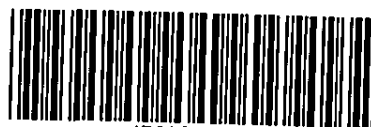


THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2009

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors and trustees

R. Pryor QC
Lady Dulverton
J M Quin
Caroline Tisdall

Secretary

Roger Wilson

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Auditors

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Charity Number

1121034

Company Number

05669451

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the fifteen months ended 31 March 2009.

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.

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".

Review of the year

Despite the impact of the economic downturn, the Foundation has been able to achieve its objectives by greatly increasing access to educational resource, through its Countryside Investigators and Fishing for Schools projects. Countryside Investigators has been made available to 23,000 primary schools in England and Wales, and, to date, the trustees estimate that over 10% of these schools have used the website. Fishing for Schools goes from strength to strength, with well over twenty schools now visited, many on more than one occasion. The Foundation has also continued to fund the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust in its work looking at the migration of woodcock. It has also funded a number of countryside open days as well as countryside careers workshops.

Financially, and in line with many charities, it has been a difficult period for the Foundation with fundraising opportunities severely restricted by the recession. However, the Foundation has enjoyed considerable support from the Countryside Alliance which has made a loan of £300,000 to the Foundation to enable it to meet its operating costs. The Trustees consider that the Foundation will be in a position to repay the loan over time once its fundraising operations have got underway.

Directors

The Directors in office during the period were as follows:

R. Pryor QC

Lady Heseltine – resigned 24 April 2008

Lady Dulverton

J M Quin – appointed 24 April 2008

Caroline Tisdall – appointed 3 December 2008

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

Auditors

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

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period 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 year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- 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 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with section 234ZA Companies Act 1985, 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.

By order of the board



R Wilson
Secretary
25 January 2010

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

We have audited the financial statements of The Countryside Alliance Foundation on pages 5 to 8 for the period ended 31 March 2009. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and whether, in our opinion, the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of 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 financial statements are free from material 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the period then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Saffery Champness

Saffery Champness
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

27 January 2010

Lion House
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2009 Total (15 months) £	2007 Total (12 months) £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	1c				
Donations		206,330	71,074	277,404	200,382
Activities for generating funds					
Interest receivable		405	-	405	52
Total incoming resources		<u>206,735</u>	<u>71,074</u>	<u>277,809</u>	<u>200,434</u>
Resources expended	1d				
Costs of generating funds	1e				
Costs of generating voluntary income		(372,456)		(372,456)	(79,410)
Charitable activities	1f	(269,708)	(20,088)	(289,796)	-
Governance costs	1g	(22,660)	-	(22,660)	(38,624)
Total resources expended		<u>(664,824)</u>	<u>(20,088)</u>	<u>(684,912)</u>	<u>(118,034)</u>
Net (outgoing) incoming resources	2	(458,089)	50,986	(407,103)	82,400
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		82,400	-	82,400	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>(375,689)</u>	<u>50,986</u>	<u>(324,703)</u>	<u>82,400</u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these financial statements.

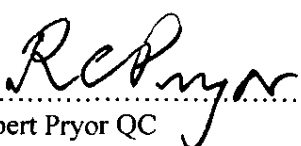
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	Notes	31.3.09 £	31.12.07 £
Current assets			
Debtors – donations receivable		6,705	150,000
Cash at bank and in hand		49,750	50,359
		<u>56,455</u>	<u>200,359</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals	5	381,158	117,959
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(324,703)</u>	<u>82,400</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		(375,689)	82,400
Restricted funds	6	50,986	-
		<u>(324,703)</u>	<u>82,400</u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the board on 27 January 2010 and signed on its behalf by:


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Robert Pryor QC
Director

Company number - 05669451

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

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) 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.

c) Incoming resources

These are accounted for on a receivable basis.

d) 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.

e) 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 £300,321 (2007: £79,410) recharged from Countryside Alliance for staff employed under joint employment contracts.

f) Charitable Activities

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

g) Governance costs

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

2 Net incoming resources

	2009 £	2007 £
This is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

3 Taxation

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

4 Company limited by guarantee

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

5 Amount owed to Countryside Alliance

Included in accruals is an amount of £301,251 (2007: £116,459) payable to Countryside Alliance. The Countryside Alliance has agreed 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.

6 Restricted funds

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