

**The Arnside/Silverdale  
AONB Landscape Trust**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Registered Charity in England and Wales  
Charity Number 702624**

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## Reference and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: The Arnside/Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

Registered Charity Number: 702624  
The Trust is an unincorporated association.

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Trustees:	Date of election	Date of re-election	Date of resignation
Fiona Allen (Chairman)	01/06/2013	20/07/2023	
Ray Anslow (Treasurer)	07/06/2013	20/07/2023	
Steve Benner	08/06/2018	08/06/2023	
Roger Cartwright	08/06/2018	08/06/2024	
Gary Marsh	12/06/2015	08/06/2023	
Robert Pickup	08/06/2018	08/06/2024	12/07/2023
Michael Warren (Secretary)	01/06/2012	16/07/2023	
Lynne Farrell	20/07/2022	20/07/2025	
Trevor Blease	20/07/2022	20/07/2025	
Nicholas Lindsay			

### Bankers:

Cumberland Building Society, Cumberland House, Castle Street, Carlisle, CA3 8RX  
National Westminster Bank plc. 262, Marine Road Central, Morecambe, Lancs, LA4 4BJ  
Santander UK, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside LG30 4GB

Independent Examiner:

## Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents: Constitution 1986.  
Amended at the AGMs in 1989, 1991, 1997, 2012, 2013, and 2014 and to be amended in 2024  
The Trust has procedures for the induction and training of Trustees.  
The Trust is member of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB Partnership, now known as the Arnside/Silverdale National Landscapes Partnership  
The Trust's systems and procedures are geared to minimise risks and regularly reviewed through a Business Plan and Governance documentation.

### Trustees/Management Committee

The Trustees/Management Committee met four times during the year. Trustees are appointed, or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting usually held in July after the end of the Financial year.

### Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The objects of the Landscape Trust are: To work for the public benefit of both residents and visitors within the Arnside/Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by stimulating and encouraging both understanding of and active involvement in the protection, conservation and practical improvement of features of general public amenity or historical interest within the landscape.

## Arnside and Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

The Trust joins with the Arnside & Silverdale AONB Unit to promote the Partnership Grant Fund for the benefit of the area

### **Payments to Trustees**

There were no payments to Trustees apart from authorised expenses and re-imburements for expenditure made on behalf of the Trust.

### **Serious Incidents**

No serious incidents occurred during the year.

## Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Arnside/Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

This report covers the financial year 2023/2024 and highlights the major financial events over year. I have to report a surplus on the General Fund of £6,539. This has been achieved by a higher than expected interest from the Building Society and the review of Reserves spending and their ability to obtain Grant funding for Trust operations.

The bank accounts held by the Trust are as follows:

A National Westminster Bank current account which is used for:

1. The General Trust expenditure.
  
2. Dedicated Funds –  
Funds held for the Steele family from the Rural Payments Agency Agreement  
Funds held for third parties in relation to sales by the Trust of their literature,  
namely the Bittern Country Community Interest Company and  
the Barnes Trust.
  
3. The Trust acts as guardian for the Arnside/Silverdale National Landscape Grant Fund
  
4. A separate account for the finances of the Reserves Group.
  
5. A section for receipt of monies received under the Agreements with RPA.

A second National Westminster bank account under the title Coldwell Project account used to pay out capital expenditure on Grant Applications which is re-imbursed when Grant monies received.

A Santander bank account which holds only subscriptions from those who have not amended their standing order instructions to use the Nat West account. The receipts are used for general purposes.

The Cumberland Building Society account holds funds in reserve for capital expenditure on land or property purchased by the Trust.

The accounts for 2023/2024 have been skewed by the erroneous BACS credit of £98,600 sent by Westmorland and Furness Council to the Trust instead of to the National Landscape account with Lancaster City Council on 18 March 2024. This amount will be refunded in accordance with instructions from the payer in April 2024. This has been dealt with below the line so as not affect the overall performance of the Trust.

The valuation of assets has not been amended, so reflect the minimum value. It is not considered that obtaining new surveys to obtain valuations would be financial necessary or prudent.

We continue to be grateful to Lisa Whistlecroft for running the Trust internet shop where we achieved sales of £884 for the Trust calendar organised by Steve Benner, £676 for sale of Geotrails, a new venture into selling coloured versions of the Richard Daly map realised £106 and the sale of 11 Len Smith books on Kendal's Port during the year leaves us with only 445 to sell.

The Trust has also benefitted from Mike Warren and Lynne Farrell who have kindly donated payments through speaking at local events and we are grateful for the financial support given by members over and above their basic subscriptions.

£6,290 was paid away for projects agreed by the Arnside /Silverdale National Landscape Grant Fund. Both the Trust and the NL Unit contribute £2,500 annually to the fund and the balance available at the end of the financial year was £10011. The need to change nomenclature with the AONB becoming the NL gave us the

opportunity to review the working of the Fund and a new Memorandum of Agreement has been signed for use from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

The Trust is grateful to Andy Scott for agreeing to become the Trust's Independent Examiner following the death of Michael Holmes

The Trust continues its prudence in expenditure to achieve the optimum return in maintaining the objectives of the Trust and has a solid base from which to work in the future.

The Trust does not involve itself in fundraising, having adequate financial reserves for the future.

Ray Anslow    Treasurer    June 2024

LT Chairmans AGM Report 2024



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ARNSIDE AND SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	£	£	£	£	£	£	2023/2024	2022/2023
	General	Designated	AONB/LT	Reserves	MTA,FIPL	ELS	£	£
	Purposes	Funds	Prtg Grant	expenditure	WiG Inc	Agreement	Total	Total
	Fund		Fund				Funds	Funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Grants and donations</u>								
Membership subscriptions	10,434.00						10,434.00	10,604.00
Subscription Prepayments 2024/2025	1,440.50				20.00		1,460.50	1,402.00
Donations	1,393.96						1,393.96	1,635.75
Donations Prepayments 2024/2025	340.00						340.00	330.00
Appeal Receipts							0.00	0.00
Events Donations	102.94						102.94	216.95
Reserves Donations					15.85		15.85	211.18
Reserves Income				0.00			0.00	300.00
Computer Donations	0.00						0.00	0.00
Grants							0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	1,980.95						1,980.95	2,180.86
Gift Aid - Coldwell Project a/c								
Rent	0.00						0.00	
<u>Designated Funds</u>								
AONB Partnership Grant Fund			5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00
Designated/Restricted funds (Steele & others)							0.00	721.13
<u>Other Income</u>								
Keer to Kent sales	423.60						423.60	454.90
Keer to Kent adverts	540.00						540.00	474.00
Events fees	0.00						0.00	
<u>Trading activities</u>								
Postage & Packing Received	117.00						117.00	141.50
Fees paid	-16.22						-16.22	-19.75
TK Book	24.00						24.00	8.00
BA Book	8.00						8.00	0.00
LS Book	82.00						82.00	21.00
Limekilns	0.00						0.00	12.00
Geotrails	676.25						676.25	459.75
Calendars	884.00						884.00	1,043.00
Sales and Commissions	18.50						18.50	31.50
Tick Cards	94.25						94.25	64.30
Maps	106.00						106.00	166.00
<u>RPA Grants</u>								
HLS & FiPL Receipts		716.44		1,485.63		0.00	2,202.07	11,914.15
MTA Receipts							0.00	10,258.99
FiPL Grants					1,755.00		1,755.00	820.00
							0.00	
<u>Interest received (Building Society deposits)</u>								
	2,936.00						2,936.00	1,282.67
less Prepayments for 2024/2025	-1,800.50						-1,800.50	-1,732.00
Legacy Received	507.42						507.42	154.96
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>20,292.65</b>	<b>716.44</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>1,485.63</b>	<b>1,790.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>29,285.57</b>	<b>48,001.88</b>
Grant monies to be returned to Westmorland and Furness Council - credited to us in error	98,600.00						98,600.00	
	<b>118,892.65</b>	<b>716.44</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>1,485.63</b>	<b>1,790.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>127,885.57</b>	<b>48,001.88</b>

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**ARNSIDE AND SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	£	£	£	£	£	£	2023/2024	2022/2023
	General Purposes Fund	Designated Funds	AONB/LT Prtp Grant Fund	Reserves expenditure	MTA,FIPL WIG Exp	ELS Agreement	Total Payments	Total Payments
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Management and administration</u>								
Printing,stationery and postage	101.34						101.34	167.40
Course & Conference fees and Subscriptions	10.00						10.00	123.00
Insurance	1,005.70						1,005.70	882.61
Sundries	37.75						37.75	0.00
Repairs & Replacements	0.00						0.00	773.96
Computer costs	828.60						828.60	731.52
Designated funds		1,164.20					1,164.20	958.16
<u>Sales</u>								
Sales items purchased,	926.48						926.48	802.35
Sales costs for Postage and packaging, net	104.28						104.28	97.15
Payments to Third Parties for Sales		0.00					0.00	
<u>Governance Costs</u>								
Costs of AGM, AGM printing	0.00						0.00	0.00
Hire of rooms for AGM + Trustee meetings	135.00						135.00	125.00
Independent Examiners Fee	0.00						0.00	100.00
<u>General charitable expenditure</u>								
Production Costs - Keer to Kent	6,662.02						6,662.02	5,950.02
Postage - Keer to Kent	1,277.20						1,277.20	1,234.43
Site management				1,548.54			1,548.54	5,059.43
Reserves Capital Expenditure								934.47
Grants & Donations [							0.00	0.00
AONB Partnership Grant Fund	2,500.00		6,289.73				8,789.73	6,445.00
<u>Promotions and capital expenditure</u>								
Events costs	165.00						165.00	270.00
Cost of Sales							0.00	0.00
<u>Costs of Fundraising</u>								
ELS & HLS disbursements						6,056.10	6,056.10	3,857.90
ELS, HLS, MTA FIPL & WIG expenditure					1,045.88		1,045.88	29.08
Legal fees and disbursements	0.00						0.00	0.00
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>13,753.37</b>	<b>1,164.20</b>	<b>6,289.73</b>	<b>1,548.54</b>	<b>1,045.88</b>	<b>6,056.10</b>	<b>29,857.82</b>	<b>28,541.48</b>
Land purchase	0.00						0.00	
Legal fees	0.00						0.00	
Inter account transfer							0.00	
	<b>13,753.37</b>	<b>1,164.20</b>	<b>6,289.73</b>	<b>1,548.54</b>	<b>1,045.88</b>	<b>6,056.10</b>	<b>29,857.82</b>	<b>28,541.48</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>							<b>29,857.82</b>	
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>								
<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2024</b>	<b>105,139.28</b>	<b>-447.76</b>	<b>-1,289.73</b>	<b>-62.91</b>	<b>744.97</b>	<b>-6,056.10</b>	<b>98,027.75</b>	<b>19,615.36</b>
<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2023</b>	<b>100,473.14</b>	<b>611.44</b>	<b>11,300.84</b>	<b>12,331.37</b>	<b>23,128.41</b>	<b>6,056.10</b>	<b>153,901.30</b>	<b>134,285.94</b>
	<b>205,612.42</b>	<b>163.68</b>	<b>10,011.11</b>	<b>12,268.46</b>	<b>23,873.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>251,929.05</b>	<b>153,901.30</b>

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Represented by:

Petty cash	67.95					67.95	40.35
Santander current account	3,599.31					3,599.31	1,980.31
Nat West current account	124,901.15	163.68	10,011.11	12,268.46		147,344.40	54,569.07
Nat West CP account					23,873.38	23,873.38	23,128.41
Cumberland Building Society	78,851.16					78,851.16	75,915.16
Debtors	0.00					0.00	
Creditors	-6.65					-6.65	
Prepayments - Subscriptions	-1,460.50					-1,460.50	-1,402.00
Prepayments - Donations	-340.00					-340.00	-330.00
	<b>205,612.42</b>	<b>163.68</b>	<b>10,011.11</b>	<b>12,268.46</b>	<b>23,873.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>251,929.05</b>
	205,612.42						251,929.05

	PURCHASE COST £	ESTIMATED VALUE £	
<b>FIXED ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2021</b>			
Land - Coldwell Parrock 5 acres purchased 2000/2001	15,044.00	15,044.00	Cost price
Land - Teddy Heights 5 acres purchased 2003/2004	15,213.00	15,213.00	Cost price
Land - Coldwell Meadow 4 acres purchased 2013/2014	41,334.00	41,334.00	Cost price
Land - Warton Mires 8.75 acres purchased 2018	70,000.00	52,000.00	Valuation price
Land - Coldwell Bank 10 acres purchased 2018	109,000.00	100,000.00	Cost price
Land - Boundary Copse 1.63 acres purchased 2022	16,000.00	16,000.00	Cost price
Laptop computer and software purchased 2013	300.00	0.00	
Laptop computer and software purchased 2014	477.00	0.00	
Weather station purchased 2014	1,000.00	0.00	
Weather station purchased 2017 (Warton Primary School)	1,319.00	0.00	
Mac computer	1,034.00	0.00	
Reserves equipment	8,830.00	4,520.00	Estimate
	<u>279,551.00</u>	<u>239,591.00</u>	
<b>BOOK STOCKS</b>			
Stock holding - Terry Keefe's books 62 @ £2 per copy	130.00		
Stock holding - Barry Ayre's books 91 @ £2 per copy	182.00		
Stock holding - Leonard Smith's Book 445 @ £2 per copy	890.00		
	<u>1,202.00</u>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS OWNED BY THE CHARITY</b>			
Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company £10 shares	1,020.00	0.00	
	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>DEBTORS</b>			
Amounts due for Advertising in Keer to Kent and subscriptions.	0.00		
	<u>0.00</u>		
<b>MEMORANDUM OF LIABILITIES</b>			
Amount agreed to be paid under AONB Partnership Grant Fund scheme subject to completion of stipulated conditions	0.00		
	<u>0.00</u>		

Approved by the Trustees

Chairman

8th May 2024





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
**THE ARNSIDE/SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST**

On accounts for the year ended

<b>31 MARCH 2024</b>	Charity no (if any)	<b>702624</b>
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*(This section is intended to be completed by the charity)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *Anne Scott*

Date: 01/05/2024

Name: ANNE SCOTT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.