

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors and trustees

R Pryor QC
J M Quin
Caroline Tisdall
Roger Wilson (Appointed 21st October 2009)

Secretary

Roger Wilson

Registered office

The Old Town Hall
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Auditors

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Lion House
Red Lion Street
London
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Charity Number

1121034

Company Number

05669451

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2010

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

The Foundation has had a year of consolidation, as, in common with most charities, it has found fundraising very challenging. We have, in spite of the economic conditions, successfully launched our Patrons Club, making 75 new Patrons in the period. We have also secured dedicated funding for our Fishing for Schools programme, which will enable us to expand this popular and worthwhile initiative to many more schools.

Countryside Investigators continues to be actively used by primary schools up and down the country, and we are now actively considering creating a similar resource for Key Stage 3 pupils. We continue to support the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust in the last year of its woodcock migration research. We have also launched a pilot Falconry for Schools project which has been well received.

Directors

The Directors in office during the period were as follows:

R. Pryor QC

Lady Dulverton - resigned 21 October 2009

J M Quin

Caroline Tisdall

Roger Wilson – appointed 21 October 2009

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

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

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.

On behalf of the board


R Wilson
Director

15th Sept 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

We have audited the financial statements of The Countryside Alliance Foundation on pages 5 to 8 for the year ended 31 March 2010. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

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

The trustees' (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

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

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read the Trustees' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

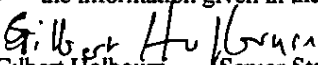
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity'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 as to whether 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 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and
- the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements.


Gilbert Holbourn (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of

Saffery Champness
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

Lion House
Red Lion Street
London
WC1R 4GB

23 September 2010

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2010 Total (12 months) £	2009 Total (15 months) £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	1c				
Donations		523,928	-	523,928	205,628
Sponsorship		33,645	-	33,645	27,888
Uplands Appeal		-	20,000	20,000	-
RANK Foundation		-	11,700	11,700	41,875
		<u>557,573</u>	<u>31,700</u>	<u>589,273</u>	<u>275,391</u>
Activities for generating funds					
Interest receivable		-	-	-	405
Fundraising Events		7,250	-	7,250	2,013
		<u>564,823</u>	<u>31,700</u>	<u>596,523</u>	<u>277,809</u>
Total incoming resources					
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	1e				
Costs of generating voluntary income		<u>(185,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(185,128)</u>	<u>(372,456)</u>
Charitable activities	1f				
Fishing for Schools		(33,215)	-	(33,215)	(44,350)
Game to Eat		(30,003)	-	(30,003)	-
Woodcock Research		(29,900)	-	(29,900)	(182,051)
Uplands		-	(21,347)	(21,347)	(20,088)
Countryside Investigators		(3,547)	-	(3,547)	-
National Riding Festivals		(3,450)	-	(3,450)	(3,525)
Falconry for Schools		(1,672)	-	(1,672)	-
Other including expenditure on campaigning		<u>(141,596)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(141,596)</u>	<u>(39,782)</u>
		<u>(243,383)</u>	<u>(21,347)</u>	<u>(264,730)</u>	<u>(289,796)</u>
Governance costs	2	<u>(41,518)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(41,518)</u>	<u>(22,660)</u>
Total resources expended		<u>(470,029)</u>	<u>(21,347)</u>	<u>(491,376)</u>	<u>(684,912)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		94,794	10,353	105,147	(407,103)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>(375,689)</u>	<u>50,986</u>	<u>(324,703)</u>	<u>82,400</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>(280,895)</u>	<u>61,339</u>	<u>(219,556)</u>	<u>(324,703)</u>

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

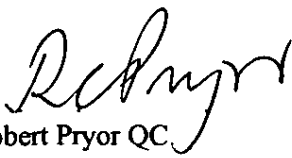
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2010

	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
Current assets			
Debtors	4	14,889	6,705
Cash at bank and in hand		75,673	49,750
		<u>90,562</u>	<u>56,455</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	5	310,118	381,158
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(219,556)</u>	<u>(324,703)</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		(280,895)	(375,689)
Restricted funds	7	61,339	50,986
		<u>(219,556)</u>	<u>(324,703)</u>

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

Approved by the board on 15th Sept 2010 and signed on its behalf by


Robert Pryor QC
Director

Company number - 05669451

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

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 £163,806 (2009 £301,251) 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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

2 Governance costs

	2010 £	2009 £
Auditors' remuneration	5,000	5,000
Legal fees	5,775	2,130
Staff costs	25,352	-
Sundry	5,391	15,530
	<u>41,518</u>	<u>22,660</u>

3 Taxation

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

4 Debtors

Gift Aid recoverable	<u>14,889</u>	<u>6,705</u>
	<u>14,889</u>	<u>6,705</u>

5 Creditors

Due to Countryside Alliance	291,603	301,251
Other creditors and accruals	<u>18,515</u>	<u>79,907</u>
	<u>310,118</u>	<u>381,158</u>

Included in creditors is an amount of £291,603 (2009 £301,251) 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 2010 has been waived.

6 Company limited by guarantee

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

7 Restricted funds

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

	At 1 April 2009	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2010
Restricted funds:					
Uplands Appeal	21,787	11,700	(21,347)	-	12,140
Norah Jones	29,199	-	-	-	29,199
RANK Foundation	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
	<u>50,986</u>	<u>31,700</u>	<u>(21,347)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,339</u>