

CHAMPION BOWLAND

Annual Report 2013-2014

The Fund had income of £42,773 (£4,442 in 2012/13) in the period. This included grant funds explained below and £678 (£1,038) donation from Bowland Experience Ltd.

Expenses were £18,533 (£5,087) of which £201 (£305) was administration costs. The balance was disbursement of grants or support of AONB projects (see below)

The Fund had £35,564 (£11,342) in cash at the end of the period including,

- £1,850 ear-marked for further work on Trumper Trails
- £1,293 deposited for the Farm Visits Fund. £210 was given in grants in the year
- £14,041 AONB Sustainable Development Fund – see below.
- £9,219 Bowland Scrapbook project.
- £250 held for the Haytime/Networks for Nectar projects
- £160 deposited by Wyresdale Wheels against its maintenance expenses.

The Balance Sheet shows no Fixed Assets at the end of the year, since the Trumper has now been written off after 4 years of depreciation (£1,760 p.a.). Informal estimates put its marker value at £4,000. The Fund has £36,826 (£12,736) in Retained Income.

During the year the Fund undertook four new ventures of a different type and scale to its past activities:

- The company assisted in the AONB 'Leap in the Park' project by receiving a grant of £2,400 from the Duchy of Lancaster and paying expenses of £2,335, leaving the balance of £65 as a donation to the General Reserve.
- Champion Bowland started to operate the AONB Sustainable Development Fund for the AONB, disbursing £9,457 in grants approved by the AONB SDF Panel. The company is paid a management fee of 3% of the fund value, raising £750 in the current year which went into the General Reserve.
- The company was successful in securing a Heritage Lottery Grant of £10,000 to support the Bowland Scrapbook project as well as matched funding of £2,000 from the AONB. This is part of the AONB 50th Anniversary celebrations. This project will be completed in the 2014/15 year and is expected to bring £400 in income from sales of the Scrapbook.
- A gaming licence was obtained and a Raffle organised in support of the AONB 50th Anniversary. This will be drawn at the Gala Night in November 2014, but had already produced £386 to more than cover the set-up costs at the end of 2013/14.

£2,034 (£637) was awarded during the year under the Small Grants Scheme. This included £500 to the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition for the Forest of Bowland category – another 50th Anniversary celebration event.

The Trustees spent a total of 44.5 hours (27.5) and travelled 824 miles (474) attending board and AONB meetings on behalf of Champion Bowland.

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The Fund had income of £4,442 (£10,723 in 2011/12) in the period. This includes £2000 for the Farm Visits Grant Scheme from the AONB and £1,038 (£1,055) donation from Bowland Experience Ltd..

Expenses were £5,087 (£6,298). Of this, £2,350 (£2,744) was to pay for the Tramper trails work and £637 (£1,662) was grants.

The Fund had £11,342 (£11,394) in cash at the end of the period.

This includes £1,850 ear-marked for further work on Tramper Trails and £1,710 deposited for the Farm Visits Fund.

There was also £1,730 in Fixed Assets, representing the value of the Tramper after depreciation. The Fund has £12,736 (£13,686) in Retained Income.

Grants totalling £637 (£1,662) were made during the year.

£160 which had been deposited on behalf of Friends of Bowland was handed over when the organisation set up its own bank account.

The Trustees spent a total of 27.5 hours (53.5) and travelled 474 miles (946) attending Trustees and AONB meetings on behalf of Champion Bowland..