Charity number: 1071422 Company number: 03445246

Constitution Hill Limited (A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2009

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number

1071422

Company registration number

03445246

Business address

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Registered office

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Trustees

Mona Morris MBE

Chair

Secretary

Pamela Marsden

Richard Lewis Ray Ricketts Mark Strong

Carl Williams

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Secretary

Pamela Marsden

Accountants

Francis Gray

57 North Parade Aberystwyth Ceredigion SY23 2JN

Bankers

NatWest Bank

Report of the Management Committee (incorporating the trustees report) for the year ended 31 March 2009

The Management Committee presents their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009. The trustees, who are also directors of Constitution Hill Limited for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The company is limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The company is managed by the Management Committee who are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Company. The Management Committee may at any time co-opt up to three persons to the Management Committee. Members of the Management Committee are also appointed as Directors of the Company. The Management Committee meet regularly to manage its affairs. The charity employs a manager to operate the Cliff Railway.

Objectives and activities

In shaping our objective for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging. The charity relies on income from fees and charges to cover its operating costs. In setting the level of fees, charges and concessions, the trustees give careful consideration to the accessibility of the Cliff Railway for those on low incomes.

Charitable objects

The Charity's object and its principal activity is to advance the education of the public through conservation of the Aberystwyth Cliff Railway for the public benefit and through the encouragement of voluntary work in support of the Aberystwyth Cliff Railway.

Day to day operations

The site is leased from Ceredigion County Council for 99 years from July 1998 at a peppercorn rent. The lease consists of the top and bottom station with a track on which a funicular railway runs, and the land at the summit on which a Camera Obscura and cafe is built.

Co-operation with other charities

It is an objective of the charity to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them.

Related Parties

The charity holds 100% of the share capital of Constitution Hill Trading Ltd, a company which operates the cafe on the summit of the hill. None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Achievements and performance

The company has continued site improvements with the support of the European Rural Development Fund objective one programme. Up until November 2005 the trading activity of the cafe was conducted directly by the charity. Following advice from HM Revenue & Customs the cafe trade is conducted through a subsidiary company, Constitution Hill Trading Ltd, thereafter. It is anticipated that the profits of the trading subsidiary will be gifted to the charity as trade becomes established.

Report of the Management Committee (incorporating the trustees report) for the year ended 31 March 2009

Risk management

The trustees continue to monitor the risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are constantly under review and systems improved to mitigate their possible effects on the charity.

Financial review

Funds

The General fund is currently at a deficit of £89,767 (note 18). Given the economic downturn experienced during the year income has not been in line projections. However it is anticipated activities will improve during the next year given the ongoing improvement of facilities and popularity of the site and gradually increasing stability of the economy.

Reserves

The charity's policy is to hold at least 3 months' running costs in reserve. This policy will not be achieved until the deficit on the general fund has been cleared.

Future developments

The facilities continue to be improved. Future developments include Victorian gardens, bandstand, pathways and new amenities for families.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Constitution Hill Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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 which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

Report of the Management Committee (incorporating the trustees report) for the year ended 31 March 2009

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

On behalf of the board

Panela Masden

Pamela Marsden **Secretary**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Constitution Hill Limited.

I report on the accounts of Constitution Hill Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 set out on pages 2 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act, as amended; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 226(A) of the Companies Act 1985 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

18/11/09

Francis Gray Chartered Accountants

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Independent examiner

57 North Parade Aberystwyth Ceredigion

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2009

	Un	restricted funds	Restricted funds	2009 Total	2008 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	-	-	-	86
Activities for generating funds	3	112,422	-	112,422	120,447
Investment income	4	-	-	-	9
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	-	-	-	811
Other incoming resources	6	5,250	-	5,250	5,830
Total incoming resources		117,672		117,672	127,183
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	7	91,532	-	91,532	97,473
Governance costs	9	38,309	-	38,309	39,665
Total resources expended		129,841		129,841	137,138
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the	year/	•			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	-	(12,169)	-	(12,169)	(9,955)
Total funds brought forward		338,537	19,198	357,735	367,690
Total funds carried forward		326,368	19,198	345,566	357,735

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2009

			2009		2008
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	13		410,338		418,002
Fixed asset investments	14		49,452		37,175
			459,790		455,177
Current assets					
Bank and cash		223		72	
		223		72	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	15	(63,963)		(44,477)	
Net current liabilities			(63,740)		(44,405)
Total assets less current					
liabilities			396,050		410,772
Creditors: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	16		(50,484)		(53,037)
Net assets			345,566		357,735
Funds	17				
Restricted income funds	17		19,198		19,198
Unrestricted income funds			326,368		338,537
Total funds			345,566		357,735
					

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 2009

In approving these financial statements as Management Committee of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 March 2009.
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
- (1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
- (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Paule Masden

Pamela Marsden Director

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 1985.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties

Straight line over the life of the lease

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

25% reducing balance

1.5. Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

2.	Voluntary income			
			2009	2008
			Total	Total
			£	£
	Grant Income		-	86
				86
				=====
3.	Activities for generating funds			
٠.		restricted	2009	2008
	-	funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£
	Ticket sales	112,422	112,422	120,447
		112,422	112,422	120,447
4.	Investment income			
			2009	2008
			Total	Total
			£	£
	Bank interest receivable		_	9
				9
				=====
5 .	Incoming resources from charitable activities			
5.	incoming resources from charicable activities		2009	2008
			Total	Total
			£	£
	Other income from charitable activities		<u>-</u>	811
				811

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

6. Other	incoming	resources
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	Unrestricted funds £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Rent	5,250	5,250	5,830
	5,250	5,250	5,830
	5,250	5,250	

7. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted	2009	2008
	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£
Wages	51,359	51,359	49,201
Employers N1	4,179	4,179	3,866
Rates	347	347	632
Insurance	9,995	9,995	10,302
Light & heat	3,810	3,810	3,175
Repairs & maintenance	9,588	9,588	13,309
Advertising	2,006	2,006	3,608
Other establishement costs	889	889	1,040
Office expenses	536	536	1,324
General	795	795	1,754
Depreciation	8,028	8,028	9,262
	91,532	91,532	97,473

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

Legal & professional fees

Communication and IT

Computer costs

Bank charges

Loan interest

8.	Costs of charitable activities - by activity Cliff Railway	Activities			
	Om Nanway	undertaken	Support	2009	2008
		directly	costs	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Wages	51,359		51,359	49,201
	Employers NIC	4,179	_	4,179	3,866
	Rates	٠,,,,	347	347	632
	Insurance		9,995	9,995	10,302
	Light & heat	-	3,810	3,810	3,175
	Repairs & maintenance	9,588	3,010	9,588	13,309
	Advertising	2,006	_	2,006	3,608
	Other establishment costs	2,000	889	889	1,040
	Office expenses	•	536	536	1,324
	General	- 795	550	795	1,754
			-		
	Depreciation	8,028		8,028	9,262
		75,955 	15,577	91,532	97,473
9.	Governance costs				
		U	nrestricted	2009	2008
			funds	Total	Total
			£	£	£
	Administration salary		21,426	21,426	20,447
	Employer's NIC		1,791	1,791	1,657
	Rates allocation		39	39	70
	Light & heat		423	423	353
	Insurance		1,111	1,111	1,145
	Motor		75	75	782
	Accountany fees		5,000	5,000	2,880
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3,278

5,186

39,665

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

10. Analysis of support costs

Cliff Railway £	Governance costs	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
-	23,217	23,217	22,104
347	39	386	702
3,810	423	4,233	3,528
9,995	1,111	11,106	11,447
889	-	889	826
-	75	75	782
-	5,000	5,000	2,880
-	215	215	3,730
-	99	99	92
536	60	596	1,372
-	8,070	8,070	8,464
15,577	38,309	53,886	55,927
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11. Employees

Employment costs	2009 £	2008 £
Wages and salaries	72,785	69,648
Social security costs	5,970	5,523
	78,755 	75,171 ———

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2008: None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the Management Committee) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2009 Number	2008 Number
Full time	5	5
Seasonal	3	4
	8	9

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

12. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

13.	Tangible fixed assets	Short leasehold	Long leasehold	Fixtures, fittings and	
		property	property	equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 April 2008	352,806	75,535	112,375	540,716
	Additions	-	-	365	365
	At 31 March 2009	352,806	75,535	112,740	541,081
	Depreciation	 			
	At 1 April 2008	17,720	7,554	97,440	122,714
	Charge for the year	3,449	755	3,825	8,029
	At 31 March 2009	21,169	8,309	101,265	130,743
	Net book values				
	At 31 March 2009	331,637	67,226	11,475	410,338
	At 31 March 2008	335,086	67,981	14,935	418,002

14.	Fixed asset investments	Subsidiary undertaking			
		shares	loans	Total	
		£	£	£	
	Valuation				
	At 1 April 2008 and				
	At 31 March 2009	2	49,450	49,452	
		===	===	====	
	Historical cost as at 31 March 2009	2	49,450	49,452	

All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

14.1. Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

Country of

Proportion

		registration or incorporation	Nature of business	Shares held class	of shares held
	Subsidiary undertaking Constitution Hill Trading Ltd	England & Wales Ca	ife O	rdinary	100%
	•	•		·	
	The aggregate amount of correlevant financial year were as		the results of these	e undertakings	for the last
		Capital and I	reserves	Loss for the	e year
		£		£	
	Constitution Hill Trading Ltd	53,529		(14,316)	
15.	Creditors: amounts falling	g due			
	within one year	_		2009	2008
	·			£	£
	Bank Overdraft			47,528	25,058
	Loans			6,500	6,500
	loan repayable in less than on	e year		2,294	3,653
	Trade creditor	174		791	566
	Taxes and social security cred Other creditors	litor		2,508	3,960
	Accruals and deferred income			2,092	2,590
	Accidais and deferred income	;		2,250	2,150
				63,963 	44,477
16.	Creditors: amounts falling	=		2022	
	after more than one year			2009	2008
				£	£
	Bank loan			50,484	53,037
	Loans				
	Repayable in five years or mo	re		47,641	50,195

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

17.	Analysis of net assets between funds					
			U	Inrestricted	Restricted	Total
				funds	funds	funds
				£	£	£
	Fund balances at 31 March 2009 as	represented by:				
	Tangible fixed assets			391,140	19,198	410,338
	Investment assets			49,452	-	49,452
	Current assets			223	-	223
	Current liabilities			(63,963)		(63,963)
	Long-term liabilities			(50,484)		(50,484)
				326,368	19,198	345,566
					<u></u>	
18.	Unrestricted funds	At				At
		1 April	Incoming	Outgoing		31 March
		2008	resources	resources	Transfers	2009
		£	£	£	£	£
	General Fund	(88,637)	117,672	(118,437)	(365)	(89,767)
	Fixed Asset Reserve	418,002	-	(8,029)	365	410,338
	Site Regeneration Project	9,172	-	(3,375)	-	5,797
		338,537	117,672	(129,841)	-	326,368
						1 11
19.	Restricted funds				At	At
					1 April	31 March
					2008	2009
					£	£
	Site Fund				19,198	19,198

Purposes of restricted funds

The regeneration of the Constitution Hill site and planting work on the site.

20. Related party transactions

The company wholly owns Constitution Hill Trading Ltd which operates the cafe. It is intended when Constitution Hill Trading Ltd generates profits in the future, these profits will be gifted to Constitution Hill Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

21. Controlling interest

The Charity is under the control of the Trustees

22. Company limited by guarantee

Constitution Hill Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.