

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2020
for
Countryside Learning

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

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Working together to achieve more - Countryside Learning - Connecting Children with the Countryside

The mission of Countryside Learning (CL) is a simple one. It is to educate, inform and inspire children, parents and teachers, so that they can enjoy and appreciate the countryside while having a greater understanding of the wide range of issues surrounding it.

CL acts as a link to a national infrastructure whereby teachers and their pupils can visit and study skilled workers in their workplace, using the knowledge gained and extra resource facilities available through CL which they can take back to the classroom to enhance the school curriculum. Our work in this area is enhanced by our partnership with other like minded organisations especially our work with the Countryside Classroom project which delivers a truly nationwide agenda for education outside the classroom.

This last year saw us celebrate some of the work produced by the children who attended our events during the year in our calendar for 2020. What amazed me apart from their skill and creativity was just what a positive and inspirational experience all the children had. Of course we couldn't hope to reach so many children without the generous help of our supporters. From large charitable trusts to small individual donations every penny counts. To all of those involved can I say how grateful we are for their amazing generosity and friendship.

Thanks to the considerable financial support we have received in Trust income, this year has seen us continue to increase days we are able to host for school children around the country. We are particularly grateful to HM the Queen for agreeing to host us at Sandringham during the course of the year

The last few years have been immensely challenging for many of us, not least in the charitable sector. We, unlike so many, developed a robust and sound financial model that enabled us to deliver more actual educational opportunities on a sustainable basis. We pride ourselves in giving our donors more value for money and at the same time giving our children an unforgettable introduction to the countryside. We have never been driven by the size of our financial turnover; we have always been driven by the quality of our service. We are passionate about not duplicating services with other charities or wasting money on costly administration and I am delighted to say that 99p in every pound raised goes directly on our work with children.

In order to achieve this we work in partnership and in a focused manner which our supporters can be assured maintains our commitment to quality and education for all. This means we can support more farms, estates and events, maximising our coverage and minimising our costs. In order to further this, we have worked with Lord Curry in establishing a sector wide group to pursue the aims of the Countryside Classroom. I am very hopeful that this group will capture the energy and enthusiasm which is out there to re-engage young people with where their food comes from and give them the chance to meet the people who are responsible for its production.

The Fiona Barker Fund remains integral to our work and at the end of 2019 over 51,700 has been raised and a proportion of this has been used to enable some of the most disadvantaged children take part in our Countryside Live events at Hackney in East London.

Our continued success and growth is due to many factors, not least the tremendous support we receive from individuals, charitable trusts, schools, parents, teachers, farmers, estate owners and of course the children themselves. Whether that is through financial support or giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to our work, I know that we could not continue without it. To all of our stakeholders I would like to offer my sincere thanks for all that they have helped us achieve.

As well as looking back, my annual statement also looks to the future. I can't begin the list the exciting projects we had planned for 2020. From the expansion of our estate day programme to working with Harper Adams University to host two major primary and secondary schools days, we were ready to continue the growth in our delivery. Of course Covid 19 and the lockdown which ensued clearly had to change all of that. The safety and security of the children and our hosts lead us to take the decision to suspend our operations until at least the end of September 2020 and then take further advice from the Government as to how to proceed. What is sure is that when this dreadful period passes. Children who have been locked away behind four walls for months on end with need now, more than ever, to experience the joys and freedoms that the natural environment can offer.

Of course the financial impact of the crisis will clearly have an effect on our funding going forward. We have been encouraged that some of our funders have offered their continued and generous support through this period. We are in a stronger financial position than most to weather this unique and unsettling period in our history, but the future will be tough. I would like to pay tribute also to our small team of staff who have themselves made salary sacrifices during this time to support the charity. Their belief and commitment will drive us forward to get Britain's children out and about again.

Chairman's Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

All of that said, I am delighted to be Chairman of the Countryside Learning at such an exciting time. Not only will the Countryside Classroom project offer us tremendous scope to build our work it comes at a time when we ourselves have developed a robust programme of delivery and support for schools and pupils across the country. I know from having children from Stoke-on-Trent visit my own estate, just how much the experience means to them. The light of inspiration and understanding that you see in their eyes proves to me that the opportunity we give them to engage in the countryside is something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We will continue to be driven by the desire to educate, inform and inspire more people about the countryside and in doing so we hope to have another year of exciting, delivery and development in the year ahead.

The Lord Stafford

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

The objects for which the charity was established are to advance and promote in the United Kingdom and, where appropriate, elsewhere for the public benefit, education concerning the effect of country sports and pastimes and leisure activities (and in particular the effect of their preservation, protection, development, maintenance, abolition or curtailment) upon such one or more of the following as the Foundation shall in its absolute discretion from time to time determine namely: ecology, the rural environment, wildlife, agriculture, the way of life and economy of rural communities, the industries and businesses connected therewith and employment within those industries and businesses.

The charity's aims including the changes or differences it seeks to make

The aims of Countryside Learning are simple. To Educate, Inform and Inspire children, parents and teachers to enjoy and appreciate the countryside around them. CL acts as a link to a national infrastructure whereby teachers and their pupils can visit and study skilled workers in their workplace, using the knowledge gained and extra resource facilities available through CL to take back to the classroom to enhance the school curriculum.

The education of people in where their food comes from and an appreciation of the outdoors is one of the key ways tackling the issues of obesity and poor physical health of the population. Recent research from Countryside Classroom, supported by DEFRA, DfE and DoH, showed the growing need to educate the 'Concrete Generation' of people who had no connection or understanding of the environment around them. Through our work we aim to reconnect people with this world ensuring a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The remainder of this Annual Report explains the charity's work during the year and how it has been carried out for the public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Main objects

The charity's main objectives for the year

To ensure progress it is vital for an organisation to have the vision and drive to reach new achievements. The Board regularly reviews our rolling 5-year strategy along with our organisational Risk Assessment and Memorandum and Articles. The board is confident that we can achieve during the course of the current year the following objectives:

Continued financial stability

Continued partnership working to ensure increased service delivery

Continued development of our educational provision including smaller bespoke days which complement our larger events

Extend our work into Scotland and the Borders working with our sister charity in Scotland

Continue our partnerships with other likeminded charities to grow our work in the most cost effective manner, avoid duplication and increase delivery on the ground

Identify new partnerships to deliver volume countryside events for children

Fully participate in the Countryside Classroom Project offering all providers increased profile and access to resources and events which our beneficiaries can benefit from

CL constantly aims to refine and enlarge its operation in a sustainable manner and welcomes approaches and ideas from other interested parties in order to achieve that.

The charity's strategies for achieving its stated objectives

Financial stability is vital if we are to secure the sustainability of our work. Children, parents and teachers need to know that we will be around not just this year, but the next and the next offering high quality, safe and enjoyable outdoor classroom experiences. We aim to secure a 3 month operating cost reserve fund.

Regular reporting between the Chairman and the Chief Executive ensures clear direction, and with quarterly Board meetings where all staff participate in report writing and in some cases Board presentation, all key stakeholders are aware of the issues facing the Charity, whether that be personnel issues, financial or strategic.

The current management has developed a rolling 5 year strategy which is reviewed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive on a regular basis and a yearly update is presented to the Trustees. A complete review of how we plan, cost and fund our business is of primary importance if we are to secure our work and develop it into the future. To this end our aim is to achieve:

Full cost recovery funding before any major event is approved

Budgets for each event which will be shared with consultants and estates.

A 2 or 3 year funding agreement with estates including year on year cost increments

Added value from consultants including assistance in achieving funding for the events they manage and cost limitation of all events

Always producing revenue neutral budgets, hopefully surplus budgets, for the Charity.

The Chief Executive has been tasked to develop partnerships in the sector, as well as influencing key decision makers and politicians. This has secured our active role in the Countryside Classroom, Learning Outside the Classroom and Access to Farms networks and the Chief Executive Chairs the LEAF Education and Public Engagement Committee.

Developing influence, sector presence and demonstrable and successful activities are the principal guides which the charity has followed to secure the strong financial position we now have.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Details of significant activities (including its main programmes, projects, services provided) that contribute to the achievement of the stated objectives

This year, along with our Farms for Schools Members, we continue to reach many thousands of children. Farms for Schools is a membership network for farms that open their farms to school visits. To become a member applicants have to meet stringent requirements on health and safety and can be inspected by ourselves and other providers. Most importantly, member farms are subject to independent reviews from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Environmental Health Officers (EHO) and advice updates from the Public Health England (PHE). We have worked with other providers to respond to the recommendations of the Griffin Report have developed and reviewed a sector wide code of practice.

We have supported more farms than ever before to expand their educational provision. We have delivered some of the largest Countryside Educational activities in the country; our Countryside Live events in Leeds and London and our work with Glendale Agricultural Society has ensured we have been able to attract over 10,000 children at these three events alone. In total we have supported over 33,000 children to experience the outdoor classroom.

Grant making policies

We do not make grants to other organisations or individuals but may from time to time offer our services free or at a reduced rate for those beneficiaries who present the greatest financial need or to encourage participation in a new event.

Contribution of volunteers

We maintain a small, but immensely committed staff team who each year consistently give far more than is asked of them in their job descriptions in a sense volunteering their services over and above what they are paid to do. The organisation owes a great deal to their hard work and enthusiasm. Their ability to achieve so much with limited resources means that we can truly claim to be big enough to have a national impact and small enough to care personally about each activity and every donor who supports us. Our key supporters are the farmers and landowners and their staff who give freely of their time to open up their world to the children we bring along to learn. Without this kindness, passion and enthusiasm, we would not be able to offer the services that we do. This level of support has been estimated at £100,000 per annum, a fantastic amount of time, money and enthusiasm which we simply could not do without or ever hope to directly support financially ourselves.

Main activities of the charity in relation to its objects

In the calendar year 2019, we reached over 33,000 school children through a range of estate days and Countryside Live events with a significant growth in our small bespoke days. This now means we operate almost in every month of the year. Along with the farms participating in Farms for Schools, we have provided educational visits for up to 300,000 children, making us one of the biggest providers in the sector. We operate through a range of educational officers and limit our operation to, essentially, an event based organisation. The feedback from our work is universally positive. In our development plan, we are careful to support our 'bread and butter' services that have served the organisation well in recent years.

The main growth in our work in the last year has been the development of small bespoke days for small class sizes which build on the introductory experience our larger events provide. We hope to build on this in the year ahead.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We are happy with the progress we have made in sustaining a level of financial stability in what can safely be described as challenging economic circumstances. Operating in a crowded charity market place, small charities are liable to be at the mercy of the overall economic position and subject to severe competition for limited funds. Even with the amazing fundraising efforts of our supporters we are always cautious about our expenditure given the economic climate and we adjusted our spending plans accordingly. We have a robust and sound financial model that has enabled us to build up to a position where we can start to secure reserves equivalent to three months operating costs. Currently, our reserves stand at over five months. We are in a good position to face the challenges of the year ahead, much better than some in the sector. Above all else, the schools we work with need to know and have the confidence that we are sustainable and will be here for them long into the future.

We have met all of the objectives we set for this year. We continue to add new host estates across the country and reach more schools than ever before. The demand for our work has grown considerably over the last few years and this is noted by the fact that the only month of the year when we do not have school events is August when they are on holiday.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

The charity relies on grant aid from the donors identified in the accounts, whose support is valued. Fundraising events such as our Art Auction are significant sources of income for us.

Investment performance achieved against investment objectives set

Currently, this is not applicable, but it is the aim of the charity to develop a reserve policy of up to three months operating costs. In the interim any surplus funds not needed for the day to day running are invested in a savings account with our bankers.

Factors relevant to the achievement of the charity's objectives

Without the support of valued staff, volunteers and country people across the country we would not be able to support the Learning Outside the Classroom agenda so vital to reaching the 'concrete generation' of children.

In addition our presence on key groups within the sector has made it possible for our influence to far outweigh our actual size.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have secured for the fifteenth year running a small surplus, which ensures our continued stability and operational confidence to develop our programme of events for the coming year. In addition our work with other partners, most notably The Access to Farms Network and The LEAF Education and Public Engagement committee which our Chief Executive chairs along with the Farm Safety Partnership and Countryside Classroom has helped us reach an ever-increasing number of parents, children and teachers across the country.

Employment of disabled persons

CL is committed to the principles of equal opportunities. It is important to ensure that our policy is working, in particular when employing new members of staff. However, at this time no vacancies exist within the charity, any that do will be advertised and applicants from all backgrounds will be considered and encouraged.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

In view of the nature of the income and expenditure of the charity there is a need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The trustees have set an objective that a general reserve of three months operating costs should be built up over time. At the year end, reserves, not invested in tangible fixed assets, amounted to £127,677, equivalent to over five months operating costs.

Freehold land

The charity owns several pieces of woodland in England, primarily gifted from the former charity, The Badminton Trust. The net book value in the financial statements of £372,919 is the gifted amount, net of any acquisitions or disposals in the succeeding years. As the charity has no intention of disposing of the land, no formal valuation has been obtained; however, the trustees are of the opinion that the market value of the freehold land is in excess of the amount shown in the accounts.

Restricted funds

These are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

FUTURE PLANS

The Charity's future plans are:

To mitigate the challenges faced by the Covid 19 outbreak.

To ensure we have a sustainable offer for teachers and children to once again experience the natural environment after months of isolation.

Develop a long term strategy to secure the right funding and structure for the charity in the years to come

To explore ways of making the operation of the charity even more cost effective

To continue partnership working with others in the sector to ensure value for money for donors and to maximise coverage

To continue to source new venues for estate days and countryside live events

To grow our smaller bespoke days

To maintain financial stability and prudence

To work with others to review and update educational resources through our participation in The Countryside Classroom Programme

To work with other partners to implement the updated Industry Code of Practice for farm visits

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Countryside Learning is a registered Charity (No. 327091) and a company (No. 1997554) limited by guarantee. Its registered office, together with the names of the present Trustees and the names of any Trustees who served during the year, are shown on page 1.

The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, adopted on 7 March 1986 and last amended in 1997.

The Trustees meet approximately every three months but sub-committees for Finance and Audit meet at other times as necessary.

At Trustees meetings operational and fund-raising objectives are set and performance monitored. The responsibility for the day to day operations of the Charity is in the hands of the Chief Executive, Mr Gary Richardson. Mr Richardson, although not a Trustee, attends Trustees' meetings, as do other members of staff when appropriate.

Risk management

The major risks, to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems and procedures have been put in place to manage these risks.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

The Lord Stafford - Trustee

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

The trustees (who are also the directors of Countryside Learning for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Countryside Learning ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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 the Company 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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Charity Independent Examiners which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Company 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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10 September 2020

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.20 Total funds £	31.3.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	249,662	294	249,956	252,059
Charitable activities					
Educational	5	13,148	-	13,148	21,961
Woodland management		15,119	-	15,119	4,847
Other trading activities	3	1,646	-	1,646	1,665
Investment income	4	876	-	876	836
Other income		3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Total		<u>283,451</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>283,745</u>	<u>284,368</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	10,296	-	10,296	9,867
Charitable activities					
Donations - generating income costs	7	3,255	-	3,255	3,143
Educational		265,752	-	265,752	267,828
Woodland management		4,316	-	4,316	1,552
Total		<u>283,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,619</u>	<u>282,390</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(168)</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>1,978</u>
Transfers between funds	17	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>2,832</u>	<u>(2,706)</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>1,978</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>497,764</u>	<u>12,264</u>	<u>510,028</u>	<u>508,050</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>500,596</u></u>	<u><u>9,558</u></u>	<u><u>510,154</u></u>	<u><u>510,028</u></u>

Balance Sheet
31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.20 Total funds £	31.3.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	373,919	-	373,919	373,919
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	25,791	-	25,791	9,777
Cash at bank and in hand		199,459	9,558	209,017	250,978
		<u>225,250</u>	<u>9,558</u>	<u>234,808</u>	<u>260,755</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(98,573)	-	(98,573)	(124,646)
		<u>126,677</u>	<u>9,558</u>	<u>136,235</u>	<u>136,109</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>500,596</u>	<u>9,558</u>	<u>510,154</u>	<u>510,028</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>500,596</u>	<u>9,558</u>	<u>510,154</u>	<u>510,028</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>500,596</u>	<u>9,558</u>	<u>510,154</u>	<u>510,028</u>
FUNDS					
	17				
Unrestricted funds				500,596	497,764
Restricted funds				9,558	12,264
				<u>510,154</u>	<u>510,028</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 September 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

The Lord Stafford - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Trusts	226,550	212,850
Company	5,648	3,318
Individuals	15,819	33,403
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	1,939	2,488
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	<u>249,956</u>	<u>252,059</u>

Donations does not include the estimated £100,000 value of time and resources given in kind for the estate days.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Art Auction	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,665</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>876</u>	<u>836</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.3.20	31.3.19
	Activity	£	£
Events - Estate Days and Countryside	Educational	10,503	18,231
Farms for Schools - Membership and conference	Educational	2,645	3,730
Grants	Woodland management	<u>15,119</u>	<u>4,847</u>
		<u>28,267</u>	<u>26,808</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Rural Payments Agency	4,641	4,847
Basic payment scheme	3,694	-
Woodland Improvement	2,792	-
ESS Higher Level Stewardship	<u>3,992</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,119</u>	<u>4,847</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>10,296</u>	<u>9,867</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Donations - generating income costs	3,255	-	3,255
Educational	255,120	10,632	265,752
Woodland management	<u>824</u>	<u>3,492</u>	<u>4,316</u>
	<u>259,199</u>	<u>14,124</u>	<u>273,323</u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Educational	7,652	2,980	10,632
Woodland management	-	3,492	3,492
	<u>7,652</u>	<u>6,472</u>	<u>14,124</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Independent Examiner	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,040</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Wages and salaries	119,438	115,694
Social security costs	13,549	13,610
Other pension costs	5,919	5,744
	<u>138,906</u>	<u>135,048</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.20	31.3.19
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	251,649	410	252,059
Charitable activities			
Educational	21,961	-	21,961
Woodland management	4,847	-	4,847
Other trading activities	1,665	-	1,665
Investment income	836	-	836
Other income	3,000	-	3,000
Total	<u>283,958</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>284,368</u>

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	9,867	-	9,867
Charitable activities			
Donations - generating income costs	3,143	-	3,143
Educational	267,828	-	267,828
Woodland management	1,552	-	1,552
Total	282,390	-	282,390
NET INCOME	1,568	410	1,978
Transfers between funds	3,000	(3,000)	-
Net movement in funds	4,568	(2,590)	1,978
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	493,196	14,854	508,050
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	497,764	12,264	510,028

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	372,919	15,140	388,059
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	-	14,140	14,140
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2020	372,919	1,000	373,919
At 31 March 2019	372,919	1,000	373,919

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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Trade debtors	23,700	7,605
Other debtors	2,091	2,172
	<u>25,791</u>	<u>9,777</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Trade creditors	573	6,923
Social security and other taxes	-	923
Other creditors including deferred income	98,000	116,800
	<u>98,573</u>	<u>124,646</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
Within one year	17,249	17,249
Between one and five years	7,946	25,195
	<u>25,195</u>	<u>42,444</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.19	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.20
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	124,845	(168)	3,000	127,677
Woodlands	372,919	-	-	372,919
	<u>497,764</u>	<u>(168)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>500,596</u>
Restricted funds				
Fiona Barker Memorial Fund	12,264	294	(3,000)	9,558
	<u>510,028</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510,154</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	283,451	(283,619)	(168)
Restricted funds			
Fiona Barker Memorial Fund	294	-	294
	<u>283,745</u>	<u>(283,619)</u>	<u>126</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	120,277	1,568	3,000	124,845
Woodlands	372,919	-	-	372,919
	<u>493,196</u>	<u>1,568</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>497,764</u>
Restricted funds				
Fiona Barker Memorial Fund	14,854	410	(3,000)	12,264
	<u>14,854</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>12,264</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>508,050</u>	<u>1,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510,028</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	283,958	(282,390)	1,568
Restricted funds			
Fiona Barker Memorial Fund	410	-	410
	<u>284,368</u>	<u>(282,390)</u>	<u>1,978</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>284,368</u>	<u>(282,390)</u>	<u>1,978</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	120,277	1,400	6,000	127,677
Woodlands	372,919	-	-	372,919
	<u>493,196</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>500,596</u>
Restricted funds				
Fiona Barker Memorial Fund	14,854	704	(6,000)	9,558
	<u>14,854</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>9,558</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>508,050</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510,154</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	567,409	(566,009)	1,400
Restricted funds			
Fiona Barker Memorial Fund	704	-	704
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>568,113</u>	<u>(566,009)</u>	<u>2,104</u>

Fiona Barker Memorial Fund

This comprises donations and interest less a transfer of £3,000 to the general fund for event days.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2020.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

20. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

21. PENSION SCHEME

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £5,919 (2019 - £5,744).