of partnership working to widen access to nature for children and young people who may otherwise have limited opportunities to explore the countryside.

### Partnership Work and Visits

Throughout the year, Access the Dales welcomed new groups and partnerships into the Dales. Highlights included a visit from members of the *Parkinson’s Society – Skipton*, who enjoyed a

combination of accessible rail travel and countryside walking, and a weekend event with the *Sheffield Environmental Movement*, which fostered community, laughter, and resilience, underscoring that outdoor experiences can be enjoyable regardless of weather or ability.

### Media and National Recognition

Access the Dales reached a wider audience through national media exposure, most notably a feature on ITV with broadcaster and Paralympian Ade Adepitan at the Aysgarth Falls hub. This coverage brought increased awareness, support, and bookings from families inspired to visit the Dales after seeing accessible experiences on screen.

The charity's work was further celebrated when it received the Best UK Tourism Project award at the British Guild of Travel Writers and International Tourism Awards in London. This prestigious recognition highlighted Access the Dales' leadership in accessible tourism and the impact of its work in creating inclusive outdoor experiences.

### Impact and Reach

Through hubs, guided walks, community partnerships, and flagship events, Access the Dales supported more than 500 individuals and families, many of whom had previously thought the countryside was beyond their reach. These experiences contributed to increased confidence, independence, wellbeing, and a sense of belonging in nature.

### Funding and Organisational Development

The charity continued to secure important funding partnerships, including support from National Lottery, the DWF Foundation, Sport England, the Jack Brunton Charitable Trust, and the Bruce Wake Trust. National Lottery funding, in particular, enabled the appointment of a part-time project manager, strengthening operational capacity and allowing trustees to focus on strategic development.

## **Trustees and Officers**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were:

- **Mrs D A North** (appointed 2 August 2022)
- **Ms H Brega** (appointed 25 February 2023)
- **Mr J M K Smith** (appointed 2 August 2022)
- **Ms M E C Globe** (appointed 2 August 2022)
- **Ms A R Medlock** (appointed 2 August 2022)

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Access the Dales is a charitable company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association.

The charity is managed by its Board of Trustees, who meet regularly and are responsible for setting strategy, overseeing activities, managing risk, and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Trustees receive no remuneration for their services but may reclaim reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the Trustee Expenses Policy.

## **Objectives and Policies**

The trustees review the charity's objectives and activities annually to ensure they continue to align with its charitable purposes and public benefit.

Key policies in place during the year included:

- Risk Management Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Trustee Expenses Policy
- Campaigns and Political Activity Policy
- Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Social Media
- Mandatory Accounting Records
- Conflict of Interest

- Investing Charity Funds Policy and Procedures
- Internal Risk Management
- Serious Incident Report Policy and Procedures
- Complaints and Whistle blowing
- Financial Reserves Policy and Procedures

## **Financial Review and Risk Management**

### **Financial Instruments and Risk**

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks, including credit risk, cash flow risk, and liquidity risk.

The trustees manage these risks by:

- Maintaining appropriate cash reserves
- Monitoring income and expenditure regularly
- Applying robust financial controls

The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **Credit Risk**

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances, cash, and receivables. The trustees consider that the charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread across a number of counterparties.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees continue to review the charity's reserves to ensure financial stability and the ability to respond to future opportunities and risks. Reserves are held to support ongoing operations and future development in line with charitable objectives.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

In the coming year, the trustees intend to:

- Continue developing accessible outdoor opportunities
- Strengthen partnerships with land managers and local communities
- Increase awareness of accessibility in outdoor environments
- Seek sustainable funding to support long-term growth

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards 2006

Company law requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report** to the Trustees of Access the Dales

**Charity Registration Number:** 1199934

**Company Registration Number:** CE029882

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of **Access the Dales** (the charitable company) for the year ended **31 March 2025**.

## **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the **Charities Act 2011**.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under **section 145 of the Charities Act 2011** and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention:

1. **Which give me reasonable cause to believe** that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006

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.

## **Conclusion**

Based on my examination, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at **31 March 2025**, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended, in accordance with **FRS 102** and the **Charities SORP**.

### **Independent Examiner:**

Name: Jacqueline Whittaker

Relevant qualification (if any):

Address: 18 Highfield Range, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7LR

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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 Charity no.1199934  
 Annual Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Balance Brought Forward Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 £6082.56

	Total Income	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds
Donations	7504	7504	
Grants	25036	6500	18536
refunds	30	30	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>32570</b>	<b>14034</b>	<b>18536</b>

Total Expenditure	
Insurance	1512
M & R of ATW	971
Events	15231
Admin	3704
Sundries	700
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>22118</b>
Income	32570
Expenditure	22118
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>+10452</b>

**Balance Carried forward year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025:  
£6082.56 + £10452 =£16535**

Notes

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1. Grants this year include: Brelms Trust, North Yorkshire Sport, Alpkite, Brunton, DWF Foundation, Bruce Wake Trust

## **Tangible Assets Retained for Charities' Own Use**

Vehicle	Purchase price (year)	<b>Current value after depreciation @ 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b>
Quingo x1	3,000 (2022)	1920
Minimo Plus x1	3000 (2022)	1920
Paratrekers x2	12000 (2022)	7680
Terrainhopper x2	72000 (2022)	46080
TGA breeze x 4	32000 (2022)	20480
Tramper x 1	12000 (2022)	7680
Tramper x1	12000 (2025)	12000

### **Accounts signed:**

**Jean Norris: Treasurer**

**Debbie North: Trustee**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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Signed: J.Whittaker

### **Independent Examiner:**

Name: Jacqueline Whittaker

Address: 18 Highfield Range, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7LR

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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Access the Dales  
Making the  
inaccessible accessible

**The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Trustees of Access the Dales, a charitable incorporated organisation. A Charity registered with the Charities Commission in England and Wales.**

**Registered Charity no: 1199934.**

**Date:** January 12th 2025

## Letter from the chair

Dear Friends,

As Chair of Access the Dales, I am honoured to share with you our progress, vision, and gratitude for the incredible support we have received over the past year. Together, we are breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for everyone to enjoy the unparalleled beauty and tranquility of the Yorkshire Dales and in the Forest of Bowland

When Access the Dales was founded, our mission was simple yet profound: to ensure that the outdoors is accessible to all, regardless of physical ability or mobility challenges. Nature belongs to everyone, and we believe that no one should be excluded from experiencing its restorative power and joy. This mission continues to drive every project, partnership, and initiative we undertake.

In 2023, we accomplished several key milestones. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to:

- Expand our fleet of all-terrain wheelchairs, ensuring more people can explore' rugged trails and get out to places that would otherwise be inaccessible.
- Develop additional accessible routes and provide detailed guides to help individuals plan their visits with confidence.
- Partner with local communities, businesses, and organizations to promote inclusivity and raise awareness about the importance of accessibility in the outdoors.

While we are proud of these achievements, we know there is still so much more to do. In the coming year, our focus will include:

- Continuing to advocate for improved accessibility infrastructure across the countryside of Yorkshire and Lancashire
- inspire future generations to embrace inclusivity and sustainability.
- Strengthening our volunteer network to provide hands-on assistance and support for those who need it most.

None of this would be possible without you—our dedicated supporters, partners, and volunteers. Whether you have donated, volunteered your time, or simply shared our message, you have played a vital role in advancing our mission. On behalf of the entire team at Access the Dales, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As we look ahead, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Let us dream bigger, reach further, and ensure that the Yorkshire Dales remain a place where everyone can find peace, adventure, and connection.

With heartfelt gratitude and best wishes,

Melanie Globe  
Chair, Access the Dales



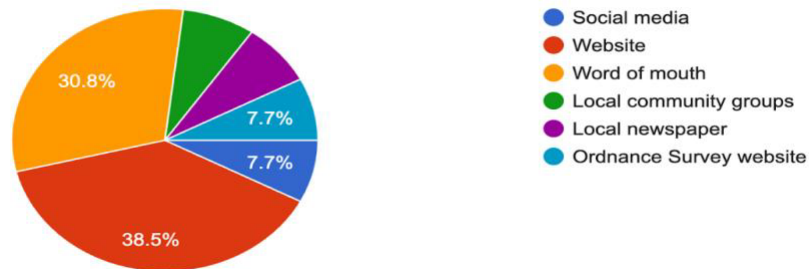
## What the People Say

Survey of users December 2024 - Individual user

Below are some of the data collected from our recent survey of group and individual experiences. These are very useful for use when applying for grants

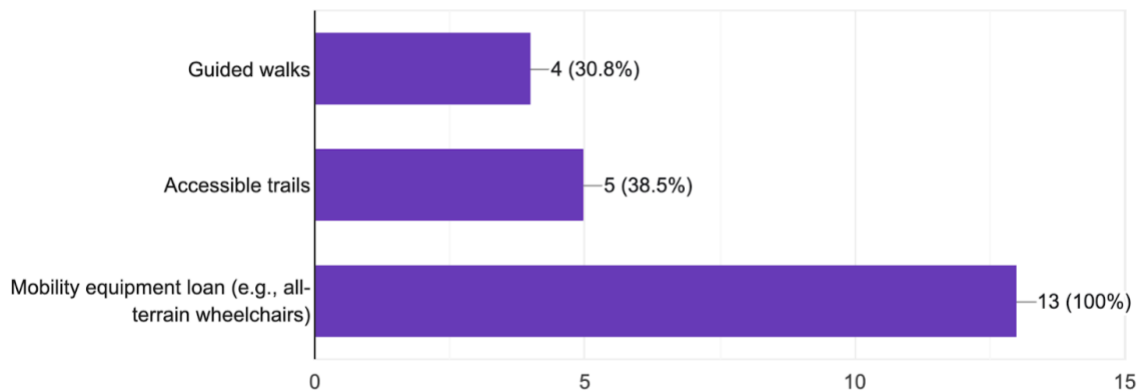
How did you hear about Access the Dales?

13 responses



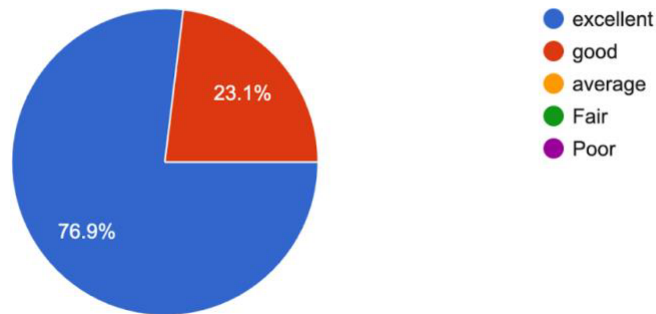
Which activities did you take part in? (Tick all that apply)

13 responses



How would you rate your experience overall?

13 responses



What did you enjoy most about your experience with Access the Dales?

“Being able to enjoy the countryside. Without the use of the all-terrain wheelchair/tramper, I wouldn’t be able to.”

“The opportunity to get out in the countryside with my mum like we always used to, but which she can no longer do on foot”

“Being able to visit sites I would have been unable to without specialist mobility equipment:

“Inclusive atmosphere”

“Engaging activities”

“Freedom to go where I can’t normally go”

“Freedom”

“Being a permanent wheelchair user access to the Dales gave the opportunity to reach places that without the mobility scooter would be impossible.”



Were there any challenges or barriers you faced?

- None
  - Finding the location to loan the wheelchair. Perhaps could do with a discrete sign at the entrance.
  - None
  - Always check the battery level before use.
  - I would love to have more accessible routes opened up, stiles, steps, narrow bridges obviously really limit to where mobility impaired people can enjoy.
- deciding which hub to visit
- The website was difficult to see when the equipment was available.

**Feedback for visiting groups**

*“Access the Dales have given our members 2 memorable trips which our members still talk about. They have generously funded transport for our members, most of whom live in an area of high deprivation. Access the Dales have been great with providing information about the planned walks and have also been very flexible and responsive to the needs of Feel Good Factor members. They have provided trained facilitators and volunteers to enable our members to walk at their own pace and to split into groups when required. They have also arranged mobility scooters to be ready to use as soon as our groups arrived. Always friendly and accommodating, Access the Dales have been fantastic in creating opportunities for our members to get into the Dales.”*

*“It's just amazing that anyone with a disability can borrow an all terrain wheelchair so can join friends family and good for mental health”*



**Did anything special happen for any member of your group?**

*“One of our members had not left Leeds for 5 years and due to being a wheelchair user, had not been able to take part in our yearly coach trip to the seaside. This gentleman really appreciated the opportunity that Access the Dales provided. Saw something I had not seen before.”*

## **Policies**

**Trustees have reviewed and agreed upon adult Safeguarding and Children's Safeguarding policies. To be reviewed and agreed by Trustees in September 2025**

**The behaviour Code for Adults Working with Children has been reviewed and agreed by trustees in December 2024**



## **1. Accounts**

**Reporting Period: 01.04.23 - 31.03.24.**

**Annual and Financial Statements:**

After consulting with Community First, it was clarified that the charity does not require the appointment of an accountant for this process. Community First supported DN to report our accounts.

The reporting of the closing balance for last year is not a true reflection of the bank account's balance, as it included our assets. The accountant prepared the accounts as a business and not as a charity. DN has checked this with the Charity Commission, and this is correct information.



### **Grants received.**

**Matthew Good Foundation:**

**Alpkit**

**Wild Ingleborough**

**YD Millenium Trust**

**YDNP**



**Approval the period 2023-24. Prepared by D.North**

**Registered Charity No. 1199934**  
**Annual Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

<b>Balance Brought Forward 2022/2023</b>			<b>£ 475.62</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Donations	£9,658	-	£9,658
Fundraising	£157	-	£157
Grants <sup>1</sup>	£6850	£1,500	£8,350
Amazon Smile	£13	-	£13
Events	£17	-	£17
<b>Total Income 2023/24</b>			<b>£18,195<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Insurance	£1,392	-	£1,392
Equipment	£400	-	£400
Events	£50	-	£50
Advertising	£257	-	£257
Merchandise (T-shirts and Hoodies)	£2,890	-	£2,890
Transport	£1,251	-	£1,251
Sessional Staff	£4,108	£1,000	£5,108
Admin & Booking System	£240	-	£240
Repairs and Maintenance	£60	-	£60
Sundries <sup>3</sup>	£391	£500	£891
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>£ 12,539</b>
<b>Profit/Loss 2022/23</b>			<b>£ 5,656</b>
<b>Bank Balance 31.03.2024</b>			<b>£6,131.62</b>
<b>Cash in Hand</b>			<b>£0</b>
<b>Total balance carried forward 2024/25</b>			<b>£6,131.62</b>

### Notes

1. Grants received this financial year include
2. The balance carried forward from this financial year is significantly different to that of 2022/23 as the previous accounts included the net value of the tangible assets within the income. The value of the tangible assets is detailed below but not included in the income for this year.
3. Sundries include refreshments, backpack resources and printer ink.

## Tangible Assets Retained for Charities' Own Use

<b>Details</b>	<b>Purchase Value New</b>	<b>Current value (cost value new / number of years product is serviceable)</b>
Quingo	3,000	2,400
Mimo. Plus x2	3,000	2,400
Partrekersx2	6,000	4,800
Terrainhopper x3	36,000	28,800
TGA breeze x2	8,000	6,400
Tramper x2	12,000	9,600

Accounts signed: *Debbie North*  
Debbie North, November 22nd 2024

## **External examination by Jean Norris.**

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Jean Norris

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Norris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "N".

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024





**Registered Charity No. 1199934**

**Annual Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Balance Brought Forward 2022/2023** **£**  
**475.62**

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**Expenditure**

Insurance £1,392	£1,392	-	
Equipment Events £50	£400 £50	-	£400
Advertising Merchandise (T-shirts and Hoodies) £2,890	£257 £2,890	-	£257
Transport £1,251	£1,251	-	
Sessional Staff £5,108	£4,108		£1,000
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Repairs and Maintenance	£60	-	
£60			
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**Total Expenditure**  
**£ 12,539**

**Profit/Loss 2022/23**  
**£ 5,656**

**Bank Balance 31.03.2024**  
**£6,131.62**

**Cash in Hand** **£0**

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TGA breeze x2	<b>8,000</b>	<b>6,400</b>
Tramper x2	<b>12,000</b>	<b>9,600</b>

**Accounts signed:** *Debbie North*

**Debbie North, November 22nd 2024**

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Company registration number: CE029882

Charity registration number: 1199934

# Access the Dales

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

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### Reference and Administrative Details

<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs D A North Ms H Brega Mr J M K Smith Ms M E C Globe Ms A R Medlock
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1199934
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	CE029882
<b>Registered Office</b>	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. 3 Birkby Cottages Birkby Northallerton DL7 0EG
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Ian Smithson CPFA 3 Orchard Court Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8DQ
<b>Accountants</b>	Colin Hutson Accounting Limited Chartered Accountants 74 High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8EG

## **Access the Dales**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the period ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

Access the Dales is committed to fostering inclusive access to the stunning natural landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Forest of Bowland. Our charity believes that everyone, regardless of ability, should have the opportunity to enjoy and experience the beauty of the outdoors.

Through our dedicated efforts, we provide all-terrain wheelchairs in different locations for disabled people to use to access the countryside that would otherwise be inaccessible. Through our website we provide accessible routes, facilities, and support to enable people with disabilities and mobility challenges to explore and appreciate the diverse landscapes, from rolling hills to picturesque waterfalls.

## **Access the Dales**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Public benefit***

By promoting accessibility, Access the Dales not only enriches the lives of individuals but also benefits the wider community and society.

#### Inclusivity and Equality:

We ensure that everyone, regardless of physical ability, can enjoy outdoor activities and nature. By breaking down barriers, we promote equality and diversity within the community.

#### Physical and Mental Well-being:

Accessible outdoor experiences contribute to improved physical health and mental well-being. Our initiatives encourage physical activity, reduce stress, and foster a sense of connection with nature.

#### Education and Awareness:

We raise awareness about the importance of accessibility and inclusivity in outdoor spaces. By educating the public and advocating for accessible infrastructure, we promote a more inclusive society.

#### Environmental Stewardship:

Access the Dales promotes responsible outdoor recreation, emphasising respect for the environment and conservation of natural resources. By fostering a love and appreciation for nature, we inspire future generations to become stewards of the environment.

#### Economic Impact:

Accessible tourism benefits local businesses and economies. By making the Yorkshire Dales more accessible, we support tourism and create opportunities for local businesses to thrive.

#### Social Cohesion:

Our activities bring people together, fostering social connections and community cohesion. By creating shared experiences in nature, we strengthen bonds within the community.

#### Empowerment and Independence:

Accessible outdoor experiences empower individuals with disabilities, promoting independence and self-confidence. By providing the means for people to explore the outdoors on their terms, we enhance their quality of life.

Access the Dales is dedicated to creating a more accessible, inclusive, and enjoyable outdoor experience for all. Through our efforts, we aim to enrich lives, promote equality, and foster a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Together, we can make the Yorkshire Dales a place where everyone feels welcome and able to explore its wonders.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

## **Access the Dales**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Trustees and officers**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mrs D A North (appointed 2 August 2022)
	Ms H Brega (appointed 25 February 2023)
	Mr J M K Smith (appointed 2 August 2022)
	Ms M E C Globe (appointed 2 August 2022)
	Ms A R Medlock (appointed 2 August 2022)

#### **Structure, governance and management** **Financial instruments**

##### ***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

##### ***Credit risk***

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

## Access the Dales

### Trustees' Report

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities


The trustees (who are also the directors of Access the Dales for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs D A North  
Trustee

## Access the Dales

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Access the Dales ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Access the Dales are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Access the Dales as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Ian Smithson  
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12 June 2024

## Access the Dales

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	<u>118,294</u>	<u>118,294</u>
Total income		<u>118,294</u>	<u>118,294</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	3	<u>(25,217)</u>	<u>(25,217)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(25,217)</u>	<u>(25,217)</u>
Net income		<u>93,077</u>	<u>93,077</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>93,077</u>	<u>93,077</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds carried forward	9	<u><u>93,077</u></u>	<u><u>93,077</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above period.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Access the Dales

### (Registration number: CE029882) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	6	94,450
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	7	475
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(1,848)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(1,373)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>93,077</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u>93,077</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	9	<u>93,077</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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 Mrs D A North  
 Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Access the Dales

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the year presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### Statement of compliance

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### Basis of preparation

Access the Dales meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

##### Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

##### Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

## Access the Dales

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

#### Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

## 2 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
Regular giving and capital donations	118,294	118,294
<b>Total for period ended 31 March 2023</b>	118,294	118,294

## 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
Allocated support costs		21,027	21,027

## Access the Dales

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

		Total expenditure £
<b>4 Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>		
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the period include:		
	<b>2023</b>	
	£	
Depreciation of fixed assets	18,200	<u>18,200</u>
<b>5 Taxation</b>		
The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.		
<b>6 Tangible fixed assets</b>		
	<b>Other tangible fixed asset £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
Additions	<u>112,650</u>	<u>112,650</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>112,650</u>	<u>112,650</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Charge for the year	<u>18,200</u>	<u>18,200</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>18,200</u>	<u>18,200</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2023	<u>94,450</u>	<u>94,450</u>
<b>7 Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
		<b>2023</b>
		£
Cash at bank		<u>475</u>
<b>8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
		<b>2023</b>
		£
Accruals		<u>1,848</u>

## Access the Dales

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

#### 9 Funds

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General	<u>118,294</u>	<u>(25,217)</u>	<u>93,077</u>

#### 10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Current assets	475	475
Current liabilities	<u>(1,848)</u>	<u>(1,848)</u>
Total net assets	<u>(1,373)</u>	<u>(1,373)</u>

#### 11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the period.

## Access the Dales

### Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

#### Unrestricted Funds

	<b>Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>	
Donations and legacies	118,294
Total income	<u>118,294</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>	
Charitable activities	<u>(25,217)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(25,217)</u>
Net income	<u>93,077</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>	
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>93,077</u></u>

## Access the Dales

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>	
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	118,294
Total income	118,294
<b>Expenditure on:</b>	
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(25,217)
Total expenditure	(25,217)
Net income	93,077
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>	
Total funds carried forward	93,077

## Access the Dales

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period from 2 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Total 2023 £
<b><i>Donations and legacies</i></b>	
Committed giving	118,294
	118,294
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>	
Walk fees	(4,190)
Repairs and maintenance	(668)
Travel and subsistence	(95)
Advertising	(170)
Accountancy fees	(1,548)
Independent examiner's fee	(300)
Legal and professional fees	(36)
Telephone and internet	(10)
Depreciation of plant and machinery	(18,200)
	(25,217)