

## **THE FRIENDS OF RUSKIN'S VIEW (CHARITY NO. 1207211)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY, 2024 TO 5 APRIL, 2025**

**Trustees:** Mike Burchnall (Chair), Anne Burgess (Treasurer), Peter Anstiss, Anne Pettifor and Jonathan Thackeray

**Charity address:** Durham Ox Stables

**Trustee recruitment:** The charity is not currently looking for additional trustees, pending decisions on the main project the charity is supporting.

- 1.** Prior to the Friends becoming a charity on 27 February, 2024 a total of £54,859 was held following earlier fund raising.
- 2.** The prime objective of the charity is to help fund the re-opening of Ruskin's View and The Brow footpath. Prior to becoming a charity, the Friends had already passed funds to Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council, which is the body responsible for carrying out works associated with the reopening.
- 3.** From 27 February, 2024 to 5 April, 2025 the Friends raised a further £47,985. This came from a wide variety of sources including:
  - direct debits;
  - donations from individuals, including one of £1,000;
  - money raised by local firms and organisations including Booth's, the Red Dragon and the Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery; and
  - a sale of pictures and a concert.
- 4.** The largest single grant of £30,000 came from the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust.
- 5.** In the same period, apart from minor expenditure on administration, the Friends transferred £18,341 to the Town Council to carry out remedial works. Total expenditure was £22,375.
- 6.** In August 2024 the first part of The Brow footpath was reopened allowing public access to 'Ruskin's View'. Funds held by the Friends at 5 April, 2025, and funds raised since, will be used to help secure the reopening of the full length of The Brow footpath and secure its future.







CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
**The Friends Of Ruskins View**

#### On accounts for the year ended

**5/4/25**

Charity no  
(if any)

**1207211**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/4/25.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

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.

Signed:

Date: **6/2/2026**

Name:

**Nicola Jayne Brown**

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address: **Elmdene, Ruskin Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2DB**

### Section B

### Disclosure

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose.