

FRIENDS OF LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS

ANNUAL REPORT

For the YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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FRIENDS OF LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs will be held at Lodge on the Loch Hotel, Luss on Wednesday 21st May 2014, at 7.30pm, for the transacting of the following business:

1. Receive apologies for absence.
2. Receive the Chairman's Report.
3. Receive the Treasurer's Report and approve the Independently Examined Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013.
4. To re-appoint the office bearers and trustees and endorse other nominations.
5. Volunteer and Business Supporter of the Year Awards
6. To transact any other competent business

By order of the Executive Council

James Fraser
Chair

Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30pm at Loch Lomond Arms Hotel, Luss

Present: George Boyd, John Urquhart, Bill Dalrymple, James Fraser Alice Blazy-Winning, Sandra Dyson, Susan Cameron, Fiona Maxwell, Betty & Fiona Johnstone, Donnie McPhail, Susan Floyd, David Wilson, Allan Kenneth, Tom Furniss, Andy Kerr, Charlie Croft, Dr Henderson, Anne & John Urquhart, Betty Montgomery, John Lewis, Carol Reid, Kate Hood, John Beveridge, Dr & Mrs MacNespie, Marion Brown, Mr Brown, Nanette Lawrence, Professor Gavin Arneil & June Arneill.

Apologies: Ian Stuart, Jock Scott-Park, Phillip Norris, Hannah Stirling and Joyce Deans

1. Welcome

Chair James Fraser welcomed all in attendance to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs and thanked Simon Miller of Luss Estates and the staff at the Loch Lomond Arms Hotel for very generously hosting the AGM and providing a splendid buffet meal. He also congratulated Luss Estates on the sensitive £3million restoration of hotel and conference suite.

2. Presidents Address

The Chairman passed on Hannah's good wishes to all those in attendance along with her thanks for their continuing support and in interest in the work of the Friends. He reported she continued to take a keen interest in the Friends activities and had financially supported several projects recently including the plans to upgrade Stoneymollan Roundabout on the A82.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman referred to his report (tabled) with the help of a power point presentation spoke about the new direction that the Friends were taking while remaining true to the original aims and objectives when the Friends were set up in 1978. He referred to a recent forward looking review which led to setting out some clear priorities and actions linked to the need to generate more income to make the charity sustainable and allow it to progress. He referred to staff changes including the replacement of the part-time Director post with the recruitment of a Support Officer, Sandra Dyson to work alongside the Trustees and the Friends of OUR Park Project Manager, Alice Blazy-Winning who had returned from maternity leave to work part-time.

He reported on a range of activities undertaken during what had been a busy year with a new partnership with The Kiltwalk generating an estimated £35,000 to support Young Friends projects and children's charities; the expansion of the events under the Celebrating Park People & Stories banner with support from HLF, Scottish Enterprise and the National Park Authority; the growth in the Business Supporters Scheme, strengthening the content the Voice magazine and advertising; and the launch of a comprehensive new website to showcase the cultural and natural heritage of the Park and the work of the Friends more strongly;. He also spoke about the success of 'OUR park'- a visitor donation scheme -

which has now been rolled out park-wide this year and should generate a significant income stream for conservation and enhancement projects as well as providing a useful vehicle to involve more volunteers in the work of the Friends.

With the help of a chart (circulated) he explained the simplification of the objectives of the charity which had been streamlined to 3 core themes: Protect, Provide and Promote supported by different work programmes and priority projects. The Friends had been involved in various aspects of protecting the special qualities of the National Park in the past year with observations submitted on a number of planning applications and representations at hearings for the proposed gold mine at Tyndrum, wind farm developments on the boundary of the Park and the Local Plan. Promotional activity had been stepped up with the issuing of more news releases on campaigning and topical issues, the launch of the new website and a stronger events programme while as part of the providing theme the amount of funds allocated for grants to access, heritage and conservation projects had increased significantly as had volunteer participation in 'Make a Difference Days'.

He concluded by thanking fellow trustees, staff, members and business supporters along with public sector partners and in particular the National Park Authority for their support during the past year.

4. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012

The Treasurer, George Boyd referred to his report of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 and commented on a number of highlights. He thanked Bill Hassall who had independently examined the accounts in his role as our voluntary auditor and confirmed everything was in order with the charity moving into the new financial year with a healthy balance sheet. The accounts were proposed for approval by Bill Dalrymple and seconded by John Urquhart.

5. Re-appointment of Office Bearers and Trustees

It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint the current office bearers and Trustees with the exception of Carron Tobin who wished to resign due to business pressures. Proposed by Anne Urquhart and seconded by John Beveridge. The Chairman thanked Carron for her contribution to the work of the Friends and encouraged those present to submit suggestions for other possible trustees.

6. Re-appointment of Mr James Fraser as Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint Mr James Fraser as Chairman.

7. Appointment of Treasurer

Mr George Boyd indicated that after many years of service as the Treasurer he wished to stand down but would remain as a Trustee. The Chairman thanked George for his work as Treasurer on behalf of the members and in the absence of any nominations from the floor it was agreed to defer the appointment of a replacement.

9. Membership Fees

The Chairman indicated that the Board of Trustees were recommending that that membership fees should be increased for the first time in 5 years and introduced in membership year 2014/15 with individual membership rising from £15 to £20

and family membership rising from £20 to £28. Any current Life Memberships would be honoured but it was recommended that any future Life Membership be increased to a one off gift payment of £500. The fee increases were proposed by Anne Urquhart, seconded by Marion Brown and unanimously approved.

10. Office Move – The Chairman reported the Trustees were recommending the sale of the office in Helensburgh with a relocation to either above the Luss Visitor Centre (13 years rent free) or above Balloch Visitor Information Centre (rent free with a contribution towards heating and light). George Boyd indicated the sale had been discussed with Hannah and approval was given to lease or sell the Helensburgh office. It was noted there was a requirement to seek the approval of those present at the AGM for the sale to proceed. Proposed by John Beveridge, seconded by Fiona Maxwell and unanimously approved.

11. Any Other Competent Business

Commemorative Tree-Professor Gavin Arneill

Professor Arneill thanked the Friends for the tree which was planted to mark his 90th Birthday. He also took the opportunity to congratulate the Trustees on the range of work they were undertaking and the considerable achievements over the past year and went on to state he thought the Board of Trustees was in his opinion the strongest it had ever been in terms of depth of experience and relevant skills to ensure the Friends were in good shape to remain as a strong independent voice for the area covered by the National Park.

(ii) Maid to Sail – John Beveridge

John updated the meeting on the status of the Maid to Sail Appeal which was launched at the end of March with £30,000 being raised so far. He explained the cost of ship restoration would be around £3.3 million with a further substantial sum being required for shore based facilities at Balloch and various pier restorations and upgrades around the loch. On behalf of those present the Chairman wished John every success with the next stages of the appeal.

Helensburgh District Access Trust – John Urquhart

John provided an update on the progress with completing the ambitious Three Lochs Great Trail project which links Balloch with Helensburgh, the Gareloch and Arrochar/Tarbet. As a result of £5,000 donated by the Friends a further £30,000 was secured to complete a bridge, install way markers and information panels at various points along the trail. He mentioned Jimmy McGregor would be launching the new guide book and he thanked the Friends for all their support.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman's Report

It has been another very busy and successful year for the Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs as we have worked hard to make a difference through our campaigning, fundraising and volunteering efforts. In our role as the only independent conservation and heritage charity covering the National Park, and as a consequence of our limited staff, volunteer and financial resources, we have focused our efforts on a selected number of priorities and actions in line with the 5 year strategy and action plan agreed last year. We have made some good tangible progress on a number of fronts under the umbrella of our three main aims to protect, promote and provide for this special place and where appropriate we have worked in partnership with the National Park Authority, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Community Partnership, local project champions and others to help make the National Park a better place for people and nature.

Important factors in our continuing success have been the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work of our staff and trustees, the support from our membership and our greatly expanded group of volunteers who donate their time so generously, financial contributions and support in kind from our business and Friends of OUR Park supporters and public sector partners. This has resulted in record levels of fundraising and volunteering in 2013 which, in turn, has meant we have been able to achieve much through flagship initiatives such as Friends of OUR Park, an expanded and rejuvenated Young Friends programme and Windows on the Park as well as increasing the number of access, heritage and conservation projects directly supported in close collaboration with others.

We continued to enjoy a good working relationship with the senior staff and members of the National Park Authority without compromising our independent stance on key issues such as effective visitor management and the inappropriateness of large scale wind farms on the periphery of the Park or the introduction of large scale second home tower houses as part of the holiday resort plans for the former torpedo range site near Arrochar and below the Arrochar Alps.

We both made successful representations at the public planning hearing held by West Dunbartonshire last Autumn that resulted in the plans for the proposed ten 120m high wind turbines being refused planning permission at Merkins Farm at the southern end of Loch Lomond. This was an important test case in the buffer zone adjacent to the National Park and fortunately by a narrow margin Councillors on the Planning Committee agreed with us that the detrimental visual impact over a wide area of Loch Lomond and the surrounding mountains was too high a price to pay, despite the attractive financial incentives being offered to nearby communities, if consent was granted.

A community led wind farm proposal on the Rosneath Peninsula that would have high visual impact on the maritime gateway to the National Park also drew considerable opposition and was withdrawn a few weeks before a scheduled planning hearing which we were gearing up to be represented at with clear evidence from a couple of major coach operators that they would alter tour programmes to avoid the area if the scheme went ahead.

Visitor management issues in the National Park were in the media on a number of occasions during what was a busy summer and this was an important test period for the camping and drinking byelaws introduced a few years ago on East Loch Lomondside. Despite some ill-informed criticism in the local and national media the byelaws have worked well ensuring East Loch Lomondside is a more pleasant and safer area for families to visit and enjoy. We went on record on a number of occasions to defend the byelaws and the supporting visitor management measures introduced by the Park Authority and others and repeated our belief, based on feedback from visitors, that 'paradise had been rediscovered' by many families seeking opportunities for quiet recreational opportunities on the eastern shores of the loch.

The jury is still out on whether or not the byelaws have simply led to displacement and increases in anti-social behaviour and irresponsible littering and camping in other sensitive and popular areas of the Park and we look forward to making a constructive input to the wider visitor management review planned for summer 2014 by the Park Authority. We believe some additional practical visitor management measures relating to issues such as better litter management on some of the busier Loch Lomond islands and along the A82 corridor are urgently required as there was plenty evidence last summer that the area was not coping and the message to take litter home was simply not working. Provision of some dry toilets on some of the more popular islands would also help reduce the level of open air toileting and despoliation as would much needed replacement toilets at Duck Bay which is the busiest picnic site in the Park as well as an important Park gateway location.

Following years of campaigning for action by Transport Scotland and others we joined forces with the Park Authority to tackle the Balloch-Loch Lomond 'tree tunnel' that has blocked stunning views along what should be one of Scotland's most scenic route. With funding support from the Park Authority in two phases of work we removed several miles of trees and shrubs between the A82 and the lochshore to open up views of the loch and Ben Lomond. We had hoped that this work would be augmented by some additional tree clearance by transport Scotland at some of the lochside beauty spots but this has not proved to be the case so far. The works have drawn many favourable comments from local residents and visitors and there are plans for further stretches to be cleared in 2014 as part of a wider scenic routes initiative. We are actively lobbying for scenic route action plans to be drawn up to tackle a range of maintenance and improvement works on a more coordinated and planned basis.

An £80,000 plus funding package of improvements for the much criticised Stoney mollen roundabout was secured during the year and included contributions from Transport Scotland, the Park Authority and our President, Dr Hannah Stirling MBE. Work on the improvement scheme was delayed until spring 2014. The Friend's president has campaigned long and hard for this scheme to be implemented to improve the approach to the National Park on this busy tourist route.

We welcomed the investment in improved car parks and visitor infrastructure on Loch Lubnaigside by the Park Authority with 'shovel ready' monies from the Scottish Government as part of the ambitious and much needed Five Lochs Management Plan. However, we did raise some concerns about the dangers of rolling out a standard formulaic approach to car parking and associated infrastructure improvements and focusing on 'problem minority users' without taking account of important user groups such as the 1.5 million coach visitors who come to the Park each year to enjoy the special scenic qualities of the area.

We were assured by the Park Authority that the needs of this important group of year round visitors would feature in future plans for the main scenic routes throughout the National Park.

We responded to a series of National Park consultations and the most significant of these was the draft Outdoor Recreation Plan. In our detailed response we highlighted the need to create more 'away from highway' safe walking and cycling routes in areas such as south Loch Lomond and this was supported by the Love Loch Lomond Destination Group and featured heavily in their successful bid to secure funding from Scottish Enterprise as part of a programme of activity to make Loch Lomond a more family friendly destination with a wider range of low level walking and cycling opportunities as well as an area where a range of more locally sourced food and drink products are available. We are currently liaising with the Park Authority, Love Loch Lomond and local access groups to progress some walking and cycling improvements in the Park. We were pleased to provide financial support for the Three Lochs Way Great Trail, Bracklinn Falls footpath improvements above Callander and a new circular path at Ross Priory Woods at the south end of Loch Lomond, though this latter scheme has still to be implemented.

We also provided some input to the Park's Wild Nature Plan that is due to be published and adopted in 2014. Comments were also submitted on the plans for future European LEADER structural programmes as we were concerned, like others, that the National Park area was potentially losing out compared to Scotland's other National Park due to the area being split in two by separate European LEADER Programme areas with the danger of a lack of focus on pan-Park initiatives and projects. The National Park has successfully negotiated a compromise arrangement for the next round of LEADER programme activity which will reduce the necessity of pan-Park projects having to submit applications to two LEADER areas with all the associated bureaucracy.

As a result of two £10,000 grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Scottish Enterprise and some top up funding from the National Park Authority we were able to deliver a comprehensive programme of activities on the theme of 'Celebrating Park People and Stories'. This ambitious programme included a series of events to bring the stories of iconic features such as the West Highland Railway Line, Loch Katrine and Loch Lomond Islands, and the people associated with them over many centuries, to life with the help of actors, musicians and poets. These events enjoyed high attendance numbers. We also strengthened the content of the Friends website with a digitised version of the John Groome Diaries and a series of Park people stories with help from the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Camera and Video Club who also recorded all our events in 2013. A new video was commissioned featuring 9 people from different walks of life in the National Park and this was supported by a mobile exhibition. The final element of the programme was the production of a Literary Trail in partnership with the Lennox Literary Society and financial support from the National Park Authority.

Disappointingly, the special one day conference planned to develop interpretative skills to showcase Park People and Stories in local communities in and around the National Park had to be cancelled due to a poor level of bookings but overall the programme of activity demonstrated the rich reservoir of stories that exist and the potential to bring them more to the fore as part of a wider effort to provide visitors with more in depth and authentic experiences of the National Park.

Further initiatives are planned to build on this and in particular to work with local communities with the introduction of small scale heritage grants to stimulate 'Celebrating Park People and Stories' projects.

We continued to receive financial support from Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority to develop the Friends of OUR Park project. Scottish Enterprise doubled their grant contribution to £10,000 to match fund Scottish Natural Heritage and this compensated for the loss of LEADER funding that was available in the earlier pilot period. There are now 100 businesses actively involved in the visitor voluntary donation scheme and associated 'Make a Difference' volunteering programmes to support conservation, heritage and access projects throughout the National Park.

A total of £43,000 was raised to support 13 diverse projects throughout the National Park. We became a partner in the Glasgow to Loch Lomond Kiltwalk for the first time in 2013 and this involved a huge personal commitment from Sandra Dyson, our Support Officer who led the recruitment of the 150 Friends volunteers who either took part in the walk or helped with marshalling and the sale of raffle tickets. Alice Blazy-Winning coordinated our input to the 'wee walk' and several trustees helped source prizes from businesses for the very successful raffle and the online auction that was coordinated by volunteer Sue Cameron. Our efforts were awarded with around £35,000 raised to support national children's charities and a number of children's projects in the National Park including the new nature play area at Moss o Balloch, adventure breaks at Ardroy Outdoor Centre and an outdoor classroom at Loch Lomond Shores

We were again fortunate to be a beneficiary of the Mouldsdale Foundation golf charity event which is organised by the Chairman of Optical Express, David Mouldsdale and his staff. A sum of £5,000 was donated to the Friends from this and it was primarily used to support improvements and adventure breaks for children at the Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre in Lochgoilhead which we helped to rescue from closure in 2011. Encouragingly, over 2,000 children per year continue to enjoy adventure and environmental education breaks at the Centre which is now run as a social enterprise by a charitable organisation.

The voluntary visitor donation element of Friends of OUR Park continues to steadily build with more businesses introducing opt visitor donation opportunities. In 2013 a total of 6,500 voluntary visitor donations were collected by businesses to support local access, conservation, heritage and Young Friends projects. The funding support provided acted as good leverage to draw down over £150,000 in funding from other sources. Projects that benefited from Friends of OUR Park grants, over and above those already mentioned, included the successful roll out of a Park-wide public access defibrillator scheme with the help of Trossachs Search and Rescue Team and sponsorship from Lochs and Glens Holidays; tree planting in Balloch Country Park; Cowal Red Squirrel initiative; Balmaha Village improvements; Callander Friendship Garden; Loch Lomond Powan Schools project; and a wheelie boat outboard motor for disabled children to enjoy free fishing on the Lake of Menteith.

There was a noticeable growth in the number of people from different walks of life getting involved in volunteering with the Friends and encouragingly a wider range of staff from tourism businesses took part in 'Make a Difference Days' organised by our Project Manager, Alice Blazy-Winning with support from National Park Rangers and various business sponsors.

In 2013 a record 550 volunteer days were donated by individuals and businesses and a series of very successful volunteering events were held in different parts of the National Park.

A total of 19 different conservation and access tasks were tackled and included marshalling at the popular Caledonian Challenge event; helping create a new sensory garden at Ardentinnny; litter clean ups at Luss, Balloch and throughout the Trossachs; water vole and tree surveys; building bird boxes for use in Argyll Forest; creating wildlife huts near Aberfoyle, dismantling dozens of fire pits on the shores of Loch Venachar; clearing footpaths and opening up views at Arrochar and Leny Woods north of Callander. We also hosted a team of 65 Rabbits Tours staff who participated in arrange of tasks including bulb planting and litter clearance at the southern end of Loch Lomond.

We continued to produce the popular Voice magazine twice a year and have tried to keep the content relevant and topical to raise awareness of the special qualities of the Park, the Friends activities and current issues. As a result of a good level of advertising support and sponsorship it was possible to produce two 32 page editions of Voice with print runs of 5,000 copies. The magazine was widely distributed to members and others and we further strengthened the distribution of copies to visitors via a growing number of tourism businesses throughout the National Park. We also raised the profile of the Friends and used the media to good effect to highlight some of our work and a range of campaigning issues. We scaled back our presence at Highland Games but had a very successful 'Meet the Friends' stand at Luss Highland Games. The annual Christmas event hosted by Dr Joyce Deans at Ross Priory was also a great success with over 100 members and Friends supporters in attendance.

We moved offices from Helensburgh to Balloch in the Autumn and now occupy more 'fit for purpose' offices on the upper floor of the Balloch Visitor Information Centre at the Old Station. The former offices in Helensburgh are due to be sold. We currently have two part-time staff Alice Blazy-Winning and Sandra Dyson and I would like to place on record my thanks to them for all their efforts and hard work on behalf of the Friends during what has been an exceptionally busy year.

There has only been one change to our Board of Trustees during the year with Sheila Winstone replacing Carron Tobin. Sheila is based in Callander and is the former Communication Manager for the National Park and has brought a wealth of experience to her role as a Friend's Trustee. She also provides a useful link with the National Park Community Partnership in her role as a Callander representative on the Board of Directors. The Board of Trustees have worked closely with our staff to ensure the Friends continue to flourish and contribute in a positive way to the future well-being of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park area.

We look forward to continuing to make a positive contribution as the only truly independent conservation and heritage charity for the Loch Lomond & Trossachs area. In concluding, I wish to thank my fellow trustees, staff, our members and business supporters and various public sector partners, and in particular the National Park Authority, Scottish Natural Heritage and Scottish Enterprise, for all their support, commitment and encouragement during the past year which has proved to be very productive.

James Fraser
Chairman

Income	2012	2013
Income		
Membership	£2,051.00	£2,642.00
Donations /Appeals	£1,078.00	£726.00
Business Donations	£2,100.00	£0.00
Trusts	£766.00	£0.00
Business supporters	£3,700.00	£3,220.00
Voice Advertising	£2,568.00	£1,630.00
Project Funding:		
National Park Authority	£12,000.00	£16,740.00
Scottish Enterprise	£5,000.00	£20,000.00
Scottish Natural Heritage	£4,664.00	£12,891.00
OUR Park Business Donations	£6,491.00	£5,751.00
Celebrating Park People Events	£0.00	£4,375.00
Stirling Council Leader	£6,527.00	£0.00
Argyll & Bute Council - Leader	£3,877.00	£0.00
HLF	£10,000.00	£0.00
Other donations	£5,261.00	£5,050.00
Events		
AGM	£470.00	£751.00
Golf	£7,050.00	£0.00
Caledonian Challenge	£1,100.00	£1,200.00
Christmas Event	£1,028.00	£1,233.00
Kiltwalk	£0.00	£18,796.00
Other	£18.00	£0.00
Merchandising	£978.00	£456.00
Bank interest	£31.00	£15.00
Insurance Refund	£519.00	£0.00
<u>Income TOTAL</u>	£77,277.00	£95,476.00

Expenditure

Salaries and on-costs	40589	£23,870.00
HMRC		£6,767.00
Training	0	£0.00
Travel & Expenses	430	£1,095.00
Office Costs		
Electricity - Npower	274	£1,216.60
Telecoms - Class Affinity	564	£605.44
Water - Business Stream	300	£401.86
Postage	11	£80.00
Repairs/Maintenance	791	£456.82
Stationery	345	£451.73
Insurance	-	£923.65
Petty Cash	-	£33.00
B&B Estate Agents	-	£291.48
K Donnelly - Printer for office	-	£89.99
Voice	8901	£9,013.00
Projects:		
Young Park	1166	£0.00
Friends of OUR park		£21,980.00
Celebrating Park People		£12,498.00
Website Redevelopment	10748	£1,541.00
Tree Tunnel		£9,890.00
3 Lochs Way	5000	-
Trossachs S&R	3700	-
Misc Projects	3695	-
Events		
AGM	-	£576.00
Christmas Event	718	£530.00
Kiltwalk	-	£4,181.00
Golf	60	-
Other Events	967	-
Misc		£297.00
Marketing	571	
Merchandising	879	
Bank Interest Paid	8	
<u>Expenditure TOTAL</u>	79717	£96,788.57
Bank Balance as at 1/1/13		£23,873.00
<u>Net Surplus/Deficit</u>		-£1,312.57
<u>Closing Bank Balance as at 31/12/13</u>		£22,560.00

Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st. December, 2013

	31/12/13	31/12/12
Current assets:		
Bank:		
Combined balance at year end	£22,560.00	£23,873.00
Fixed asset: property at		
West Princes Street, Helensburgh	£25,000.00	£25,000.00
Capital:	£47,560.00	£48,873.00

James B Fraser (Chairman)

George F. Boyd (Trustee)

WM Hassall (Independent Examiner)

21th May 2014

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31 December 2013

Nature and purpose of funds

The aims of Friends of Loch Lomond & the Trossachs "the charity" are:

- To cherish, protect and enhance the natural beauty, amenity and character of Loch Lomond, its islands and the surrounding countryside.
- To protect and encourage the preservation, conservation and improvement of features of public amenity or historic interest within the above area.
- To promote and encourage an energetic and consistent implementation of good planning policies appropriate to the above area and consistent with these objects.
- To stimulate public interest in these objects by means of publications, meetings, exhibitions, appeals and other forms of publicity.
- To co-operate with other bodies to promote the foregoing objects.

Executive Council

None of the trustees received any remuneration in the year.

There were no transactions with trustees and connected persons in the year.

Other information

At 31 December 2013 there was no outstanding capital expenditure approved or committed. All the Charities funds are unrestricted

