

PATHS FOR ALL PARTNERSHIP
(A Company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**for the year
to 31 March 2001**

Reg No. SC168554

Scottish Charity No SC025535

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Paths for All Partnership have pleasure in presenting their report and the audited financial statements for the year to 31 March 2001.

Constitution

The Paths for All Partnership is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It was promoted by Scottish Natural Heritage to take forward the Paths For All Initiative to help others provide better opportunities for walkers, horse riders and cyclists to enjoy the countryside in and around their town or village. The Paths for All Partnership represents Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Local Authorities, the Enterprise Company network, landowners and land managers and recreational, sporting, tourist and other interests. The company was incorporated on 19 September 1996. It is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a Scottish Charity. Its Scottish Charity number is SC025535. It is also recognised by Entrust as an enrolled Environmental Body, accredited to receive Landfill Tax Credits.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company is to work with others to create more paths in Scotland for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy walking, horse riding and cycling and to promote greater use of path networks.

Review of the year and future developments

The financial results for the year are set out in the financial statements that follow. The directors regard the financial position to be satisfactory. The surplus for the year of £13,419 (deficit £15,206) has been transferred to (from) reserves.

The new Partnership Strategy 2000-2003 was launched in October and distributed throughout the network of partners and supporting organisations. Following an extensive process of consultation, the Strategy set out priorities and presented six main programmes of activity for the future.

The Partnership has continued to promote and advocate the case for path networks. During the year, we have been working actively with the majority of Scottish local authorities on a range of access strategies, path network feasibility studies, path creation and promotion projects. Our core funds and the additional allocation of £200,000 received from Scottish Natural Heritage in October 2000, enabled us to assist a further 31 projects including 11 path networks, 8 feasibility studies, 2 access strategies, 2 community consultations, 2 specification surveys and 6 promotional projects. The Partnership has supported Access Officers in local authorities through all stages of the planning, surveying, construction and promotion of these path networks.

Six local path network launches were organised and promoted in Uphall, Denny, Nairn, Drumchapel, Langholm and Crieff with local television and radio coverage for the majority of these events. Three editions of The Right Track newsletter were produced and distributed to more than 3,000 contacts across Scotland. The newsletter was restyled and a series of new marketing tools were developed for promotional purposes. Funding and resourcing was a high priority during the year and the work of the new Fundraising Officer made a significant impact. Support was given to a range of local fundraising projects and three applications were submitted for National Lottery Funding. The Paths to Health Project New Opportunities Fund application progressed to Stage 2, involving planned investment of more than £1 million over a 5-year period.

Four national training/development seminars were organised with almost 100 participants in total. Eight outreach seminars were held and 2 workshops for SNH staff. The Signpost Guidance Publication was launched at the beginning of the year and the Guide to Lowland Path Construction was developed ready for publication next year.

During the year, there were several opportunities for Partnership members and stakeholders to review our activities and shape future programmes, through the Strategy consultation, Half Yearly Seminar and preparation of the Business Plan.

Towards the end of the year, two major events occurred which are likely to have a significant impact on our work in future. A few days after the Scottish Executive launched the Draft Land Reform Bill (Access Legislation) for consultation, outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease were reported in southern Scotland. It is unlikely that the full implications will be known for some time, although both will influence the development of future Partnership projects and programmes.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (contd.)

Directors

The following persons acted as directors of the company during the year to 31 March 2001:

			First appointed on	Notes
Magnus Magnusson	Chairman	(appointed)	19 September 1996	
Jonathan Burrow	Director	(elected)	29 November 1996	
John Holms	Director	(elected)	29 November 1996	Retired 25 October 2000
Ann Fraser	Director	(elected)	26 June 1997	
Alexander Sutherland	Director	(appointed)	26 June 1997	
Peter Mackay	Director	(appointed)	1 October 1997	Audit Director
Niall Bowser	Director	(elected)	15 October 1998	
David Grosz	Director	(elected)	25 October 2000	

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements 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 year. In preparing these 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 to operate.

Directors' and Officers' liability insurance

During the year the company purchased liability insurance for its directors and staff as permitted by Section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

Changes in fixed assets


The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 6 to the financial statements.

Auditors

Messrs Dickson, Middleton & Co., C.A. are auditors to the company and the Directors recommend their reappointment at the Annual General Meeting. A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting authorising the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Wilson & Jarvis
Company Secretaries



Alloa
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1 October 2001

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REPORT of the AUDITORS to the members of the PATHS FOR ALL PARTNERSHIP

We have audited the Financial statements on pages 7 to 13, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and the accounting policies set out on page 10.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on pages 4 and 5 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements.. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements 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 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 consider 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 state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2001 and of the surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 as applicable to small companies.



Dickson, Middleton & Co.
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Stirling, 1 October 2001

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INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2001

	Notes	For the year to 31 March 2001 £	For the year to 31 March 2000 £
Income	2	567,846	684,429
Operating expenses		569,514	713,829
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Operating (deficit) for the year		(1,668)	(29,400)
Interest receivable		<u>15,087</u>	<u>14,194</u>
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	3	13,419	(15,206)
Transferred from the Development Fund		<u>607</u>	<u>21,284</u>
Transferred to Reserves for the year		<u>14,026</u>	<u>6,078</u>

All the company's operations relate to continuing activities.

There are no recognised surpluses or deficits for the current year other than those stated above.

There is no difference between the surplus for the year and its historical cost equivalent.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year to 31 March 2001

	Funds Restricted	Unrestricted Designated		2001 Total	2000 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Grants receivable:					
Grants received	595,380			595,380	466,749
Deferred Income adjustment	(13,080)			(13,080)	205,572
Landfill Credits receivable:					
Landfill Credits received	43,529			43,529	24,800
Deferred Income adjustment	(44,290)			(44,290)	(14,899)
Sponsorship Income					
Sponsorship Income received	25,000			25,000	249
Deferred Income adjustment	(25,000)			(25,000)	-
Seminar and Training Income	3,870			3,870	-
Interest receivable (gross) -	1,061	6,584	7,442	15,087	14,194
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>	<u>586,470</u>	<u>6,584</u>	<u>7,442</u>	<u>600,496</u>	<u>696,665</u>
OUTGOING RESOURCES					
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
Staff Costs	138,015	-	-	138,015	107,946
Other Costs	340,870	-	-	340,870	521,961
Total Direct Charitable Expenditure	478,885	-	-	478,885	629,907
Administrative Expenditure					
Staff Costs	30,131	-	-	30,131	23,640
Other Costs	26,799	-	-	26,799	25,289
Total Administrative Expenditure	56,930	-	-	56,930	48,929
Fund-raising Expenditure					
Staff Costs	32,022	-	-	32,022	23,416
Other Costs	19,241	-	-	19,241	9,619
Total Fund-raising Expenditure	51,262	-	-	51,262	33,035
<u>Total Outgoing Resources</u>	<u>587,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>587,077</u>	<u>711,871</u>
Net Movement in Resources	(607)	6,584	7,442	13,419	(15,206)
Resources brought forward	-	10,935	127,884	138,819	154,025
Transfer between funds	607	-	(607)	-	-
<u>Resources carried forward</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,519</u>	<u>134,719</u>	<u>152,238</u>	<u>138,819</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	<u>23,384</u>	<u>5,820</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	7,138	23,868
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>368,851</u>	<u>349,315</u>
		<u>375,989</u>	<u>373,183</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES -			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>223,751</u>	<u>234,364</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>152,238</u>	<u>138,819</u>
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		175,622	144,639
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES and CHARGES			
Deferred credits	9	<u>(23,384)</u>	<u>(5,820)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>152,238</u></u>	<u><u>138,819</u></u>

Represented by:

REVENUE RESERVE FUND -

Balance brought forward	10,935	4,857
Surplus for the year to 31 March 2001	<u>6,584</u>	<u>6,078</u>

<u>Balance carried forward at 31 March 2001</u>	<u>17,519</u>	<u>10,935</u>
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DEVELOPMENT FUND -

Balance brought forward	127,884	149,168
Transferred from/(to) the Income and Expenditure Account	<u>6,835</u>	<u>(21,284)</u>

<u>Balance carried forward at 31 March 2001</u>	<u>134,719</u>	<u>127,884</u>
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<u>TOTAL FUNDS at 31 MARCH 2001</u>	<u>152,238</u>	<u>138,819</u>
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The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by

Magnus Magnusson Director
Magnus Magnusson

Peter Mackay Director
Peter Mackay

on 1 October 2001

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2001

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting for Charities' (SORP).|

A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to write off the cost, less the estimated residual value, evenly over the year stated below.

Computer equipment	4 years
Office furniture and other equipment	4 years

Government and other grants

Grants received in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a deferred income account and are released to income over the expected useful lives in equal annual instalments. Revenue grants are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year to which they relate.

The company receives additional grant from Scottish Natural Heritage to facilitate the implementation of path projects. Such grant is directly related to the grant offers by the Partnership to deliver projects at a local level. If the Partnership has entered into a binding legal commitment to offer a contribution to such local projects by 31 March 2001 any outstanding payments are treated as commitments and treated as accruals.

Development Fund (Designated)

The company received an endowment of £130,228 from Scottish Natural Heritage in 1997. This sum was placed in the Development Fund; interest accruing is being added to the Fund; and the directors use the Fund to further the Scottish Natural Heritage Paths for All Initiative. At 31 March 2001 it is expected that £75,000 will be required to provide funding for the 'Paths to Health' Project co-funded by the New Opportunities Fund.

Taxation

The company is recognised as a charity for taxation purposes. Interest receivable is shown gross and no provision for tax is considered necessary.

Value Added Tax

The company is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT). Expenditure includes any attributable VAT.

Pensions

The company does not operate a pension scheme for staff but makes contributions to future pension provision for all employees whose contracts include this requirement.

Cash Flow Statement

The company is a small company as defined by Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985 and is entitled to exemption from preparation of a Cash Flow Statement as required under FRS1. Consequently a Cash Flow Statement has not been prepared.

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Notes to the Financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2001 (continued)

2. Income

Income includes grants from publicly funded bodies that were received during the year, subject to the accounting policy enumerated in Note 1 above. Income includes grants from:

	Received £	2001 Applied £	Received £	2000 Applied £
Scottish Natural Heritage	564,196	551,115	436,749	642,321
Scottish Enterprise	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Health Education Board for Scotland	6,000	6,000	5,000	5,000
Landfill Credits	43,229	(761)	24,800	9,901
Sponsorship	25,000	-	-	249
Other grants	185	185	-	-
Total grants	<u>663,610</u>	<u>581,539</u>	<u>491,549</u>	<u>682,471</u>
Less: Applied as capital expenditure		<u>(26,668)</u>		<u>(6,400)</u>
Grants applied as revenue costs		554,871		676,071
Deferred credit release		9,104		8,358
		<u>563,975</u>		<u>684,429</u>
			2001	2000
			£	£

3. Surplus/ Deficit for the year

This is stated after charging -

Staffing costs (see Note 4)	200,168	155,002
Board of Directors and Members costs (see Note 5)	1,718	2,247
Auditor's remuneration	1,005	670
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>9,104</u>	<u>8,358</u>
and after crediting -		
Interest receivable	15,127	14,194
Deferred credit release	<u>9,104</u>	<u>8,358</u>

4. Staffing Costs

Staff employment costs -

Salaries	167,044	127,788
Employers NIC	15,140	12,025
Employers superannuation	<u>17,984</u>	<u>15,189</u>
	<u>200,168</u>	<u>155,002</u>

Average staff numbers

Those employed for more than 20 hours per week

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for the year ended 31 March 2001 (continued)

5. Directors Costs

The directors receive no remuneration from the company for their services. They are however entitled to reimbursement of expenses which, for the year, amounted to £230 (£503).

6. Fixed Assets

Tangible assets

	Computer equipment	Office furniture and other equipment	2001 Total £	2000 Total £
	£	£		
Cost:				
At 1 April 2000	16,288	17,144	33,432	27,032
Additions during the year	19,337	7,331	26,668	6,400
At 31 March 2001	<u>35,625</u>	<u>24,475</u>	<u>60,100</u>	<u>33,432</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
At 1 April 2000	12,650	14,962	27,612	19,254
Provided during the year	6,067	3,037	9,104	8,358
At 31 March 2001	<u>18,717</u>	<u>17,999</u>	<u>36,716</u>	<u>27,612</u>
Net book value at 31 March 2001	<u>16,908</u>	<u>6,476</u>	<u>23,384</u>	<u>5,820</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2000	<u>3,638</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>5,820</u>	

7. Debtors

	2001	2000
Sales Ledger Debtors	540	-
Grant income due		3,535
16,616		
Prepayments	1,563	5,040
Other debtors	1,500	2,212
	<u>7,138</u>	<u>23,868</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	28,284	40,491
Grant income in advance	100,555	31,565
Accrued charges	91,853	159,976
Payroll deductions	3,059	2,332
	<u>223,751</u>	<u>234,364</u>

9. Deferred credit

Balance at 1 April 2000	5,820	7,778
Grant received during the year	26,668	6,400
Released to income and expenditure	(9,104)	(8,358)
Balance at 31 March 2001	<u>23,384</u>	<u>5,820</u>

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Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001 (continued)

10. Leasing Commitments

	2001 £	2000 £
	Property	Property
Expiring within one year	18,580 <u>=====</u>	13,920 <u>=====</u>

11. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

There were capital commitments at 31 March 2001 of £1,163 (2000 £ Nil).

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2001 (2000 £ Nil).

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DETAILED INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2001

	2001	2000
	£	£
INCOME		
CORE INCOME		
Grants -		
Scottish Natural Heritage	326,238	243,255
Scottish Enterprise	25,000	25,000
Health Education Board for Scotland	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	357,238	273,255
Income from activities-		
Sponsorship and other income	185	249
Training income	<u>3,869</u>	=
	4,054	249
Deferred Income -		
Grants released	<u>8,657</u>	<u>8,358</u>
TOTAL CORE INCOME	369,949	281,862
PATHWORKS INCOME		
Grants -		
Scottish Natural Heritage	198,210	392,666
Other sources	<u>(761)</u>	<u>9,901</u>
	197,449	402,567
Deferred Income -		
Grants released	<u>448</u>	=
TOTAL PATHWORKS INCOME	197,897	402,567
OTHER INCOME		
Interest receivable	<u>15,087</u>	<u>14,194</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>582,933</u>	<u>698,623</u>
EXPENDITURE		
CORE EXPENDITURE		
Core Staffing costs -		
Salaries, National Insurance and pensions costs	193,529	155,002
Other staff costs	<u>35,868</u>	<u>33,015</u>
	229,397	188,017
Core Other costs -		
Board of Directors and Members costs	1,717	2,247
Office running costs	36,764	279,890
Professional support costs, including audit fees	14,703	2,857
Marketing and public relations costs	9,147	4,695
Publication and Newsletter costs	15,101	11,948
Seminar and Training costs	3,825	-
Information dissemination costs	20,886	3,238
Feasibility studies	8,580	24,500
Demonstration projects	21,173	36,042
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>8,657</u>	<u>8,358</u>
TOTAL CORE EXPENDITURE	369,950	309,792
PATHWORKS EXPENDITURE		
Spend on Path Networks (including depreciation)	<u>199,564</u>	<u>404,037</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>569,514</u>	<u>713,829</u>
<u>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>13,419</u>	<u>(15,206)</u>

This statement does not form part of the statutory Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 March 2001 and is provided for information.