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THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Sir Barnabas White-Spunner
Sally Merison

Secretary

Ben Dowdeswell

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Charity Number

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Company Number

05669451

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2013

Structure, Governance and Management

The company is limited by guarantee and is a charity registered in England and Wales. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustees, initially for three years, and renewable by resolution of the trustees for one further term of three years. It is the trustees' intention to appoint new trustees to represent skills and interests that fully cover the scope of the Foundation's activities.

All trustees receive relevant company documentation as part of the induction programme and are kept up to date with policy news through board and trustee meetings.

The charity has a board of six trustees all of whom are members. The board meets five times a year and is chaired by the chairman of the charity. Relevant papers are circulated before each meeting and minutes taken.

The trustees are responsible for the Charity's risk management and internal control systems. The continuing economic uncertainty remains a risk to its fundraising capabilities and as a result financial plans and policies are constantly reviewed and updated.

Objectives and activities

- To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by supporting access and conservation projects and programmes that protect features of wildlife flora and fauna in the British countryside generally and responsible and sustainable use of these environments
- To promote agriculture for the public benefit
- To educate the public in subjects pertaining to the conservation, protection, and enjoyment of the countryside
- The promotion of sustainable development for the benefit of the public by the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, conducting or commissioning research and publishing the results of such research
- 'Sustainable development' means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the future aims and objectives.

Review of the year

The Countryside Alliance Foundation has focussed on its highly successful Fishing for Schools programme as well as increasing efforts on Outdoor Education and continuing with the ever popular Falconry for Schools. Fishing for Schools has now been in existence for approximately nine years and has given more than 3,500 children direct experience of fishing as a recreation.

It is with the continued and unstinting support of our loyal and generous donors and supporters that the Foundation can continue to deliver these schemes.

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Financial Review, Reserves Policy & Future Plans

After a deficit of £94,213 in 2012, the charity has managed a healthy surplus of £60,849 in 2013. This was achieved by reducing expenditure in Charitable Activities to concentrate on core areas, giving a more sustainable platform for the Foundation to operate within. The indebtedness to Countryside Alliance has reduced by £44,694 and has gone some way to reducing net liabilities to £50,279 from £111,128 in 2012. However, this is still underpinned by a £200,000 loan and unrestricted reserves remain in deficit at (£297,978).

The charity looks forward to a prosperous 2013 with some successful fundraising and further expansion of its charitable activities.

Directors

The Directors in office during the period were as follows:

Robert Pryor QC (resigned 13th July 2012)

Jeremy Quin (Chairman)

Caroline Tisdall

Sir Barnabas White-Spunner

Auditors

Saffery Champness have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors to the Foundation.

Directors' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

The directors confirm that, in the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when this report is approved, so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The directors have prepared this report in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Dowdeswell', is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Ben Dowdeswell
Secretary

16 December 2013

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Emphasis of matter – Going Concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1b) to the financial statements concerning the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The company's liabilities exceeded its total assets by £250,279 and it had net current liabilities of £50,279. These conditions, along with the other matters explained in note 1b) to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
 - the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
 - certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
 - we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report



20/12/13

Matthew Burton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of

Saffery Champness
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THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2013 Total £	2012 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	1d				
Donations		275,192	-	275,192	552,746
Restricted Donations		-	9,700	9,700	13,000
	9	<u>275,192</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>284,892</u>	<u>565,746</u>
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising Events		12,807	-	12,807	151,760
Total incoming resources		<u>287,999</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>297,699</u>	<u>717,506</u>
Resources Expended	1e				
Costs of generating funds	1f				
Costs of generating voluntary income		(38,594)	-	(38,594)	(256,513)
Fundraising costs		(2,105)	-	(2,105)	(49,186)
		<u>(40,699)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,699)</u>	<u>(305,699)</u>
Charitable activities	1g				
Fishing for Schools		(127,239)	(8,200)	(135,439)	(54,721)
Game to Eat		-	-	-	(145,510)
Woodcock Research		-	-	-	(14,400)
Uplands		-	-	-	(21,580)
Food & Farming/Outdoor Education		(7,238)	-	(7,238)	(4,766)
Falconry for Schools		(2,814)	-	(2,814)	(2,106)
Other including expenditure on campaigning		(4,326)	-	(4,326)	(216,238)
		<u>(141,617)</u>	<u>(8,200)</u>	<u>(149,817)</u>	<u>(459,321)</u>
Governance costs	2	(46,334)	-	(46,334)	(46,699)
Total resources expended		<u>(228,650)</u>	<u>(8,200)</u>	<u>(236,850)</u>	<u>(811,719)</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		59,349	1,500	60,849	(94,213)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		(357,327)	46,199	(311,128)	(216,915)
Total funds carried forward		<u>(297,978)</u>	<u>47,699</u>	<u>(250,279)</u>	<u>(311,128)</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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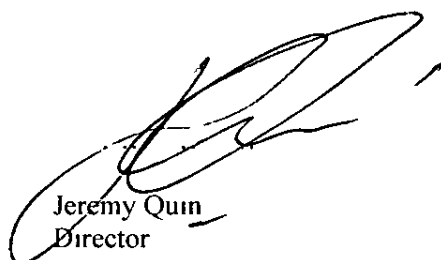
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Current assets			
Debtors	4	10,848	52,581
Prepayments		30,178	9,656
Cash at bank and in hand		71,122	58,271
		<u>112,148</u>	<u>120,508</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	5	162,427	231,636
		<u>(50,279)</u>	<u>(111,128)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
		<u>(50,279)</u>	<u>(111,128)</u>
Loans due after one year	6	200,000	200,000
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		(297,978)	(357,327)
Restricted funds	9	47,699	46,199
		<u>(50,279)</u>	<u>(111,128)</u>

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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

Approved by the board on 16 December 2013 and signed on its behalf by



Jeremy Quin
Director

Company number - 05669451

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005

b) Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. Based on a review of expected income and cash flows over the forthcoming year the board is satisfied that the going concern basis is a suitable basis on which to draw up the accounts

£126,646 is owed to Countryside Alliance on the basis that this will be repaid as and when The Foundation is in a position to meet that liability. The Alliance is in a position to continue this support in the future

The loan of £200,000 is repayable on 31st Dec 2014

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

d) Incoming resources

These are accounted for on a receivable basis

e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure on grants is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant and this is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier

f) Costs of generating funds

This includes those services directly attributable to the costs of generating funds plus an appropriate proportion of overheads

The costs include £20,922 (2012 £204,944) recharged from Countryside Alliance for staff employed under joint employment contracts

g) Charitable Activities

This includes those items incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries

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h) Governance costs

This includes those items attributable to the governance of the charity which relate to general running costs

2 Governance costs

	2013 £	2012 £
Auditors' remuneration	5,400	5,000
Legal fees	-	5,163
Staff costs	26,382	17,638
Sundry	5,390	8,444
Loan Interest	9,162	10,454
	<u>46,334</u>	<u>46,699</u>

3 Taxation

No provision for taxation is required as the Trust is a Registered Charity

4 Debtors

Gift Aid recoverable	10,848	25,492
Fundraising sponsorship due	-	7,089
Legacies	-	20,000
	<u>10,848</u>	<u>52,581</u>

5 Creditors

Due to Countryside Alliance	126,646	171,340
Other creditors and accruals	35,781	60,296
	<u>162,427</u>	<u>231,636</u>

Included in creditors is an amount of £126,646 (2012 £171,340) payable to Countryside Alliance. The Countryside Alliance agreed in 2009 to lend to the Foundation £300,251 on the basis that this will be repaid as and when the Foundation is in a position to meet that liability. The loan attracts interest at 2.5% above base rate. Interest to 31 March 2013 has been waived.

6 Loans due after one year

The Foundation received an unsecured loan of £200,000 in 2010 repayable on 31 December 2014. The loan attracts compound interest at 3% above base rate.

7 Related party disclosure

Loans to the company (note 6) include amounts lent by the directors totalling £200,000 (2012 £200,000). No interest was paid to directors on their loans during the accounting period ending 31 March 2013.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

8 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has six members whose liability is limited to £1 each

9 Voluntary income

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are income funds subject to specific trusts specified by donors

	At 1 April 2012	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2013
Norah Jones	29,199	-	-	-	29,199
Edith Winifred Hall Trust	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Ernst Kleinwort Trust	2,000	1,000	-	-	3,000
The Worshipful Company of Drapers	-	500	-	-	500
Ray & Wendy Gibson	-	800	800	-	-
Bernard Coleman Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Anton Jurgen Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
The Stor of Hever Trust	-	500	500	-	-
Tony Clyde Challenge	-	900	900	-	-
	<u>46,199</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,699</u>

General donations

	2013 £	2012 £
CA Recharge	83,967	383,222
Patrons	47,333	54,824
General donations	102,017	42,870
Legacies	31,000	43,000
Gift Aid on general donations	10,848	12,281
Other	27	29,549
	<u>275,192</u>	<u>565,746</u>