

GROUNDWORK CAERPHILLY
(A Company Limited by Guarantee -
Registered Number 2501792)

Charity Registration Number 1006811

Annual Report
for the year ended 31 March 2001



Groundwork Caerphilly

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Members, Directors and Advisors

Board of Directors

Chairman

Mr L K L Williams

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Councillor P D Ford (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

Councillor C P Mann (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

Councillor D Jones (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

Councillor M H Newman (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

Councillor Mrs J A Pritchard (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

Board Advisors

Ms S Price (Groundwork Wales)

Executive Director

Mr P M Williams

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Members, Directors and Advisors Continued

Changes

Appointments

Councillor S. Jenkins (Caerphilly County Borough Council) - Appointed 15/05/01

Resignations

Councillor P.D. Ford (Caerphilly County Borough Council) - Resigned 17/05/01

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Report of the directors for the year ended 31st March 2001

The directors present their annual report with the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2001.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Trust is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Groundwork is a leading U.K. wide environmental partnership organisation which consists of the UK Federation of 45 independent Trusts, which form part of the national Groundwork network, supported by Groundwork UK.

Groundwork's national network mission is *"to build sustainable communities through joint environmental action."*

In Wales, Groundwork Caerphilly is currently part of a regional network of 4 Trusts.

Groundwork Caerphilly's mission is *"to bring about the social, environmental and economic regeneration of Caerphilly County Borough, in partnership with the local authority, local communities, voluntary sector and business, by undertaking community led regeneration projects and business environment initiatives, strategic programmes of landscaping, conservation and recreation and promoting education awareness and sustainable development."*

The Trust has the following charitable objectives:-

- a) To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
- b) To provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for those living, working and visiting in the area.
- c) To advance public education in environmental matters and in the ways of better conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

The Trust's objectives are achieved through 4 key strategic programmes which form its Principal Activities as follows:-

- 1. Sustainable physical environmental improvements.
- 2. Community participation and social inclusion.
- 3. Promoting awareness and environmental education
- 4. Integrating the economy and the environment.

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DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

The directors and members as at 31st March 2001 are set out on pages 1 and 2.

DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:-

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safe guarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Trust was incorporated as a company on 14th May 1990 and registered as a charity (Charity No. 1006811) with the Charity Commissioners on 13th December 1991.

As a result of local Government reorganisation in Wales the new Unitary Authority of Caerphilly County Borough Council came into existence from the 1st April 1996 and encompasses the former Borough of Islwyn and Rhymney Valley District. The Trust's area of operation now includes the whole of Caerphilly County Borough.

The eleventh financial year for the Trust ended on 31st March 2001 and once again the Trust has continued to further develop and expand its key programmes as part of a strategic approach to the environmental regeneration of Caerphilly County Borough.

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The Trust has continued to further develop and consolidate its strategic role in partnership with the National Assembly for Wales, Local Authority, local communities, voluntary and private sectors in order to bring about sustainable environmental improvements related to local needs and opportunities.

The operating surplus for the year amounted to £58,584 (1999/2000 £56,311) of this amount £58,584 was a surplus on restricted funds which has been transferred to unrestricted funds because the restriction of the funders had been met.

The results for the year are set out on page 18 of the Financial Statements.

The achievements for 2000/01 financial year over the previous year is a decrease of 9.7% or £160,835 in the Incoming Resources recognised to the year end and an increase of 4% or £2,273 to the unrestricted fund.

The operating surplus for the year are unrestricted funds which are used to provide the necessary cashflow for the Trust and projects funded on a retrospective basis, to cover running costs, until earned income is certified from measurable stages of work and to provide Trust and project development funding.

THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 2000/01 YEAR

The key achievements in the 2000/01 year, relating to the Trust's Strategic Programmes were as follows:-

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Cleaning up environmental problems and dereliction inherited from the past and finding new productive uses for the land and buildings left behind, major strategic programmes to regenerate communities and run-down housing areas.

Penallta Community Park 'Changing Places' Millennium Project

Penallta Community Park is a major partnership project between Groundwork Caerphilly, Caerphilly County Borough Council and the local communities.

The Penallta Community Park project was initiated in 1996. Since then major works have been carried out both within the park and the surrounding communities. The project formed an important element of Groundwork's National 'Changing Places' Programme, a £60m programme supported by National Lottery funding through the Millennium Commission was completed in March 2001. Two ERDF programmes were also completed on schedule and a further RECHAR II project will be completed by December 2001. A new Objective 1 bid for £400,000 has been submitted to establish the park as a regionally important site for tourism, education and the arts.

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In March 2001 phases I & II of the Community Park were completed which included extensive works to the drainage and access routes, the planting of 102,000 trees and the creation of 18,000 metres of routeway. A spectacular 200m long pit pony earth sculpture has been created, the largest in Europe, which is proving a major visitor attraction. An extensive wetland area, a new visitor centre and events area have also been created. Three new art features have been commissioned with the support of ERDF funding - the high point observatory, an impressive stainless steel structure providing spectacular views across the surrounding landscape.

In July 2000 the park was officially opened by Peter Law AM as part of a week long community festival featuring 18 environmental artists with 2,981 participants. Throughout the week over 5,000 people visited the site and were involved in the celebrations which received national TV, radio and newspaper coverage.

A major arts strategy 'CELF Penallta', supported by the Arts Council for Wales under their Arts for All initiative, is well under way with 7 artists currently working to use the park as the focus for engaging people not previously involved in the arts in projects. A full time arts co-ordinator has been appointed to manage the programme.

Penallta Community Resource, Cultural and Enterprise Centre

Groundwork Caerphilly is currently exploring the opportunities of restoring the existing Penallta Bath House building into the Penallta Community Resource, Cultural and Enterprise Centre. This major flagship initiative will convert the grade 2* listed building into a centre that will provide the focus for the regeneration of the Mid Valleys West area of Caerphilly County Borough. The new centre will be integral to a major restoration programme for all the former Penallta Colliery buildings being undertaken by the Phoenix Trust and wider private sector proposals for the regeneration of the colliery site. A project brief has been developed for a feasibility study to assess the structure of the building, prepare initial design proposals and costings.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Helping people to improve their neighbourhoods, communities and quality of life and to participate in regenerating and managing new landscapes and community facilities; promoting training through environmental improvements; creating opportunities for more people to understand and enjoy the environment.

Upper Rhymney Valley Community Regeneration Strategy

Groundwork Caerphilly, Caerphilly County Borough Council, G.A.V.O. and local residents are strategic partners in the Upper Rhymney Valley Community Regeneration Strategy and Task Force. In particular Groundwork Caerphilly is co-ordinating and developing a Community Environmental Network programme throughout the area and a major Community Recycling project supported by the National Assembly for Wales, European Regional Development Fund, Community Fund for Wales, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Barclays.

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The Trust was also a partner in the successful bid by Caerphilly County Borough Council for the Welsh Office 'People in Communities' Social Exclusion pilot project, for the Rhymney area and is a member of the Rhymney Partnership Board and New Tredegar Regeneration Group.

The main achievements for 2000/2001 were as follows:-

Continuation of the Community Environmental appraisals for the Community Plan and Strategy area as a whole and for the 6 individual communities within the strategy. These will all be completed by November 2001. In Abertysswg the Trust has co-ordinated the redevelopment of Abertysswg Green as part of the Neighbourhood renewal programme in the village.

Further development of environmental partnerships with local community groups and voluntary organisations as part of a Community Environmental Network for the area and implementation of priority projects for improvement drawn from the community appraisals and as a result of public participation. Works have again included village centre and entrance schemes, environmental projects with local community centres, recreation projects and housing area regeneration initiatives.

The flagship Community Recycling and Enterprise project co-ordinated and managed by Groundwork Caerphilly, in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council, G.A.V.O. and the local community has continued to expand its community services and increase the number of items recycled and re-used. The project is based in the Upper Rhymney Valley but provides recycled furniture and household goods to families and individuals in need throughout Caerphilly County Borough. A new purpose built premises is being constructed for the project with the support of the National Assembly for Wales, E.R.D.F., Whitbread Wales and the Local Authority.

A programme of community routeways and cycleways is being developed throughout the strategy area and the New Tredegar to Abertysswg cycle route was completed as part of a 'Safe Route to Schools' project being developed by Caerphilly County Borough Council in partnership with Groundwork Caerphilly.

Sustainable Estates & Mining Villages

A strategic approach to the regeneration of former mining villages and housing areas has been undertaken by the Trust in partnership with the Local Authority and local residents as an ongoing programme supported by the National Assembly, European Regional Development Fund, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Groundwork National Programmes.

The emphasis in 2000/2001 has been to develop and implement community led environmental improvement programmes through agreed strategies to those priority housing areas for regeneration.

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Projects have been undertaken in Lansbury Park, Caerphilly, where Phase III of the strategy in which the renewal of the major spine route through the estate has been completed at a cost of £110,000 and a new children's play area is currently under construction. In Graig-y-Rhacca where a comprehensive community audit undertaken by the Trust is nearing completion and proposals are being developed for a community garden, a programme of access closures to improve safety on the estate and the creation of a new children's play area in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council. In Gelligaer, a programme of environmental improvements has been commenced in accordance with the approved strategy. In Apollo Way, Blackwood, Phase 3 of the environmental programme in accordance with the strategy has been completed. The project continued the estate wide programme of garden frontage enclosures and access improvements.

A major Objective 1 E.R.D.F. application has been submitted for a new Sustainable Estates programme in partnership with local communities across disadvantaged wards in the County Borough.

Aber Valley Regeneration Strategy

Groundwork has continued in 2000/2001 to co-ordinate the environmental regeneration programme in the Aber Valley through funding from the National Assembly for Wales, European Regional Development Fund, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Barclays Sitesavers.

The major project completed in the year was the regeneration of Abertridwr Square village centre and a community celebration and launch was held in October 2000, which included a music and arts festival and unveiling of community artworks produced by a local artist and school children.

A wide range of community groups involved in the Aber Valley Strategy include the Community Council, YMCA, Senghenydd and Abertridwr Linking Together (SALT) and the Aber Valley Community Forum.

Greater Bargoed Community Development Strategy

Groundwork Caerphilly and partners are helping to develop a community regeneration programme for the Community Plan area of Greater Bargoed, covering the settlements of Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Gilfach and Britannia.

The programme, funded through ERDF, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Barclays Sitesavers continued in 2000/2001 with the development of the community regeneration strategy for the area, a comprehensive Community Audit for the implementation of an initial phase of community led pilot projects in 2000/2001 within each settlement in the strategy area including a new multi-play facility at Aberbargoed Recreation ground for which additional support has been secured from Caerphilly County Borough Council, a new Memorial Garden at Aberbargoed and a 'Millennium Bench' project at Gilfach, both supported by Bargoed Town Council.

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Caerphilly Community Environmental Networks

Upper Rhymney Valley

The Trust continues to develop this programme of partnerships with local community groups and voluntary organisations. Ael y Bryn Management Committee and the Pen y Dre Youth Watch have been central to the success of the Community Environmental Network in the Upper Rhymney Valley. A community group in Princetown has been supported by the trust and partners in designing a community garden which is set for completion during the summer of 2001. The Phillipstown Residents Association were supported under the Community Environmental Network programme in Phase I of a community garden scheme.

Aber Valley and Caerphilly Basin

As part of the launch of the Abertridwr Square in October 2000 a new community environmental network group was initiated. The local youth and community groups were approached as part of the community audit and joined with the Trust in producing a successful first draft of results which will influence changes set as part of the community regeneration plan for the area. The Trust has a dedicated Community Regeneration Officer in the areas, who works closely with partner organisations such as GAVO, community police, Caerphilly County Borough Council Officers, local housing associations and community officers.

A valuable link with Glamorgan and Gwent Housing Association has seen the development of community environmental actions on a mixed private and social housing estate in Caerphilly.

Caerphilly Basin, Mid Valleys East and West, Lower Islwyn Community Plan Areas

The Trust is continuing to support the community environmental network and has recently appointed a Community Environmental Regeneration Officer to work in the Caerphilly Basin, Mid Valleys East and West and Lower Islwyn Community Plan areas.

Examples of schemes undertaken or initiated in 2000/2001, include further works at Llys Cambria Wetland, Llanbradach, Bedwas Village Entrance Sign, Pontypandy Park, Caerphilly and Abercarn Residents projects.

The Parc Penallta programme has included a range of initiatives benefiting the Mid-Valleys West Community Plan area as a whole.

The Fairview and Cefn Fforest Ecopark is a flagship project initiated by ACE (Action for Community and Environment) and supported by Groundwork Caerphilly, Caerphilly County Borough Council and G.A.V.O. to develop an Ecopark as a community and educational resource on 6 hectares former colliery tip site which is now naturally regenerating.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND YOUTH ENVIRONMENT

Helping people to improve their neighbourhoods and communities and to participate in regenerating and managing new landscapes and community facilities; promoting training through environmental improvements; creating opportunities for more people to understand and enjoy the environment and education for sustainable development.

Environmental Education and Awareness

The Environmental Education Programme, led by the Trust's Education Officer, aims to promote awareness with schools, community groups and individuals the importance of their impact on the natural and built environment and involve them in educational and practical environmental projects. Education underpins each area of environmental activity undertaken by Groundwork Caerphilly and has therefore been integrated, wherever possible, with other key strategic regeneration programmes being undertaken by the Trust and Caerphilly County Borough Council.

The Trust has undertaken school grounds landscape improvements in 2000/2001 at Lansbury Park Infants, Tyn y Wern Infants, Derwendeg Primary, Ystrad Mynach Junior, Blackwood Primary and Cwm Aber Infants Schools.

The Trust has delivered another successful project to promote an understanding of waste recycling and reuse as part of the 'Wastesavers' project, now funded by AssiDoman and continued its Greenlink project bringing schools and businesses together to examine environmental management and impact in the workplace.

An education resource pack has been developed in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council Countryside Service for school visits to Parc Penallta. The focus for this initial pack has been power from natural renewable sources: sun, wind and water.

The 'Trees of Time and Place' campaign was promoted in 2000/2001 and a Guinness World Record tree planting challenge and National Tree Week events.

A highly successful sustainable development project 'Swap Shop' was designed and delivered during Spring 2001 to encourage children to re-use and recycle books, toys and games by swapping them with school friends for items of a similar value. The scheme was supported by the Countryside Council for Wales sustainable education scheme and the community regeneration fund.

Education staff have been active in developing the Local Biodiversity Action Plan as part of the Wales Biodiversity Action Plan, in particular the Urban Habitat and Woodlands and Habitat Sub Groups.

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A highly successful Inset Day, supported by funding from Countryside Council for Wales and Caerphilly County Borough Council Community Regeneration Fund was held in March for teachers of 17 schools on Maintenance in School Grounds. Following the success of this training day and requests from teachers for advice on how to develop ESD programmes for schools, valuable links have been made with the Education Support and Information Service, ACCAC, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, University of Wales, Cardiff and local businesses so that a repeat of this training can be implemented.

The Trust took part in a pilot of a national Basic Skills initiative where eight volunteers helped the Trust to establish a framework for delivering work related numeracy and literacy activity books.

Youth Environment Programme

The Youth Environment programme is part of a County Borough wide approach designed to encourage young people in the communities of Caerphilly to fully participate in shaping their lives and influencing decision-making. Groundwork Caerphilly has a long established relationship with many youth clubs and groups throughout the County Borough and there has been significant work undertaken in the past year in developing closer partnerships with other children and youth focused organisations such as: Caerphilly County Borough's Community Education and Youth Service, Children and Youth Partnership and Surestart, Princes Trust, Youth Offending Team, Duke of Edinburgh and the Probation Service.

In 2000/2001, as in other years, the Trust was a main partner in organising and delivering a highly successful summer scheme, in the Upper Rhymney Valleys and Aber Valleys. Over 400 young people benefited from the schemes.

The Trust's Community Regeneration Officer for the Aber Valley has continued to work with community groups in Abertridwr and Senghennydd. A local group SYDIC (Senghennydd Youth Drop In Centre) received the environmental volunteer winners for the County in 2001.

Caerphilly has a newly refurbished youth drop in centre named KICK. The Community Regeneration Officer for Caerphilly Basin has supported the group in planning and applying for various funding trusts to develop a recycling area and community garden.

A number of arts projects have also been undertaken with Hengoed and Cefn Hengoed Youth Groups as part of the Penallta Community Park Arts for All scheme.

The Trust has secured funding from Caerphilly County Borough Council for a Youth Environment Coordinator to further develop this programme of work in some of the disadvantaged areas of the County Borough.

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CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES/SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Conserving and enhancing biodiversity and improving access to and enjoyment of the countryside. Helping people to make more sustainable choices about what they consume and enabling them to develop life-styles which have less environmental impact.

Access Programme - Community Routeways, Linear Parks, Cycleways

Groundwork is working in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council, local communities and landowners, Sustrans and other key agencies to develop a network of strategic community routeways and links, footpaths, cycleways and linear parks throughout the County Borough.

This strategic network is forming links between communities, villages and town centre and commercial areas, industrial estates and the countryside, tourism and heritage amenities.

Linear parks, landscaped corridors and amenity areas are being developed adjacent to and integral to the access network and local people, schools, volunteers, international workcamps, landowners and businesses are being involved in the development and management of the routeways.

In 2000/2001, projects have included a completion of the Aber Valley Cyclerooute, the new Tredegar-Abertysswg Cyclerooute, as part of Safe Routes to School project and the South Wales Cycleway National Route, from Maesycwmmmer to Hengoed, footpath and Public Rights of Way improvements and within the Upper Rhymney Valley area, a network of routes linking into the Penallta Community Park, one of the main attractions along the Celtic Trail.

Countryside Promotion, Access and Awareness

In partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council, the Countryside Council for Wales, Countryside Services, conservation volunteers and local landowners, farmers and residents, the Trust has continued to promote and deliver a Countryside Awareness and Access programme.

In 2000/2001 projects have included completion of a management plan for Cefn Coed y Rychdir woodland near New Tredegar. A number of school and community schemes have promoted and improved biodiversity including a major programme linked to the Penallta Community Park, the production of an educational pack linked to renewable energy, completion of the wildlife corridor study and feasibility study for Cefn Fforest Ecopark.

Volunteer programmes and employee volunteering schemes have continued to be undertaken with local residents and with Community Councils, local ramblers and landowners, as part of the Trust's strategic landscape and community regeneration and environmental network project.

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INTEGRATING THE ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Raising awareness that good environments are good for business, especially targeting small and medium-sized companies; improving the environmental performance of business, securing business involvement and support for the wider regeneration effort, linking business with the local community.

Groundwork Business Environment Partnerships and Environmental Business Services

One of the Trust's key strategic programmes is the Business Environment Partnership programme which aims to develop and support partnerships in Caerphilly County Borough between Groundwork Caerphilly, local business and the Local Authority to improve the perception of businesses and industry for the benefit of customers, local residents and potential inward investors; to improve environmental management and performance in businesses, to encourage networking and best practice; enhance links with the local community and schools and encourage employee volunteering. The programme aims to integrate environmental and economic regeneration and is supported by the European Regional Development Fund, the National Assembly for Wales and Welsh Development Agency.

Groundwork employs a full time Environmental Business Services Officer and delivers an innovative programme of environmental support to local businesses.

The programme is integrated with and supported through the E.R.D.F. as part of the Groundwork Wales Environmental Business Services initiative (a joint venture between all three Groundwork Trusts in South Wales), which promotes and develops good practice in environmental performance and management to S.M.E.'s.

In 2000/01 the Trust has provided environmental advice to 146 companies, carried out 15 Baseline Environmental Evaluations, provided 3 Graduate placements and 2 supply chain projects.

In partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Welsh Development Agency the Trust has continued to work on key industrial estates providing significant environmental improvements to Penallta and Lawn Industrial Estates and Duffryn Business Park. Groundwork is currently undertaking a detailed review of the County Borough's 39 industrial estates in order to prioritise future environmental improvement programmes.

In partnership with the Environment Agency the Trust is currently producing a directory of water saving devices for companies which will be published with an associated grant scheme and directory of qualified contractors who can install the devices.

Groundwork Caerphilly is a partner in a major flagship 'Business Innovation and Competitiveness' Objective 1 application worth £3.2m, with Groundwork Wales and the Wales Environment Centre.

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DEVELOPING MULTI-SECTORAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Trust continues to play a key role in supporting and facilitating multi-sectoral environmental partnerships at the local, regional and national level in Wales which is fundamental to the Groundwork holistic approach to regeneration.

In 2000/2001 at a local level the Trust Board continues to be a key public, private, voluntary sector partnership forum within Caerphilly County Borough. The Trust is now an established key player in all the major strategic regeneration initiatives within Caerphilly County and the associated public, private, voluntary and community partnerships including: the Community Planning Forums, the Penallta Community Park 'Changing Places' Working Group with Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Penallta Community Forum; the Upper Rhymney Valley Task Force, Rhymney Partnership Board and New Tredegar Regeneration Group; the Abertridwr Town Centre Forum, the Greater Bargoed Community Forum and the Caerphilly Access and Biodiversity and Health Alliance Groups.

In addition, the Trust is a key partner with Caerphilly County Borough Council and Welsh Development Agency in County Borough Industrial Estates Regeneration Partnership, the Groundwork Wales Integrated Business Services Partnership, the New Deal Partnership Advisory Group, the Caerphilly G.A.V.O. Voluntary Sector Fora in Islwyn, Caerphilly and Forest Education initiative and Environmental Education Working Groups.

The Trust is also a partner in the South Wales Cycleway (Celtic Trail) consortium and also manages the Environment Wales Development Officer, on behalf of Groundwork Wales, who represents Groundwork on a wide range of environmental networks and multi-sectoral partnerships including Environment Wales, Wales Countryside Link, Cylch (Wales Community Recycling Network), Transport Link, etc.

The Executive Director is a member of the Caerphilly County Objective 1 Local Partnership and Steering Group and in a number of regional initiative Objective 1 working groups linked to Community Economic Regeneration, Sustainable Development and Arts and the Cultural Industries. The Director is also involved in a number of National Wales N.G.O. and cross-sectoral working groups advising the National Assembly on Community Development, Sustainable Development and the Social Economy Network and participates in the Greening the Valleys Partnership. The Trust is a member of the Development Trusts network in Wales and the Director is a member of the D.T.A. Board for Wales.

The Trust continues to have strong international links through the United Nations Association and hosting workcamps in Wales and through ongoing links with Japan and in 2000/01 the Trust co-ordinated a reciprocal visit to a former coal mining area in Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan hosted by Groundwork Fukuoka. The delegation included children and parents from disadvantaged communities in Caerphilly County and Bridgend.

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TRUST DEVELOPMENT AND FORWARD PLANS

As part of the funding arrangements agreed with the National Assembly for Wales, Groundwork National Office and Caerphilly County Borough Council, a 3 Year Plan, 2001-2004, has been produced for Groundwork in Caerphilly identifying key needs and opportunities, a 3 year strategic environmental programme, key objectives and targets and the resources required to fund the Trust's operations and activities.

Forward commitments have been agreed against the 3 Year Plan programmes by the Millennium Commission, European Regional Development Fund, Caerphilly County Borough Council, National Lottery Charities Board and applications have been submitted under the Objective 1 Programme for West Wales and the Valleys.

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Fund by Fund Analysis of Availability of Assets

The Directors believe that the Trusts Assets are adequate to meet its obligations.

Investments

The Trust does not hold any investments.

Auditors

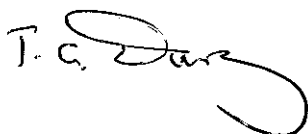
A resolution to re-appoint the auditors, Arthur Gait & Company; will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Mr. P.G. Davy (Secretary)

Approved by the Board on 7. 11. 01



Groundwork Caerphilly

Report of the Auditors to the Members of Groundwork Caerphilly

We have audited the accounts set out on pages 18 to 26 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 20 and 21.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 4, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

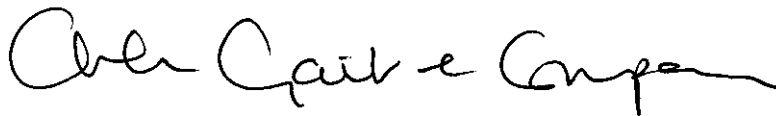
We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements by the directors in the preparation of accounts, and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31st March 2001 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Arthur Gait & Company
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Dated: 15th November 2001

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Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ended 31st March 2001

	NOTES	UN- RESTRICTED £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTALS 2001 £	TOTALS 2000 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE					
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Core Funding		-	184,349	184,349	184,349
Less Deferred Income		-	-	-	-
Project Funding		-	1,619,034	1,619,034	1,814,607
Less Deferred Income		-	-353,127	-353,127	-380,812
Interest Received		-	36,493	36,493	38,991
Other Income		-	9,592	9,592	41
	3	-	1,496,341	1,496,341	1,657,176
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable Expenditure:-					
Direct Project Expenditure		-	1,244,218	1,244,218	1,439,913
Management and Administration of the Charity		-	198,972	198,972	166,386
Total Resources Expended	5	-	1,443,190	1,443,190	1,606,299
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-	53,151	53,151	50,877
Transfers Between Funds		58,584	(58,584)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		58,584	(5,433)	53,151	50,877
Balances Brought Forward 1st April 2000		418,663	14,315	432,978	382,101
Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 2001	9	477,247	8,882	486,129	432,978

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the Company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the above two financial years.

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Balance Sheet At 31st March 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	1 6	26,932	15,818
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	762,704	387,247
Cash At Bank And In Hand		641,624	799,306
		<u>1,404,328</u>	<u>1,186,553</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	8	938,219	769,393
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>466,109</u>	<u>417,160</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		493,041	432,978
CREDITORS: Amount Falling Due After One Year		<u>6,912</u>	-
Net Assets		<u>486,129</u>	<u>432,978</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Income Funds:-			
General Unrestricted Funds	9	477,247	418,663
Restricted Funds		8,882	14,315
		<u>486,129</u>	<u>432,978</u>
Total Funds		<u>486,129</u>	<u>432,978</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Director L.K.L. Williams
Approved by the board on 7/11/01



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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31st March 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounts, incorporating a statement of financial activities have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) - Accounting by Charities and applicable accounting standards.

Cash Flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement, because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 'Cash Flow Statements.'

Fund Accounting

General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the Trust's general objectives. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the terms of the grant or funding body.

Incoming Resources

All income and grants received in advance are treated as deferred income within restricted funds. These are carried forward to future accounting periods to be released when measurable stages of work have been completed, approved or certified. Deferred income will be recognised in future accounting periods when the above conditions are satisfied.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are not valued in the accounts.

Resources Expended

Expenditure has been allocated to management and administration of the Trust, where it relates to the management of the Trust's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so that the cost of tangible assets is written off over their estimated useful lives on the following basis:-

Computers	33.33% Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	20% Straight Line
Office Equipment	20% Straight Line
Plant and Machinery	20% Straight Line

Capital Grants Received

Grants that relate to specific capital expenditure are treated as restricted funds which is released to the credit of the income and expenditure account over the useful life of related assets.

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In previous years these items have been treated as deferred income. This was contrary to SORP 2 and comparatives have been adjusted in order to reflect the correct treatment.

Hire Purchase Contracts and Finance Leases

Assets acquired under such agreements are recorded in the Balance Sheet at their fair value and as an obligation to pay future rentals at the inception of the contract. The total finance charge is not allocated to accounting periods during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance sheet obligation, but on a straight line basis as, in the opinion of the Directors, this represents a reasonable approximation thereto. The capital element of future payments is treated as a liability and the interest element is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Operating Lease Costs

The rentals under operating leases, where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged against profit as incurred.

Pension Costs

The Trust contributes to employees' own personal Pension Schemes. This Pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the individual schemes.

2. STATUS

Groundwork Caerphilly is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, exempt from the requirement to use the word 'limited' and is a registered charity. The liability of each member under the guarantee is limited to £1 (one pound).

The Trust's registered name was changed to 'Groundwork Caerphilly' on the 27th April 1999. Its status has not been changed.

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3. TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

	2001 £	2000 £
SPONSORSHIP FUNDING		
- National Assembly for Wales	141,349	141,349
- Caerphilly County Borough Council	43,000	43,000
PROJECT INCOME		
Public Agencies		
- Environment Wales	36,994	35,802
- Others	46,315	102,329
National Assembly for Wales	22,548	1,300
Local Authority	594,539	321,224
European Union	273,232	479,160
Community Fund (National Charities Lottery Board)	107,495	38,376
Private Sector	184,784	455,604
	<u>1,450,256</u>	<u>1,618,144</u>
Adjustment on disposal of Fixed Assets	-	-
Other Income	9,592	41
Interest Received	36,493	38,991
	<u>1,496,341</u>	<u>1,657,176</u>

European Regional Development Fund

Grant receipts in the financial year totalled £272,670

Community Fund (National Charities Lottery Board) grant receipts totalled £70,916

4. NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS IS STATED AFTER CHARGING

	2001 £	2000 £
Staff Costs (See Note 5)	395,270	367,436
Auditors Remuneration	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - Owned Fixed Assets	6,056	10,054
Depreciation Adjustment on Disposal of Assets	-	-
Hire of Plant and Machinery	-	-

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5. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other Direct Costs £	2000 Total £	1999 Total £
Direct Project Expenditure	295,605	948,613	1,244,218	1,439,913
- Trust Development	71,356	21,835	93,191	50,030
- People	139,845	60,485	200,330	133,917
- Places	61,037	845,502	906,539	1,114,912
- Prosperity	23,367	20,791	44,158	71,604
Management and Administration of the Charity	99,665	99,307	198,972	166,386
	<u>395,270</u>	<u>1,047,920</u>	<u>1,443,190</u>	<u>1,606,299</u>
Staff Costs			£	£
Wages and Salaries			353,459	324,953
Social Security Costs			30,425	29,052
Pension Costs			11,386	13,431
			<u>395,270</u>	<u>367,436</u>

No employee earned £40,000 p.a. or more. The directors neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (1999 nil).

The average number of employees, analysed by function was:-

Direct Charitable Expenditure	16	7
Management and Administration of the Charity	5	4
	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Machinery Etc. £
Cost	
At 1st April 2000	99,658
Additions	17,170
Disposals	-
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At 31st March 2001	116,828
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Depreciation	
At 1st April 2000	83,840
On disposals	-
Charge for year	6,056
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At 31st March 2001	89,896
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Net book values	
At 31st March 2001	26,932
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At 31st March 2000	15,818
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7. DEBTORS

	2001 £	2000 £
Trade and Grant Debtors	372,784	352,702
Others	389,920	34,545
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	762,704	387,247
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2001 £	2000 £
Trade Creditors	125,881	61,872
Others	812,338	707,521
	<u>938,219</u>	<u>769,393</u>

9. FUNDS

	Balance At 1st April 2000 £	Movement in the Year £	Balance At 31st March 2001 £
Unrestricted Funds:-			
General Funds	418,663	58,584	477,247
Restricted Funds	14,315	(5,433)	8,882
	<u>432,978</u>	<u>53,151</u>	<u>486,129</u>

10. COMMITMENTS

Capital Commitments

At 31st March 2001 there were no capital commitments.

11. PENSION COSTS

The Trust contributes to employee's own personal pension schemes. The pension cost charge represents contributions paid by the Trust to the individual schemes and amounted to £11,386 (2000 £14,991).

12. OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2001 £	2000 £
Bank Interest Received	<u>36,493</u>	<u>38,991</u>

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14. TAXATION

No provision has been made for taxation as the company was established for charitable purposes and as such will benefit from exemption relating to charities.

15. PROVISIONS

The Accounts include a provision of £7,671 for publicity costs. This figure was provided for in previous years, expenditure was postponed due to changes in local authority structures.

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Schedule of Fixed Assets As At 31st March 2001

COST OR VALUATION

	AT 1.4.00 £	ADDITIONS £	DISPOSALS £	AT 31.3.01 £
Plant and Machinery	4,026			4,026
Motor Vehicles	42,614			42,614
Office Equipment	53,018	17,170	-	70,188
	<u>99,658</u>	<u>17,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,828</u>
TOTALS	<u><u>99,658</u></u>	<u><u>17,170</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>116,828</u></u>

DEPRECIATION

	AT 1.4.00 £	CHARGE FOR YEAR £	CHARGE ON DISPOSALS £	AT 31.3.01 £
Plant and Machinery	3,651	375	-	4,026
Motor Vehicles	31,375	3,653	-	35,028
Office Equipment	48,814	2,028	-	50,842
	<u>83,840</u>	<u>6,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,896</u>
TOTALS	<u><u>83,840</u></u>	<u><u>6,056</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>89,896</u></u>

NET BOOK VALUE

	AT 31.3.01 £	AT 31.3.00 £
Plant and Machinery	-	375
Motor Vehicles	7,586	11,239
Office Equipment	19,346	4,204
	<u>26,932</u>	<u>15,818</u>
TOTALS	<u><u>26,932</u></u>	<u><u>15,818</u></u>

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Debtors and Creditors Breakdown As At 31st March 2001

	2001 £	2000 £
DEBTORS		
Trade and Grant Debtors	363,784	352,702
Prepayments and Accrued Income	398,920	34,545
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	762,704	387,247
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CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	-	11,259
Trade Creditors	125,881	61,872
Customs and Excise	21,778	6,664
Sundry Creditors	9,254	2,978
Accruals and Deferred Income	576,697	471,011
Other Project Reserve	204,609	215,609
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	938,219	769,393
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CREDITORS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	<u>6,912</u>	